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Human conceptual system is metaphorical by nature; metaphorical change is one of the basic cognitive mechanisms, one of the most productive means of secondary nomination. The aim of the present study is to reveal and analyze conceptual metaphors forming the figurative component of the concept ‘Power’ in modern English. For this purpose the researcher collected a corpus of data consisting of 200 propositions of outstanding English language speakers regarding ‘Power’ and studied metaphorical representations of the concept as seen through the collected language samples. The data were qualitatively analyzed by using the semantic-cognitive approach. The approach employed in the study helped to identify and classify the most common conceptual metaphors. Results showed that in the linguistic consciousness of famous Englishmen ‘Power’ is generally perceived as a concrete object, either animate (people of different social positions, mostly leading ones, or animals, mostly a horse) or inanimate (a thing that can be lost, found, retrieved, presented). The results suggest that the perception of ‘Power’ as a human being correlates with the anthropological character of the notion ‘power’; whereas its perception as a small object is accounted for by the tendency to explain abstract notions via familiar concrete objects.

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