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### SEVERAL FEATURES FOR UNDERSTANDING NIKOLoz BARATASHVILI'S NATIONAL-POLITICAL CREDO

None of the 19<sup>th</sup> century Georgian writers had come to the realization of the essence of Georgia's national and political orientation with such depth as Nikoloz Baratashvili.

Baratashvili's literary legacy approaches the fate of Georgia with such an intensity, demonstrating two radically different points of view shared by the Georgian audience.

Despite the fact that N. Baratashvili's life and work genuinely demonstrate his love of Georgia, the poet's perception of the destiny of his country is never simple and straightforward.

In this respect, ideological dualism is evident in his literary legacy. Even though, freedom of Georgia as a national entity was the poet's supreme political and patriotic ideal, we must not overlook the fact that his literary legacy tends to accommodate both compromise and resentful endurance of the actual reality of the epoch.