

The aim of my thesis is to provide an intensive introduction to the Problem of ideological basis of process of emancipation of Latinoamerican countries from Spain (in the period between 1810 and 1825, during which the Emancipation occurred) with strong focus on studying the ideological influences and the various patterns (on top of economic and social factors) which influenced fundamentally the process of emancipation in Latinoamerican countries under very specific conditions of Spanish colonies. Special attention should be paid to explain and show the need to be extremely careful with all types of difficulties connected with this problem, especially influence of Catholic Church and church-related movements as Jansenism, Catholic Enlightenment, Regalism or Religious syncretism and other important phenomena (e.g. creole patriotism and Freemasonry), because only a relatively few researchers has addressed mentioned movements and phenomena. The other serious problem making difficult further studies and research is a lack of complex sources including all mentioned fields, regardless of the fact that the research is sometimes outdated and fragmented in this area a National and International Context and the absence of the of the linkages between individual issues focusing on the mentioned problem. There are only individual references to the Bourbon reforms and expulsion of Jesuits, mostly scattered in papers specialised in general history all centering on a given place (France, Spain or New Granada, for instance) and we are short of papers giving particular attention to research that focuses on developing a better understanding of the role of influence of the Enlightenment, Regalist or Jansenist view of shaping thinking of people living in colonies. From the very very beginning it has been obvious that If there is a unifying element, it is the Catholic Church, and the analysis of available resources has confirmed this observation. In other words, the research has confirmed the hypothesis that not only liberal views and movements in European metropolies affected the process of emancipation of Latinoamerican countries from Spain, but there is also another key factor involved in this process - Catholic Church.