

## REMARKS ON V. F. MINORSKY'S CONCEPT OF THE ORIGIN OF THE ETHNONYM *LEZGIN*

*The article examines the concept of Vladimir F. Minorsky regarding the origin of the ethnonym “Lezgin”. A critical analysis involving additional sources challenges the version proposed by V. F. Minorsky. An attempt was also made to study the ethnonymy of Lezgins in more detail, taking into account the time periods and historical circumstances when particular ethnonyms that denote Lezgins were recorded. The study revealed new relationships between ethnonyms. In particular, the original historical form of the ethnonym was identified, which did not differ from the modern self-name of the Lezgins.*

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