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## **ECONOMIC IMBALANCES OF THE POPULATION'S LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM AS A THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY**

The analysis of the essence of economic security was carried out. Reconciliation between the market and humanistic approaches to the definition of economic security was identified in this work. The hierarchy of national security of Ukraine within the humanistic approach includes the following levels: national and economic security, livelihood security, safety of the population's life support system. The article deals with the investigations of the influence of destructive factors of development of population's life support on economy development and changes of living standards of Ukrainian population. Problems in the life support system were identified in this work. Influence of structuring process of the safety factor of livelihood on national security was presented. The structural and logical study of the impact of economic imbalances of the population's life support system on the national security of Ukraine was carried out. Analysis of the destructive factors of impact of population's life support system on the development of socially-oriented economy revealed the existence of a threat to national security. Assessment of the scale of the threat is difficult to be formalized in a general way. Application of the concept of socio-economic conditionality of demographic processes has allowed identifying the main factors constructing the threat and identifying approaches to the strategy of economic security of Ukraine. Analysis of these approaches has revealed three scenarios of economic development. The pessimistic scenario assumes outsider character of development. According to the optimistic scenario Ukraine needs a "breakthrough" on the basis of investment and innovation development model. The realistic scenario is based on the author's approach to the formation of economic security strategy based on the intensive reproduction of human capital by reducing economic imbalances of the population's life support system. This will allow innovation and investment development of the national economy.