

THE ISSUE OF VALUES IN THE SYSTEM OF CULTURE

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Abstract

This article analyzes the issue of values within the system of culture from a scientific and theoretical perspective. It examines the essence of the concept of values, their role in social life, their functions within the cultural system, and the transformation of values in the context of globalization. The article also explores the relationship and harmony between national and universal values.

Keywords

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INTRODUCTION

Culture is an important factor in the development of humanity, as it embodies the historical experience, spiritual wealth, and social consciousness of society. Within the system of culture, values occupy a special place, since it is values that determine the norms of human behavior, social relations, and spiritual life. Values are formed in the course of a society’s historical development and are preserved as cultural heritage, passed down from generation to generation. Therefore, studying the issue of values in the system of culture is one of the pressing areas of modern social and humanitarian sciences.

The Concept of Cultural Values and Their Social Essence

Value is a concept used to express the value of events, phenomena, processes, situations, qualities, demands and procedures in the world, a component of human and social spirituality; the most basic category of “Axiology”. This category expresses not only the value of the basis of value, but also its social significance, philosophical and axiological content, and value for society and man. Axiologists use it as a general and universal category that expresses the social value and significance of anything, including a person. Value is used in various senses in different fields. The use of the word value in various senses has led to a variety of definitions given to it. In whichever field of social sciences research on value has been conducted, it has become customary to strive to define this concept in this way. However, the category of value is not a

specific category for any of the sciences other than axiology. In everyday communication and media reports, words such as value, national values, and universal human values are often used. There are also cases of using the expression values as a general term in relation to cultural heritage, monuments, spiritual heritage, traditions, and customs. The meaning of the expression value in everyday life is manifested in a unique way in communication between people and in media reports. In the process of life and work, people inevitably encounter things that have acquired value for them, and they strive to understand and evaluate their importance, usefulness, and value. In addition, the concept of value is also used in relation to the goals, dreams, or ideals that people believe in, sometimes strive for, are interested in, or dream about. Thus, the expression value, which is used by many in everyday life, is also used in relation to an object, thing, event, and other things that have some necessary significance for people.

Cultural values may differ depending on the historical stages of development, religious beliefs, forms of national thinking, and civilizational characteristics of a particular society. They can be classified into the following main categories:

1. Moral values. These include the ethical standards accepted in society, such as honesty, conscience, justice, purity, patience, and devotion. They guide individual behavior toward socially acceptable norms and ensure moral stability within society.
2. Aesthetic values. These refer to concepts such as beauty, harmony, elegance, and artistic expression. Aesthetic values are manifested through art and creativity, enriching a person's aesthetic taste and emotional world.
3. Religious values. These are expressed through religious concepts such as faith, worship, humility, patience, and piety. Religious values play a central role in the spiritual development and moral maturity of an individual.
4. National values. These consist of elements specific to a particular nation, including customs and traditions, historical memory, language, cultural heritage, and mentality. National values contribute to the formation of national identity and pride.
5. Universal human values. Values such as peace, freedom, human dignity, rights, and tolerance are considered common to all humanity. These values serve as a fundamental factor in globalization and intercivilizational dialogue.

Conclusion

Values within the system of culture constitute the foundation of a society's spiritual life. They ensure social stability, shape an individual's worldview, and serve as a guiding force for societal development. In the context of modern globalization,

preserving national values and harmonizing them with universal human values is an essential factor of cultural development. The system of values is a continuously enriching and evolving process that determines the spiritual potential of society

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