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Implicit Negation in Tatar Phraseology

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ABSTRACT This study considered implicit negation expressed using phraseology. Therefore, phraseological units of the Tatar language were used as the material for the study, which have no formal markers of negation, but still carry negative semantics. Implicit negation can be a component of the meaning of a word or a whole sentence. The relevance of the study is the fact that the issue of implicit negation in Tatar linguistics has not been examined so far. The main result of the study was the identification of several of the most characteristic semantic groups of phraseological units which implicitly contain negation. In fact, numerous phraseological units that convey a negative assessment of people or phenomena were identified. In most cases, the negative assessment in them is based on the lexical meanings of words. Thus, this study may be useful to researchers who seek for solving problems of implicitness and negation.