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**POLISH ABUSE AND UKRAINIAN “KHRUNIVSTVO” AS  
ELEMENTS OF THE ELECTIONS SYSTEM IN THE AUSTRO-  
HUNGARIAN STATE IN THE PERIOD OF 1873 – 1914**

Formulation of the problem. The roots of Ukrainian traditions and parliamentary electoral process, see the period of Kievan Rus and Cossacks. Parliamentarism in the European sense of the term, that is, defend their views in the legal field through the intermediary of Ukrainian elections began to learn the times of the Austro-Hungarian domination. Parliamentarism depends on the electoral system and conduct the elections. During the process of independent Ukraine elections to representative bodies at central and local levels constantly reeling from systematic abuse. Election of the President, deputies of all levels involving the use of administrative resource and "dirty tricks". The solid hrunivstvo and corruption at all levels are characteristic features of modern Ukrainian elections.

**Paper objective.** The article aims to study the causes and methods of administrative pressure on Poles in the electoral process, and the causes and methods of combating betrayal among Ukrainian voters.

**Recent research and publications analysis.** In the historiography of this study there are works of local historians and jurists that contain valuable material on specific aspects of the electoral process in Galicia and the Austro-Hungarian Empire, including researches of A. Sheets, I. Chornovil, K. Levitsky, J. Michalski, J. Plekana, M. Mudroho and others. Also there were used draws of the Polish archival sources which are covering this historical period.

**Conclusions.** The experience of independent Ukraine shows that betrayal is not transferred to the Ukrainian political system. This contributes to the catastrophic decline of moral principles and intellect among the powerful Olympus and degradation of the people. All seek to survive at the expense of others, words

contradict the work of men. There decline of national consciousness is observed. Modern “hruniams” (those who betray) need to recall the fate of M. Hrunya whose way repeated those of Judah. Farmers stopped to chat with him and the traitor hanged himself on a willow.