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Memorial conflict in Warmia region, Poland

The research problem or question investigated

The main research problem is — What primary forms of confirmation are in so-called memorial conflict among Poland and Russian States in Warmia region, Poland.

The primary significant issues discussed refer to so-called memorial conflict among Poland and Russian states in Warmia region that lies within the borders of the Polish State. That conflict took the form of a disagreement over the symbols of the liberation of that region during East Prussian Offensive by the Soviet Red Army in 1945. Furthermore, the commemoration of the military personnel casualties as well as civilians is the subject of that disagreement as well.

Memorials are scattered throughout the region. Some, such as military cemeteries, are under the administration of state officials. Others are looked after by residents.

Nevertheless, the matter of local forgotten history is the primary subject of objective investigation based on fieldwork.

The basic design of the study

Methods

1. Fieldwork in the Warmia region — three facilities in townships: Lidzbark Warmiński, Markajmy, Braniewo.
2. Interviews with residents: Biskupiec, Węgój, Nojdymowo, Dobre Miasto, Bisztynek, Barczewo, Frombork.

Sources

1. Obtained visual material and interviews recordings.

The major findings of the study

Analysis of the collected visual material and interviews shows a disagreement of the local population towards the cultural strategy of the Polish State. The principal problem is separation from local history and tradition towards national culture of the Polish state.

Russian monuments meet either with disregard or with disinclination. It does not apply to military cemeteries.

Conclusions

The right to culture aspect is important for the local community. Residents are pointing out the right to own culture connected to regional history. Thus, official actions of local authorities met with misunderstanding due to national memories of Cursed Soldiers or Katyń massacre

Practical implementation of research results

Consistent leadership in domains as follows:

The authority solutions that brings visible results in supporting, for example:

1. Care and commemorating distinguished residents.
2. Support for groups reconstructing the local culture.

Juridical solutions that carry, for example:

3. Passing a law preserving local culture, social organization and lifestyle.

Tutorial solutions that bring, for example:

4. Strengthening cultural security activities: historical policy, education policy exceptionally understanding role of the region in the structures of the Polish State.

Intercultural communication

5. Restoration of small border movement to enhance the intercultural contacts with Russians citizens.