M.V. Lomonosov was an ardent opponent of the Norman theory.This is just one possible explanation for the term "Rus". The origin of this name is not completely clear. ? Thus, the formation of the state of Rus' (the Old Russian state or, as it is called after the capital, Kievan Rus) is the natural completion of a long process of decomposition of the primitive communal system of one and a half dozen Slavic tribal unions that lived on the way "from the Varangians to the Greeks."The "Normanists" proceed from the position of the supposed primordial insolvency of the Russian people, who, in their opinion, are incapable of independent historical creativity. It is possible, as they believe, only under foreign leadership and according to foreign models. o Historians have convincing evidence that there is every reason to assert: the Eastern Slavs had strong traditions of statehood long before the calling of the Varangians. State institutions arise as a result of the development of society. The actions of individual major individuals, conquests or other external circumstances determine the specific manifestations of this process. Consequently, the fact of the calling of the Varangians, if it really took place, speaks not so much about the emergence of Russian statehood as about the origin of the princely dynasty. o If Rurik was a real historical figure, then his calling to Rus' should be considered as a response to the real need for princely power in Russian society of that time. o In historical literature, the question of Rurik's place in our history remains controversial. Some historians share the opinion that the Russian dynasty is of Scandinavian origin, like the name "Rus" itself ("Russians" were the Finns' name for the inhabitants of Northern Sweden).o The very fact of the presence of the Varangian squads, by which, as a rule, the Scandinavians are understood, in the service of the Slavic princes, their participation in the life of Rus' is beyond doubt, as are the constant mutual ties between the Scandinavians and Russia.Archaeologists note that the number of Varangians in Rus' was small.

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