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THE ROLE OF OUR NATIONAL VALUES IN THE UPBRINGING OF YOUTH

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"Nothing disappears without a trace in a great history.
It is preserved in the blood of peoples, in their historical memory, and manifests itself in practical deeds."
— Shavkat Mirziyoyev

Abstract: This article scientifically and theoretically analyzes the role and importance of national values in the upbringing of youth. In the process of globalization, the role of national values in strengthening the spiritual and moral education of the younger generation, forming their national identity, patriotism, and civic responsibility is revealed. In addition, the factors influencing the formation of national values, their impact on social development, and their role in protecting youth from various ideological threats are analyzed. The importance of the family, the mahalla, the education system, as well as religious and spiritual heritage in instilling national values in the minds of young people is highlighted. The article scientifically explains the role of education based on national values in ensuring social stability, the spiritual development of youth, and the progress of the state.

Keywords: national values, youth upbringing, spiritual heritage, national identity, patriotism, spiritual immunity, family and mahalla institution, education system, globalization, spiritual stability.

Introduction

In the current conditions of globalization, the development of society is primarily determined by the spiritual and moral upbringing of the younger generation, their intellectual potential, and their awareness of national identity. Especially for states that have chosen the path of independent development, preserving national values, developing them, and deeply integrating them into youth education has strategic importance. This is because national values embody the centuries-old history, customs, traditions, spiritual heritage, and worldview of the people, and they are considered one of the main factors ensuring social stability and spiritual harmony.

After the Republic of Uzbekistan gained independence, special attention was paid to restoring national values, supporting them at the level of state policy, and actively applying them in youth education. In this regard, educating young people in the spirit of patriotism, humanism, diligence, spiritual purity, and national pride was identified as a priority task. From this point of view, scientifically studying the role of national values in youth upbringing and revealing their essence and content is of urgent importance.

National values are widely reflected not only in the historical traditions of our people but also in the sacred sources of Islam — the Holy Qur'an and Hadiths. In them, the value of human beings, respect for parents, striving for knowledge, justice, honesty, and peaceful coexistence in society are promoted as the main ideas representing universal and national values.

Methodology

The research is based on a qualitative theoretical analysis of existing academic literature and socio-cultural studies related to national values and youth education.

The following research methods were applied:

- **Comparative analysis** of national and universal values in the context of youth development.
- **Scientific literature review** focusing on sociological, philosophical, and pedagogical sources.
- **Systematic analysis** of the role of social institutions such as family, community (*mahalla*), and education systems.
- **Conceptual generalization** of theoretical perspectives regarding moral upbringing and value-based education.

The research object is the process of youth upbringing, while the research subject is the influence of national values on the moral and social development of young individuals.

In essence, national values are a complex of spiritual, moral, cultural, and social wealth specific to a particular nation or people, formed over centuries. They are closely connected with the people's lifestyle, worldview, customs, traditions, language, religion, and history. They play an important role in the formation of a person as an individual and determine his or her behavior and spiritual character in society.

National values develop in close connection with universal values. Universal ideas such as justice, peace, respect for human rights, and striving for science are manifested through the national values of every nation. In this sense, national values serve as a spiritual foundation for social development.

In the formation of national values, factors such as the history and cultural heritage of the people, customs and traditions, religion and religious teachings, the family and mahalla institution, and the education system play an important role. Especially the values formed in the environment of family and mahalla are naturally instilled in the consciousness of the younger generation. Values such as respect for parents, respect for elders, kindness and compassion, and good neighborly relations constitute the basis of national upbringing.

Results

The study demonstrates that national values significantly influence the formation of moral qualities, civic responsibility, and social engagement among youth.

Several key factors contributing to the development of national values were identified:

1. Family Institution

The family plays a fundamental role in the moral development of young individuals. Within the family environment, children learn essential values such as respect for parents and elders, responsibility, diligence, and compassion.

2. Mahalla Community Institution

The *mahalla*, a traditional community structure in Uzbekistan, contributes significantly to social cohesion and youth education. Cultural traditions, social events, and community activities organized within the mahalla foster solidarity, cooperation, and social responsibility among young people.

3. Education System

Educational institutions serve as a central platform for transmitting national values. Subjects related to national history, literature, culture, and spirituality contribute to the development of national identity and historical awareness among students.

4. Religious and Spiritual Heritage

The moral teachings of Islam play an important role in strengthening ethical values among youth. The Qur'an and Hadith promote virtues such as honesty, patience, humility, justice, and compassion, which are essential components of moral education.

The findings indicate that youth who internalize national values develop a stronger sense of identity, social responsibility, and spiritual resilience.

If we pay attention to the role of national values in social development, we can see that the development of society is determined not only by economic or technological factors but also by the spiritual environment. National values ensure spiritual stability in society and strengthen mutual trust, solidarity, and cooperation among people. In a society based on national values, young people look to their future with confidence and actively participate in the development of society.

At the same time, national values serve as an important means of protecting youth from various alien ideas, spiritual threats, and cultural alienation. A young generation that understands its national identity develops spiritual immunity against any negative influences.

The importance of national values in youth upbringing is especially great because young people represent the strategic potential of any society. Their spiritual and moral upbringing is one of the main factors determining the future of society. From this perspective, national values occupy an important place in youth upbringing and play a decisive role in their development as individuals, in finding their place in society, and in becoming active citizens.

National values educate the younger generation in the spirit of respect for the heritage of their ancestors and form a sense of national pride and self-awareness in them. Especially in the present conditions, when various ideological influences are intensifying in the global information space, upbringing based on national values helps protect young people from spiritual emptiness. Consequently, national values in youth upbringing perform important tasks such as forming moral and ethical qualities, strengthening patriotism and civic responsibility, developing social activity and initiative, promoting a healthy lifestyle, and increasing respect for family values.

The family and society are considered the most important social institutions in instilling national values in the minds of young people. In the family, a child learns such qualities as respect for parents, respect for elders, kindness toward the younger ones, diligence, and responsibility. These values determine a person's behavior throughout their entire life. The mahalla institution also plays an important role in preserving national values and in youth upbringing. Spiritual and educational events, national holidays, and traditional ceremonies held in the mahalla form feelings of collectivism, mutual assistance, and solidarity among young people. In general, upbringing based on national values in the family and society facilitates the social adaptation of youth and encourages them to actively participate in the life of society.

The education system is considered one of the main means of forming national values in the consciousness of young people. By teaching subjects related to national history, literature, spirituality, and culture in schools and higher education institutions, young people's awareness of national identity and historical memory is strengthened. In higher education institutions, special attention is paid to educating students as independent thinkers who accept national and universal values in harmony. In this process, spiritual and educational events, scientific conferences, and roundtable discussions play an important role.

Furthermore, the sources of the sacred religion of Islam give special attention to the issues of youth upbringing, morality, and values. In the Holy Qur'an, the value of human beings is glorified, and people are called to justice, honesty, and goodness. Respect for parents, strengthening kinship ties, and striving for knowledge are emphasized as the foundations of youth upbringing. In the Hadiths, our Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) called young people to knowledge and good conduct. Truthfulness, patience, humility, compassion, and

justice are emphasized as important qualities of human perfection. These ideas enrich the spiritual upbringing of youth in harmony with our national values.

Upbringing based on national values forms spiritual immunity in young people. This immunity protects them from various alien ideas, spiritual threats, and negative influences. A young generation that understands its national identity remains loyal to its values and feels responsible for the development of society. Therefore, strengthening the role of national values in youth upbringing and integrating them with the modern education and upbringing system is one of the urgent tasks.

It is known that after the Republic of Uzbekistan gained independence, the issue of restoring, preserving, and developing national values was raised to the level of state policy. This is because the spiritual foundation of an independent state is based primarily on its national values. Therefore, attitudes toward national history, culture, language, religion, and traditions have risen to a new level. Through the restoration of national values, state policy aims to strengthen national identity, historical memory, and patriotic feelings among youth.

In this process, large-scale reforms were implemented in the spiritual and educational sphere. In our country, many scientific and educational institutions have been established to study and promote national and religious heritage. Special attention is being paid to studying the scientific and spiritual heritage of great scholars such as Imam Bukhari, Imam Termizi, Imam Moturidi, and Bahauddin Naqshband. Ancient manuscripts are being preserved, researched, and published and delivered to the younger generation. This contributes to the formation of respect for knowledge, appreciation of spiritual heritage, and a sense of national pride among youth.

In addition, reforms carried out in the field of education are aimed at deeply integrating national values into youth upbringing. In schools and higher education institutions, young people are educated to be spiritually mature through subjects related to national history, spirituality, culture, and enlightenment. In higher education institutions, spiritual and educational events, roundtable discussions, and scientific conferences aimed at enriching students' spiritual worldview are regularly organized. The goal of this is to harmonize national values with modern knowledge and innovative approaches.

In our country, youth policy is implemented based on national values. Supporting young people in every possible way and creating conditions for their spiritual, intellectual, and social development is considered one of the priority directions of state policy. Spiritual and educational events, cultural festivals, national holidays, and traditional ceremonies organized for youth strengthen their sense of national identity and belonging to society. In this way, young people are formed as active citizens in the life of society.

The family and the mahalla institution have special importance in preserving national values and passing them on from generation to generation. The national upbringing given in the family determines the behavior of young people throughout their entire lives. The mahalla, in turn, plays an important role in practically applying national values in society, involving youth in community activities, and increasing their social activity. When these two institutions work in harmony, national values are firmly preserved.

In conclusion, national values play an incomparable role in the spiritual life, social relations, and historical development of every nation. They have been formed over centuries and embody the customs, traditions, moral norms, and religious and spiritual views of the people. National values are the main factor in shaping the younger generation as spiritually mature, patriotic, responsible, and socially active individuals. Especially in the conditions of globalization, when various alien ideas and cultural influences are intensifying, upbringing based on national values plays an important role in protecting youth from spiritual threats.

Education based on national values is a strong foundation that ensures social stability, the spiritual development of youth, and the future of the state. Therefore, preserving national values,

deeply instilling them in the consciousness of youth, and developing them in harmony with the requirements of modern life is the sacred duty of every citizen.

Conclusion

National values play a crucial role in shaping the moral character, social responsibility, and patriotic consciousness of the younger generation. They represent a spiritual and cultural foundation that supports social harmony and sustainable national development.

In the context of globalization, strengthening value-based education is essential for protecting youth from cultural alienation and ideological threats. Education grounded in national values fosters spiritually mature, socially active, and responsible citizens capable of contributing to the development of society.

Therefore, preserving national values, transmitting them to younger generations, and integrating them with modern educational approaches should remain a key priority for both state institutions and society.

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