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**LEXICOGRAPHIC OBSERVATIONS  
ON THE MEANING OF THE WORD POLITICIAN**

The survey represents results from a content analysis on the content of dictionary articles, devoted to the concept of politician. 45 Bulgarian lexicographic sources, covering the period from the end of 19th till the first decades of the 21st century are included. The analysis demonstrates the influence of historical context on the semantic content of the concept, and series of tendencies, connected to the synonyms and cognate words of politician.