

Red and Black alliance as a new movement, its establishment process and its topic representation as a nationalist movement

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Abstract

This article aims to analyse Red and Black Alliance, a new nationalistic movement in Albania which was established in 2011. Considering its originality as a new social movement in the Albanian context, it is important to explore which were the main factors that made this movement happen. It will be analysed below that the Red and Black Alliance was initially shaped by concrete issues which had consequences for society and the nation. Specifically, the Red and Black Alliance was initially formed as a movement against concrete issues which were related to the possibility to change the nationality by a court decision and then by opposing the law on population census on ethnic and religious grounds. Regarding the law on population census it must be stated that there were a lot of public positions and articulated contrary to the law on the census on ethnic and religious grounds, a petition was drafted and the case was sent also to the constitutional court. The aforementioned new issues which were articulated concretely by the Red and Black Alliance served as the starting point for this movement. Then the identity of the movement was built on the basis of the national issue which according to the Red and Black Alliance was untreated and misused and in the framework of the national issue various initiatives and actions were proposed and undertaken. Also it was articulated the representation of the diaspora in the decision making and political processes. The methodology for this article is based on the qualitative approach and secondary data's, mainly data resources taken from the Red and Black alliance site and also on the primary resources taken by an interview with its founder and then the leader of Red and Black Alliance, Mr. Kreshnik Spahiu.

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