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RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE STATE OF THE NATION:
THE CONCEPTS OF CONTEMPORARY POLISH PERSONALISTS

Summary

Contemporary times, filled with ideas of postmodernism and globalization, are not conducive to reflection on the concept of the nation. Meanwhile, the nation as a community of people from the same family has a personal dimension. The nation should therefore have a significant impact on the state, which is public. There is a need to take responsibility for the quality of the state by the national community.

Especially this responsibility is reflected in the idea of realization of the common good. The state has the duty to care for common welfare and enable people to participate in it.

National community helps in this process. Its fundament is a common good implemented by every person. A national culture has important role in the responsibility for the state. The specificity of a culture—with its sovereignty—distinguishes a given nation from others. This makes it possible to play a significant role in building the sovereignty of the country.

However, in taking responsibility for the state, the most important is a person. Because he is a human being – what is particularly emphasized by Polish personalists.

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