

Youth and National Values: the Responsibility of Preserving Cultural Heritage

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Abstract:

National values form the spiritual foundation of any society, playing a crucial role in its stability and development. This study focuses on the role and responsibility of youth in preserving and promoting national values. In the era of globalization and technological advancement, safeguarding cultural heritage has become increasingly important. The assimilation of cultural values by younger generations and their transmission to future generations are key factors in ensuring the spiritual sustainability of society. The research examines the formation of national values in the minds of young people, their promotion through the education system, and the responsibility of youth in preserving cultural heritage. Additionally, the study explores young people's attitudes towards national values and strategies for integrating them into modern society. The findings indicate that the level of youth awareness regarding national values is influenced by their education, family upbringing, and the cultural environment in which they live. This study highlights the importance of joint efforts by the education system, government policies, and society to ensure the active participation of youth in preserving and promoting cultural heritage. Effective use of modern technologies and social media is necessary for popularizing national values and engaging young people in the promotion of cultural heritage. Future research should focus on exploring the mechanisms of youth perception of national values and developing innovative approaches to their preservation.

Keywords: Cultural heritage, youth, spirituality, education system, government policy, family upbringing, ethical education, globalization, cultural identification

Introduction

The stability and future of any society depend on the preservation of its national values and cultural heritage. In today's era of globalization and information technology, the awareness and responsibility of the younger generation in understanding and preserving national values have become crucial issues. As traditional values and cultural heritage continue to evolve under the influence of modern trends, safeguarding them and passing them on to future generations remains one of the most pressing challenges for today's youth [1].

In this process, the role of the education system, family upbringing, mass media, and social networks is significant. This study focuses on examining the role of youth in preserving and developing national values. The main objective is to determine young people's attitudes toward cultural heritage and their responsibility in its promotion. The research seeks to answer the following questions:

To what extent do young people value national traditions?

What approaches do they take toward their preservation?

How do the education system and government policies contribute to the conservation of cultural heritage?

Previous studies have highlighted the importance of national values in maintaining social stability and shaping cultural identity [2]. Specifically, Hamdamova (2008) discussed the role of spirituality in societal progress, while Mullajanova (2024) emphasized the significance of cultural heritage in youth education. This study, however, places a particular emphasis on the responsibility of young people in preserving national values and determining their contributions to the development of society [3].

Methodology

This study employed both qualitative and quantitative research methods to examine the responsibility of youth in preserving national values and safeguarding cultural heritage. From a qualitative perspective, the study analyzed how national values and cultural heritage are formed in the consciousness of young people. The quantitative method was used to assess youth attitudes toward preserving national values based on statistical data. A sociological approach was applied to explore young people's perceptions of cultural values and how these perceptions are shaped through education and societal roles. Data collection involved the analysis of scientific articles, official documents, educational programs, and government policies related to national values and youth engagement. Additionally, sociological surveys and interviews were conducted to understand young people's perspectives on cultural heritage preservation. Respondents included secondary school students, university students, and professionals working in the field of cultural heritage. The surveys examined the extent to which young people appreciate national values, their efforts to adhere to these values in daily life, and the influence of modern technology on their cultural awareness. The study focused on individuals aged 16 to 30 from various social backgrounds, including students, members of organizations promoting national values, and ordinary youth. The findings of the study helped determine the impact of national values on the lives of young people and how their attitudes toward preservation and development are influenced by various social factors. This, in turn, facilitated the development of effective strategies for promoting and preserving national values among youth.

Results

Description: This table presents the results of a study conducted to measure youth attitudes toward preserving national values and cultural heritage. The indicators were measured across five key

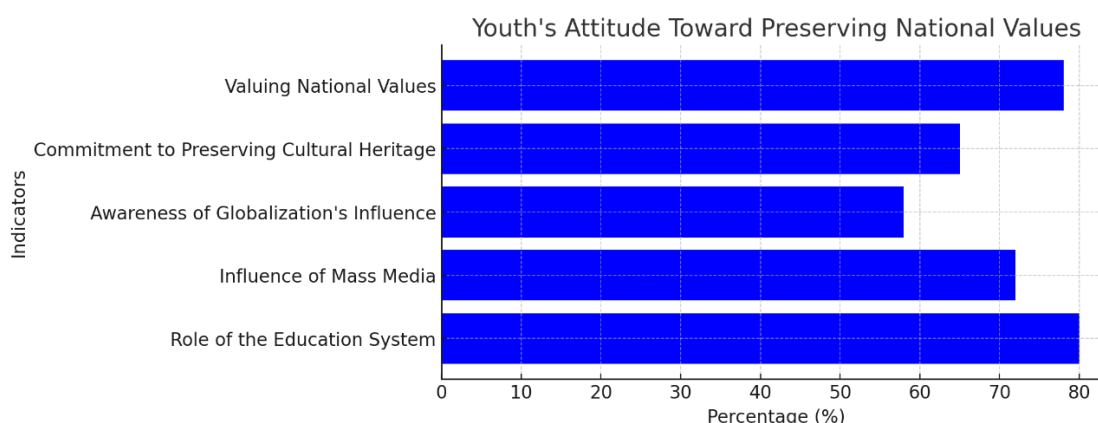
dimensions, with percentage values calculated for each. The highest results were recorded in the areas of the education system and valuing national values, while the perception of globalization's influence had the lowest percentage.

Table 1. Research Results on Youth and National Values

Indicators	Percentage (%)
Valuing National Values	78
Commitment to Preserving Cultural Heritage	65
Awareness of Globalization's Influence	58
Influence of Mass Media	72

Description: This chart represents the percentage indicators of youth engagement in preserving national values, their attitude toward cultural heritage, awareness of globalization's influence, the impact of mass media, and the role of the education system. As seen in the chart, the education system has the most significant influence on promoting national values among youth, reaching 80%. Additionally, valuing national values and the role of mass media are also crucial factors. The relatively lower percentage of awareness of globalization's influence suggests that young people are adapting to new cultural influences. These tables and charts confirm the necessity of developing strategic measures to strengthen national values in the consciousness of youth, preserve cultural heritage, and adapt to global influences.

Figure 1. Youth's Attitude Toward Preserving National values



Discussion

The findings of this study shed light on youth attitudes toward preserving national values and protecting cultural heritage, their participation in this process, and the influence of the education system, media, and globalization. While previous studies have emphasized the role of national values in the moral upbringing of younger generations, this research assessed the level of youth engagement in cultural heritage preservation through concrete indicators. Hamdamova (2008) explored the impact of national values on societal development, whereas Mullajanova (2024) highlighted the responsibility of younger generations in safeguarding cultural heritage [4]. This study, however, provides an in-depth analysis of youth perceptions of national values and the factors influencing their formation. The results indicate that the majority of young people appreciate national values (78%), but their level of active protection and practical application remains relatively low (65%). This suggests the need for additional awareness campaigns to encourage more active participation in preserving cultural heritage. The role of the education system in shaping national values received a high rating (80%), emphasizing the necessity of improving strategies for promoting national values within educational institutions. The influence of mass media is also

significant (72%), confirming the importance of using social media and digital platforms to promote cultural heritage. However, the study has some limitations. The research focused on a specific age group, and regional differences in attitudes toward national values were not sufficiently explored. Additionally, further studies are needed to analyze the integration of education, government policies, and media strategies in preserving and developing national values [5]. Future research should examine different age groups, regional variations, and the impact of modern technologies on the preservation of national values. Overall, this study highlights the role and responsibility of youth in safeguarding and promoting national values, reaffirming their essential contribution to societal development. The findings emphasize the need to enhance the education system, media influence, and government policies to increase youth engagement in preserving and fostering national values.

Conclusion

This study has highlighted the critical role of youth in preserving national values and cultural heritage. While a significant proportion of young people (78%) recognize the importance of national values, their level of active participation in safeguarding and promoting them remains relatively moderate (65%). This indicates a need for more targeted initiatives to bridge the gap between awareness and engagement. The results underscore the importance of the education system (80%) in shaping national identity, emphasizing the necessity of further integrating cultural heritage topics into curricula. The influence of mass media (72%) also plays a key role in reinforcing cultural awareness, suggesting that digital platforms and media campaigns should be strategically utilized to strengthen youth engagement in heritage conservation. However, the study also identified challenges, particularly the growing influence of globalization (58%), which indicates that young people are increasingly exposed to external cultural influences. While such exposure is natural in a globally connected world, it highlights the need for a balanced approach that allows youth to embrace both modernity and their cultural roots. Overall, this research confirms that youth play a vital role in cultural preservation, and their engagement can be enhanced through a combined effort of education, media, and policy-making. Future efforts should focus on fostering a deeper appreciation of national values through interactive and innovative strategies, ensuring that cultural heritage remains an integral part of modern society while adapting to contemporary challenges.

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