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Osyp Nazaruk (1883–1940). From the political history of Ukrainians in the Twentieth century

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The aim of this doctoral dissertation is presentation the political activity of Osyp Nazaruk (1883–1940) and drawing main motives of his political thought in based on his literary heritage (most of all, journalistic), correspondence, personal notes. First of all, Nazaruk was a Ukrainian politician, publicist, editor of some Ukrainian newspapers in USA in 1920s and Poland in 1928–1939, and to a lesser extent writer and counselor.

He was a member of some Ukrainian émigré and homeland political environments which was outside of Ukrainian political mainstream. He played key role as intellectualist, more than political leader or mastermind. He always aimed at the idea of Ukrainian independent and the idea of so-called sobornist', that is a pursuit to uniting all Ukrainian ethnic territories — as he considered it — in Ukrainian state. These ideas always were in his political thought. It was important because he often revised his worldview. He acted in the Ukrainian interests as anarchists, socialist as a young man (from 1900 to the early 1920s), and subsequently to be conservatist, monarchist, and Christian democrat in his political maturity.

The core of his ideological beliefs gained him on other Ukrainian politician from mainstream who set a goal of Ukrainian independence in the 1900s–1940s. But he almost always was marginalized because he inclined towards be on board of smaller political parties. Moreover, he often got into many conflicts because of his strife-prone nature.

As publicist and intellectualist, he especially distinguished himself assertiveness in articulating his thoughts, sitting in judgments, mordant wit. But first of all, he wrote 1240 articles between 1900 and 1940 at least. His large publicist works, as well some prosaic and non-professional historical works mostly were about political condition of Ukrainians and Polish political impact on Ukrainians, and less about the theory of nation formation. He often raised a question: were Ukrainians able to establish their own sovereign state? Which kind of government would be suitable for Ukrainians? What should be the territorial shape of the future Ukrainian state?

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