
H. Spencer and F. Engels: Two models of the origin and essence of state structure

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The article discusses the comparative analysis of the two models of the origin and essence of a state – organicistic one of Herbert Spencer and the materialist one of Fredrik Engels. Two versions of the formation of society with the state structure are consistently presented. It is shown that the models are fundamentally different in the structure, the correlation of views of the people and the state, as well as in the importance of the state in social life. Spencer clearly positively assesses the activities of the state, while Engels's assessment is unambiguously negative.

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