

Legal Education in the Service of Totalitarian Propaganda on the Example of Scientific Materials for the Criminal Process from the Stalinist Period

Abstract:

In a totalitarian state every area of life, including education, is subjugated to the official ideology. Propaganda is omnipresent. In the Stalinist times propaganda reached faculties of law. Soviet and Polish textbooks on the criminal procedure published in the 50. are exemplary here. These books, filled with Marxist philosophical terminology, often using derogatory language towards the criticized legal theories or opponents of Communism, were aimed at formation of young lawyers as devout Stalin's followers.

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