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**Sources of the national idea origin of the sovereign Republic of Kazakhstan**

**(on the material of humanitarian discourse of the Leader of the nation – N. A. Nazarbayev)**

The article is devoted to the problem of formation of the national idea of the people, the state. The humanitarian discourse of the president of the Republic of Kazakhstan N. A. Nazarbayev, in particular his book "World Epicentre" (2001) is considered in it. In this regard such terms and their major meanings as nation, ethnos, national idea, humanitarian discourse, etc. are studied. The purpose of the article is to show on the material of the publicist text how the national idea of the Kazakh people and the sovereign state of the RK in general arose. Some fragments from the specified book of the Leader of the nation in which detailed information on the termination of nuclear weapon tests on the territory of RK and refusal (1991-1999) from it is used to illustrate the idea. To achieve the research objective, there were used a methods of observation, massive selection of individual author’s maxims from the text, their description and systematization. The results of the analysis can be used in the course of linguistic-stylistic analysis of the humanitarian discourse for undergraduates and postgraduates of philological specialities.

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