

Abstract

The thesis is focused on the political power and influence of the oligarchs in contemporary post-soviet Russia. It seeks to infill the lack of information about the problem. On the background of concrete political and economic changes it is pursuing the evolution of this group in society. Afterwards, the analysis reveals the main reasons why the oligarchs were able to reach so big and unique influence on politics. The biography of the most influential oligarchs is also provided in aim to understand the problem in a wider context.