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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AUTOCEPHALOUS ORTHODOX CHURCH OF UKRAINE THROUGH THE PRISM OF PUBLIC OPINION:

Religious and Sociological analysis

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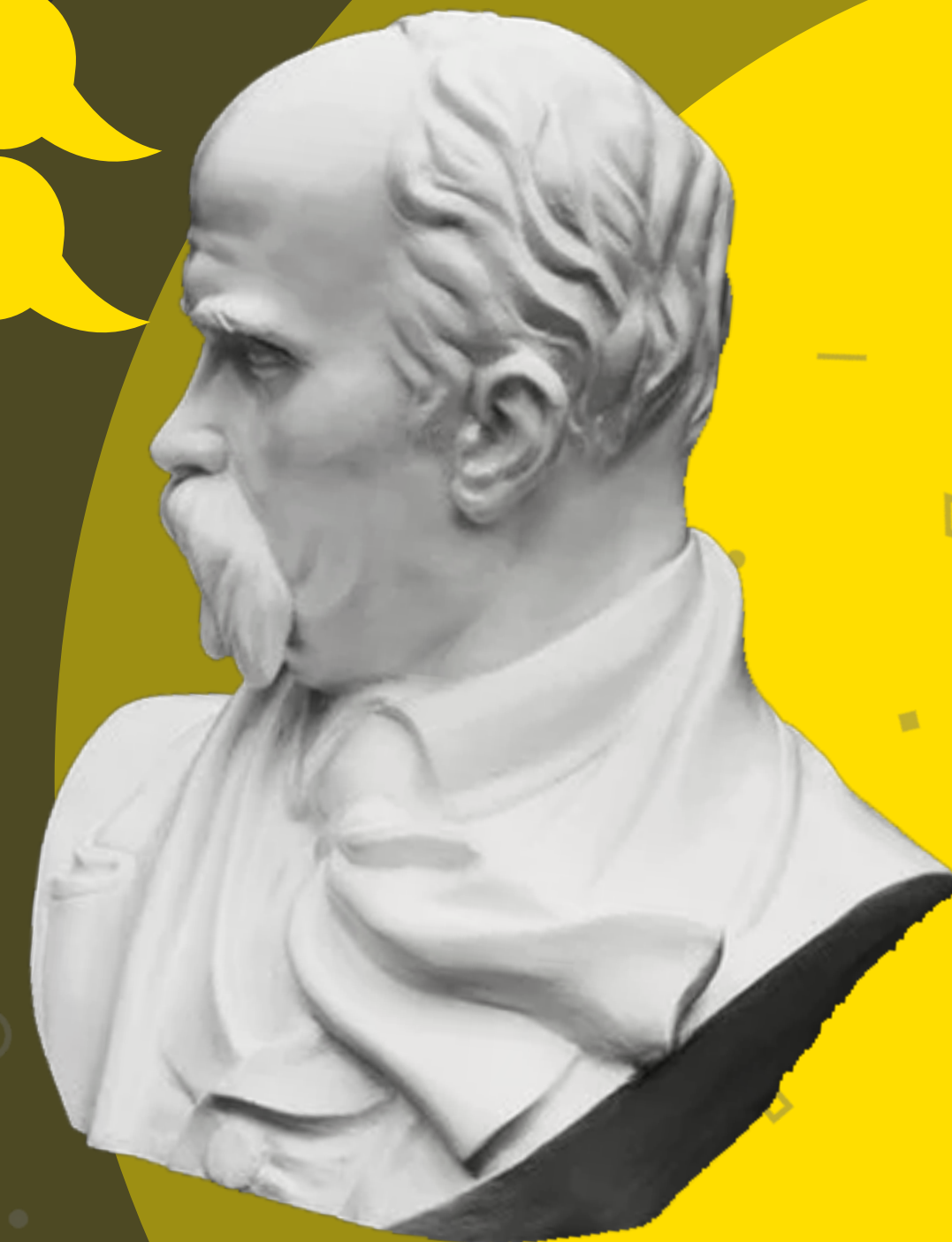
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WHY IT MATTERS EVERYONE?

For several years now, Ukrainians have been living in the new ecclesiastical and religious realities caused by the formation of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine. But how exactly did autocephaly affect the views of every Ukrainian?

Heeey!

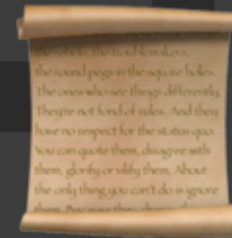
Even me!?!?





Autocephaly

The status of the local church as a self-governing, independent part of the Ecumenical Orthodox Church



Tomos

Decree or message of the head of the local Orthodox Church on some important issues of the church system.

The main churches of Ukraine Before Tomos

Controlled by Rome

UGCC 1596

Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

Controlled by Moscow

ROC 1991
inU

Russian Orthodox Church in Ukraine

independent churches

UOC 1992
KP

Ukrainian Orthodox Church (Kyiv Patriarchate)

UAOC 1990

Ukrainian Orthodox Autocephalous Church

UOC_{KP}

15 December
2018



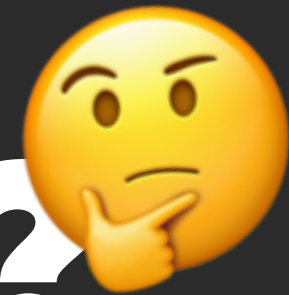
OCU

UAOC

+ UOC_{KP}
+ UAOC
+ ROC_{inU}
(several parishes)
= **OCU**



**BUT HOW DID
TOMOS AFFECT
THE POSITION
OF UKRAINIANS?**





WEST



CENTER



EAST

In my own study took into account:

- regional aspect
- sex
- confessional aspect
- age



Question 1.

How many % of respondents consider receiving Tomos a positive event?

Regional sample

West Center East μ

81%

65%

35%

60%

Confessional sample

UGCC OCU ROC μ

83%

76%

12%

57%

55% respondents believe that Tomos is the merit of Petro Poroshenko

**But why did only 16%
vote for Poroshenko
in the first round?**

45% people identify themselves as adherents of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine





question 2.

If there were 10 people living in each region ...

East



Center



West



ROCinUA

OCU

UGCC

Atheists



Question 3.

How religious are Ukrainians?

	West	Center	East	μ
What% of respondents believe in God and identify themselves with a particular denomination?	85%	59%	40%	61%
What % of respondents go to church regularly?	55%	11%	7%	25%
How many % of respondents know the "Symbol of Faith" prayer?	80%	26%	17%	41%
How many% of respondents celebrate all the Great Christian Holidays?	85%	50%	40%	60%
What% of respondents observe Lent?	82%	40%	25%	50%



Question 4.

What should be the relationship between the state, society and the Church?

	West	Center	East	μ
What % of respondents believe that Ukrainian legislation should be based on Christian norms?	68%	47%	19%	45%
How many % of respondents believe that the state should hand over the Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra to the OCU?	70%	55%	29%	51%
How many % of respondents believe that religious subjects should be taught in schools?	90%	70%	41%	67%



56%

Question 5.

**respondents supported
the idea of uniting the
OCU and the UGCC into
a single Ukrainian
Christian Church**

Conclusions



As a result of our own research, we ascertained ...

1

The PCU is the largest church in Ukraine in terms of the number of parishioners

3

The level of religiosity and secularism of citizens is average in Ukraine as a whole

2

The level of religiosity of Ukrainians varies from region to region

4

Most Ukrainians demonstrate their "cultural Orthodoxy"

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR ATTENTION!**

**by Nikita
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