

THE VIOLENT LENIN

Rezumat: *According to Lesley Chamberlain (Lenin's Private War, 2007), Lenin's intrinsic violence, which was obvious in every sequence of his life, is the „violence of a rationalist“, derived from the belief that the very existence of the institutions, the drive to obey them or to support the consequences of their disobedience are superior to the quality of the individual, and to human life itself. The paper intends to investigate the subconscious motivations of this behaviour, relying on the paradoxical relations between Lenin and his elder brother Alexander, hanged by the Tsarist authorities on May the 8th 1887, on the charge of participating to a conspiracy. The paper also advances the hypothesis that Lenin lived a compensatory, instrumental and delegation type of violence, specific to a split personality who tried to rationalize the inner conflict of his life by asserting that correctness is a synonym for mortification.*