

THEORETICAL APPROACHES TO THE DEFINITION OF SOCIAL SPHERE AND FEATURES OF ITS FUNCTIONING IN UKRAINE

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In modern terms, social security is one of the most important types of the national security because it focuses all the major problems of the national economy. Current socio-economic processes in a society are dependent on social security and social development level.

Social sphere – one of the most important spheres of society, includes social interests of all segments of the population, the relationship of society and individuals, working and living conditions, health and recreation.

However, in the literature, there is no single approach to the understanding of the social sphere, no definition of social sphere in the normative literature.

In the paper, the current approaches to the definition of the category “social sphere” are analysed. In the scientific article, three theoretical approaches to this concept are singled out: the procedural approach, semantic approach, institutional approach.

A procedural approach to the definition of “social sphere” involves a consideration of the social processes and forms of social activities aimed at improving living standards in society. A semantic approach to the definition of “social sphere” aims to explain the meaning of “social sphere”; here the authors state that the social sphere is a collection of sectors that define the standard of living, is the sphere of life, and is the public space. An institutional approach to the “social sphere” definition considers the institutional units providing the society with raising living standards.

Features of the social sphere functioning in Ukraine through the prism of favourable and unfavourable conditions and factors of development are considered.

In Ukraine, government policy should stimulate the positive factors of development of the national social sphere.