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Vesela Chichovska.  
*The Policy against Education*  
2nd amended edition. Sofia: Gutenberg  
Publishing House, 2011, 579 p.

This is a precious *vade mecum*, a constant companion to all who are interested in education, in its history and tradition in Bulgaria. It is an extremely rich documented history of the drastic changes in education that took place in Bulgaria during the 1940s. Moreover, Chichovska describes - and quite successfully - the state of this crucial part of our national culture before the period in covered by the book. Chronologically the book is focused on the period between 1944 and 1948; yet it gives a detailed overview of all the educational stages in the preceding period, namely between 1878 and 1944.

The last chapter of the monograph is entitled "Explosion of the tradition" and is not just a metaphor or judgment, but rather the only possible conclusion one could draw after a detailed study of the documents and of the facts, events and processes reflected in them.

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