

УДК 94(47)+23/28-29

DOI 10.28995/2073-0101-2019-1-299-311

M. V. Kail

Smolensk State University, Smolensk, Russian Federation

Confessions of Russia in the Policies of the Provisional Government: 1917

Abstract

The large-scale collection of documents on religious policy of the Provisional government compiled by professor M. Babkin is the first such publication in the Russian historiography. Materials in the collection reflect the legislative process (and partly its results) concerning regulation of religious organizations of all Russian confessions and sectarian groups in the Provisional government period: from March to late October 1917. The collection consists of two major sections. The first one contains legislative acts of the Provisional government: general resolutions and regulations that set up a framework for its religious policy and provided legal basis for activities of all religious organizations and societies in revolutionary Russia in 1917.

This section is supplemented by subordinate legislation and departmental correspondence on the regulation of religious life and abolishment of some confessional restrictions. The documents of this section provide a comprehensive coverage of the Russian transition to freedom of faith as presented in regulations and declarations of the Provisional government. The second section of the book groups materials of the Provisional government legislation by confessions. It mostly focuses on the Orthodoxy, Old Believer denominations and Edinoverie. There is less data on Catholics, Uniates of the Armenian Apostolic Church, sectarians, and people of other faiths. The publication contains 14 valuable appendices, which complement its content, as well as all necessary indices. The document collection is a significant publication on the history of Russian confessions in revolutionary 1917.

Keywords

Documents, Provisional Government, religious policy, confessions, freedom of conscience, legislation.

Download the article: [kail_doi](#)

References

BABKIN, M. A. Ierarkhi Russkoi pravoslavnoi tserkvi i sverzhenie monarkhii v Rossii (vesna 1917 g.) [Hierarchs of the Russian Orthodox Church and the overthrow of monarchy in Russia (spring 1917). In Russ.]. IN: Otechestvennaya istoriya, 2005, no 3, pp. 109–124.

BABKIN, M. A. Prikhodskoe dukhovenstvo Rossiiskoi pravoslavnoi tserkvi i sverzhenie monarkhii v 1917 g. [Parish clergy of the Russian Orthodox Church and the overthrow of monarchy in 1917. In Russ.]. IN: Voprosy istorii, 2003, no. 6, pp. 59–71.

BABKIN, M. A. Sovremennaya rossiiskaya istoriografiya vzaimootnoshenii Russkoi pravoslavnoi tserkvi i gosudarstva v nachale XX veka (dosovetskii period) [Modern Russian historiography of relations between the Russian Orthodox Church and the state in the early 20th century (pre-Soviet period). In Russ.]. IN: Otechestvennaya istoriya, 2006, no. 6, pp. 171–180.

BABKIN, M. A. Svyashchenstvo i Tsarstvo (Rossiya, nachalo XX v. – 1918 g.). Issledovaniya i materialy [Priesthood and Kingdom (Russia, early 20th century – 1918). Materials and investigations. In Russ.]. Moscow, Indrik publ., 2011, 911 p.

BABKIN, M. A. Svyateishii sinod Rossiiskoi pravoslavnoi tserkvi i sverzhenie monarkhii v 1917 godu [The Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church and the overthrow of monarchy in 1917. In Russ.]. IN: Voprosy istorii, 2005, no. 2, pp. 97–109.

Dokumenty po istorii Russkoi pravoslavnoi tserkvi [BABKIN, M.A. (ed.) Documents on the history of the Russian Orthodox Church. In Russ.]. Moscow, Indrik publ., 2006, 504 p.

RED'KINA, O. Yu. Politika Vremennogo pravitel'stva (fevral'–oktyabr' 1917 g.) v otnoshenii inoslavnykh i inovernykh ispovedanii [Policy of the Provisional Government (February-October 1917) in relation to non-Orthodox and non-Christian confessions. In Russ.]. IN: Gosudarstvo, religiya, tserkov' v Rossii i za rubezhom. Informatsionno-analiticheskii byulleten, 1998, no. 5 (17), pp. 64–85.

RED'KINA, O. Yu. Veroyispovednaya politika Vremennogo pravitel'stva Rossii (fevral'–oktyabr' 1917 goda): dis. ... kand. ist. nauk [Religious policy of the Provisional Government of Russia (February-October 1917). Cand. history. sci. diss. In Russ.], Moscow, 1996, 151 p.

RED'KINA, O. Yu. Vremennoe pravitel'stvo i Rimsko-katolicheskaya tserkov' v Rossii (fevral'–oktyabr' 1917 g.) [The Provisional Government and the Roman Catholic Church in Russia (February-October 1917). In Russ.]. IN: *Religiya, tserkov' v Rossii i za rubezhom*, 1995, no 6, pp. 47–53.

About the author

Kail Maksim Vladimirovich, PhD in History, associate professor, Smolensk state University, department of Russian history, assistant professor, Smolensk, Russian Federation, +7-4812-700-216, mvkail@mail.ru

Grant information

The article has been prepared with financial support of the Russian Foundation for Basic Research (project № 18-09-00618A).

Submitted 15.10.2018, published (for citation):

KAIL, M. V. *Konfessii Rossii v politike Vremennogo pravitel'stva. 1917 g.* [Confessions of Russia in the Policies of the Provisional Government: 1917. In Russ.]. IN: *Vestnik arhivista / Herald of an Archivist*, 2019, no. 1, pp. 299-311. doi 10.28995/2073-0101-2019-1-299-311

You can read completely article in the russian historic-archival magazine “The Herald of an Archivist”. Read more about terms of subscription [here](#) .

Полностью материал публикуется в российском историко-архивоведческом журнале ВЕСТНИК АРХИВИСТА. Ознакомьтесь с условиями подписки [здесь](#) .