

# CIVIL-DEMOCRATIC CONTROL OVER THE MILITARY

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***Abstract:** The directions of research of the present paper followed the three pillars of epistemological research: conceptual assertions, the need for the civil-democratic control over the military institution and the historically demonstrated ways of exercising civil-democratic control over the army. Conceptual coordinates and characteristics of civilian control over the army are based on values such as legitimacy and democratic necessity, constitutional fundament, a factor of boosting the credibility of the military institution, a vector of development of the cooperation and cohesion between army and society, a process of increasing the performance of the military institution. This control has to be performed due to historical, social, political and democratic reasons. The types of civilian control are highlighted through historical, social and political perspectives. The analytical conclusions show the importance of democratic civilian control over the army.*

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## **1. Conceptual assertions**

The civil-democratic control over the military institution, in fact over the use of armed forces of the state, is both the quintessence of relations between the military and society and the constitutionally defined certainty that the military force of the state will be used in strict accordance with the normative-legislative system governing its specific status. For example, we must admit the fact that it has an imperative nature, conceptually moving within the classical coordinates of its acting nature, meaning that it is similar to *social control* which “*is the result of the relations of interdependence between elements of a system and determination of the components of the system to which they belong (...) being possibly regulated by formal (institutional impersonal rules, codes) or*

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