

CONTROVERSIES ON THE REIGN OF TSAR PETER I (927–969)

*(Summary)*

A negative opinion on the reign of the Bulgarian Tsar Peter I (927–969) is sometimes still present in the scholarly literature. He has been described as a weak ruler without any serious political ambitions, pious and focused on religious matters, but neglectful of issues crucial for the Bulgarian state. His reign is said to be marred by byzantinisation of the court and the state itself, a passive response to the Hungarian raids, and the spreading of bogomilism. Peter is thus said to be guilty of the Bulgarian fall of 971. The article aims at a reconsideration of Peter's rule and the authors present arguments in favour of a more balanced evaluation of the Tsar and his times.

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