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**The phenomenon of revolution in the context of just war theory**

***Key words:*** just war theory, revolution, the principle of legitimate authority.

***Annotation:*** The theory of just war is based on some principles, among them – the principle of legitimate authority. But when we start analyzing this principle in details, some issues may appear, amongst them – a revolutionary war. In the just war theory the principle of legitimate authority postulates a concentration of military forces, coercive measures and the right of declaring war in the face of the only legitimate formation of the state – a government. The legitimate authority comes not only because of governmental institutions’ interests, but also because of desires and intentions of civil population, sending their will into the hands of one authorized person. Here, the paradox: if a revolution is considered in the context of the theory of just war, a revolutionary movement, as the government, may also pretend on the legitimacy, if due to the legal violations and socio-political upheavals, the people pass the power into the hands of the revolutionary government. Thus, the revolution gets a justification from the point of view of the category of justice that is marked by an appearance of new theories – theories of just revolution.

The purposes of the presentation:

1. to consider the ratio of the revolutionary war and one of the principles of the just war theory – the legitimate authority;

2. to clarify the main points of the revolution (and the possibility of the theory of just revolution) on historical examples (the October Revolution, the American Revolution and others);

3. to ascertain if we can talk about a revolution as a just war.