

RUSSIAN REVOLUTION AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE SOVIET POLITICAL ELITE IN KABARDA

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The article deals with the formation of the Soviet political elite in Kabarda during the Russian revolution. Two channels of co-optation of Kabardins into the Soviet power structures are revealed. The first is represented by people from the local peasant environment, who showed themselves in the social protests in the Nalchik district of the early twentieth century. The second is represented by prominent figures of the Kabardin clergy. The role of the external factor of involvement in the political process of the “lower classes” is analyzed. It is associated with the actions of the Bolsheviks to form a strong social base and a loyal administrative layer as a necessary condition for the development of the revolutionary movement in the regions.

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