

THE ROLE OF FAMILY VALUES IN EDUCATING THE YOUNGER GENERATION IN UZBEKISTAN

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Annotation: This article analyzes the essence of family values, their place in society, and their impact on personal development from philosophical and social perspectives. The significance of values such as mutual respect, love, trust, loyalty, and responsibility in family life is revealed. It also highlights the important role family values play in child upbringing, individual decision-making, career choice, and ensuring societal stability. The formation and development of personal and instrumental values are shown to be directly connected to the family environment. The role of the family in society, when harmonized with national traditions and moral norms, is interpreted as a key factor for a happy life and progress.

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To understand the essence of family values, it is important to comprehend which values family members consider a priority and how they strive to apply them in everyday life. Qualities such as love, mutual understanding, trust, unity, respect, responsibility, and loyalty form the core components of family values. These virtues are also given great importance in Confucian teachings [1].

These values strengthen family relationships, create harmony among family members, and convey the concept of Kant's "moral imperative" – a sense of duty and responsibility. A deep understanding of family values helps families preserve their identity, overcome social challenges, achieve spiritual maturity, and live a happy life. In turn, this contributes to enhancing the spiritual and moral potential of society.

Family values play an important role in the development of children as individuals. Through their exemplary behavior, words, and actions, parents instill in their children such virtues as diligence, honesty, justice, respect for elders, and care for the younger ones. These values, acquired in the family environment, shape the future life path of the children.

Healthy and strong families are the foundation of society. Individuals who are loyal to family values live with mutual respect, harmony, and responsibility in society. This, in turn, serves to ensure peace, stability, and progress within the community.

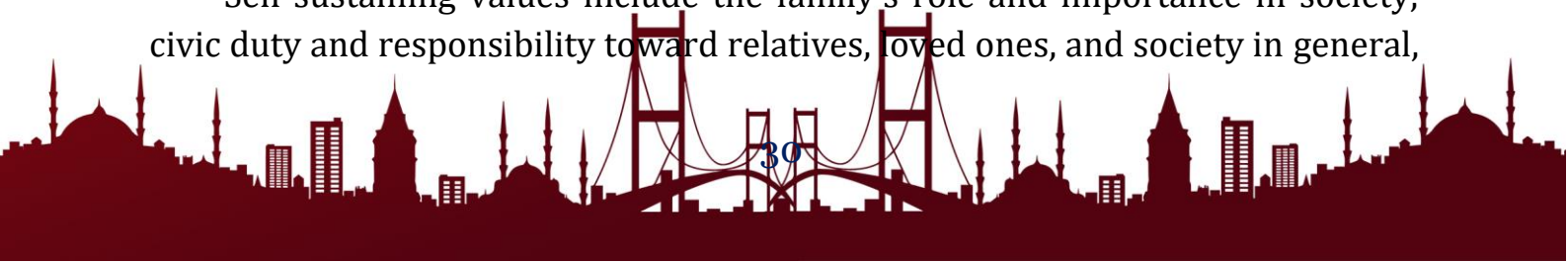


The family environment has an unparalleled influence on the development of a person's personality, worldview, moral norms, and values. As Aristotle put it, the family is the "fundamental unit of the state", where a person takes their first steps into social life and becomes acquainted with concepts such as mutual relationships, compassion, and responsibility. In this process, the mutual love, trust, and respect among family members play an essential role – just like justice, wisdom, and courage in Plato's ideal state. No social education system, not even the most advanced pedagogical technologies, can fully replace the unique, natural, and profound influence of the family. Indeed, upbringing within the family is not merely the transmission of knowledge; it is a complex process shaped by the blending of traditions, customs, moral and spiritual values, and life experiences passed down from generation to generation – absorbed into the subconscious and transmitted from heart to heart.

The formation of an individual under the influence of family values is a complex and multifaceted process. This is because "the socio-economic reforms being carried out in Uzbekistan in the field of youth upbringing are based on family values, and they have a significant impact on the self-awareness of young people, the direction of their values, their worldview, and their perception of the world" [2]. In the formation of an individual, the family environment and the upbringing within it play a fundamental role. The values instilled by parents and close relatives in the family environment form a set of fundamental principles and beliefs that shape a person's worldview, character, and attitudes toward others. These family values may encompass various categories such as diligence, honesty, reliability, and responsibility. They may also be associated with aspects like religion, morality, etiquette, culture, and family traditions. The formation of a personality under the influence of family values not only determines individual development but also affects relationships with the external world and attitudes toward success in professional life.

Family values play an important role in the multifaceted development of an individual's personality. These values encompass physical, intellectual, aesthetic, labor, moral, and other aspects, creating a foundation for a person to develop into a well-rounded individual. Ancient Greek philosophers described this process as "arete" – the striving for virtues, and in this context, family values serve as a fundamental basis for achieving "eudaimonia" – a state of happiness and well-being.

Self-sustaining values include the family's role and importance in society, civic duty and responsibility toward relatives, loved ones, and society in general,



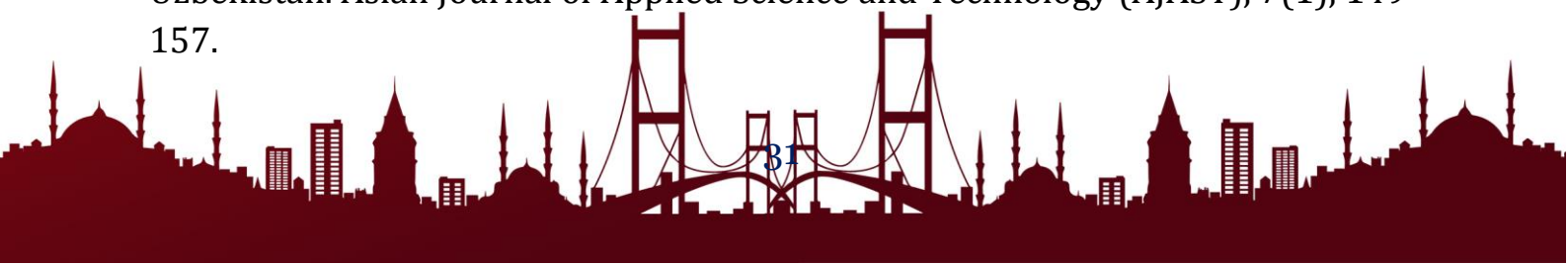
as well as universal human values such as compassion, respect, loyalty, and care toward children, spouses, and parents. These values are clearly reflected in a person's daily life, behavior, and relationships, becoming an inseparable part of their personality. Instrumental values, on the other hand, involve values aimed at establishing meaningful relationships, developing positive qualities, striving for knowledge, and acquiring skills and competencies – that is, values directed at enriching a person's social and intellectual capital. These values begin to form within the parental family and continue to develop and improve throughout life through education, social environment, and personal experience.

Family values have a significant impact on an individual's decision-making process. They are formed through the upbringing and experiences received from family members. Family values can influence various aspects of life such as career choice, education, partner selection, financial decisions, and more. For example, if traditional values are emphasized in the family, a person is likely to strive for a stable career and marriage. On the other hand, if individual freedom and creativity are valued, a person may choose a non-traditional path in their career and personal life. Thus, family values are an important factor in shaping decisions and determining a person's life course.

In conclusion, family values are the foundation of personal development, social stability, and moral progress. They strengthen relationships among family members and foster virtues such as love, respect, responsibility, and loyalty. These values play a crucial role in raising children, shaping an individual's worldview, and guiding life decisions. The values instilled in the family environment contribute not only to personal growth but also to social advancement. Especially when these values are embedded in the subconscious and passed down from generation to generation, they leave a lasting impact on human development. Therefore, preserving and nurturing family values is one of the key factors in building a healthy society. This, in turn, is a guarantee of national spirituality and a stable future.

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