The significance of the historical experience of carrying out the reforms as exemplified by realizing the Manifesto of 1861 in the Kaluga province

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The matter of global past and present transformations is one of the most topical in contemporary reality. The article specifies the influence of the historical experience in the sphere of carrying out the reforms in the Russian state through the example of the Peasant (Emancipation) Reform of 1861 in the Kaluga province. We focus on the immediate implementation of the reform, its distribution to the citizenry, the special nature of this process in the designated region. In reliance on the archival documents the author not only provides insight into the process, but also highlights the most common mistakes made, the causes of these mistakes and the measures taken to correct them. We emphasize the importance and need for applying the experience accumulated by the previous generations in order to optimize the reformation process nowadays.

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