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### **Freedom of speech as a principle of human rights**

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Freedom of speech is a set of rights and opportunities to express the views. This is the basis of a democratic society based on ideological pluralism. Freedom of thought is a natural human right, so in case of banning this right is violated. Ideological pluralism is the consolidation of constitutional human rights. Human rights and freedoms are established by the Constitution of Ukraine. According to the article of the Basic Law “everyone is guaranteed the right to freedom of thought and speech, to freely express their views and beliefs. Everyone has the right to freely collect, store, use, and disseminate information, either verbally, in writing or in any way, at his own discretion” [1]. Thus, the Article 15 of the Basic Law of Ukraine proclaims that public life in Ukraine is based on the principles of political, economic and ideological diversity. An important guarantee of this is that no ideology can be recognized by the state as the obligatory one. The research *is aimed at* observing the freedom of speech as one of the main principles of human rights because it can be considered as the priority-number-one issue for building the democratic society.

Guarantees of freedom of thought and speech are contained in a number of regulations of the international law ratified by Ukraine. Such acts include the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Articles 18, 19), The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Articles 18, 19). The enshrinement of constitutional guarantees is reflected in the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Freedoms (Articles 8, 9) which is subject only to such restrictions that are necessary for public security.

In order to protect the right to freedom of opinion, responsibility for information offenses is established. By these offences we understand a set of socially dangerous acts (actions or omissions) that encroach on the right of access to information, its dissemination and storage, the right to protection against unauthorized dissemination and use, the negative effects of information influence or information technology, and other socially dangerous acts related to the violation of ownership and information technology, etc. [2, p.4].

Freedom is an integral human right that arises from birth. The necessity of ensuring human freedom is a vector of civil society. At the present stage of Ukraine's development, ensuring human rights and freedoms is important because a man is the highest social value which is important for building a democratic state.

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