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## **GENESIS OF NATURE OF LEGAL CONDUCT AND PROPOSALS FOR THE CONCEPT**

The article is devoted to theoretical legal analysis of the genesis of understanding the concept of legal conduct, which is proposed to be subdivided into two areas: primary-historical and modern. The essential features of understanding the concept of legal conduct before and during Ukraine's independence are studied. Using the method of comparative review we compared works of modern Ukrainian and Russian scholars in the context of understanding this category. Author's concept of legal conduct is provided.

After analyzing the literature, we identified two main areas of understanding legal conduct. The first is prima-

ry-historical trend that characterizes scientific doctrine on the definition of legal conduct before Ukraine became independent. The representatives of this trend support the regulative concept of legal thinking, which defines the legal conduct as behavior regulated by means of the rule of law. The second is a modern trend in understanding of legal behavior, covering modern scientific approaches of Ukrainian and Russian scholars. We used the method of comparative studies and concluded that the concept of legal conduct has not significantly changed: since the first attempts to interpret it, scholars only improved this category and enriched it with important characteristics.