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The Universal equality in a multi-ethnic society of Kazakhstan

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Abstract

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Concentrating on spiritual - moral sphere of culture, which is the pinnacle of the human experience, moral values are converted to a specific moral regulator of human activity. However, despite the fact that the basic postulates of different cultural – moral knowledge systems are similar to each other, their treatment and the appropriate specific ethno-cultural understanding of the situation may be different. All those create certain prerequisites for the formation and development of ethnic prejudices the moral inconsistency of cultural values of the peoples of the world. In a multi-ethnic society where ethnic groups work closely together, the interests of ethnic groups often clashes with different understanding of moral values.

One of the value orientations of Kazakh society is equality of the multinational people of the republic. However, during the study of the moral value of equality, which has studied 100 Kazakh and Russian representatives of ethnic groups, has found out that they have different attitude to the universal equality of citizens.

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1. Introduction

Issues related to ethnic psychological characteristics are becoming more relevant for modern psychology. In particular, as Kazakhstan is a multi-ethnic state, ethno-psychological characteristics of the study are not only interesting from the point of view of long-term directions of research, moreover, it is practically significant. Moral values in inter-ethnic cooperation are one of the promising areas of research in this area. Moral values can be regarded as one of the leading criteria for the level of development of semantic structures of personality.

The general fund includes semantic structures of conventional social values of psychological needs of character, which provides the primary vital needs of an individual. The vital needs of the individual



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value orientations correspond to the system of social attitudes towards social values of the society, which contribute to the optimization of individual behavior to meet the primary needs of the society in which he/she lives.

One of the value orientations of the Kazakhstan society which is legally approved in the constitution of the Republic is the equality of citizens before the law. No one shall be subjected to any discrimination for reasons of origin, social, official or property status, sex, race, nationality, language, religion, beliefs, place of residence or any other circumstances " (The Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan). Enabling this value orientation in personality structure allows capturing the most common social determinants of behavior and motivation to understand the conditions of identity formation.

Moral values formed in the structure of personality occupy a leading place among other forms of social activity. Moral values in the form of activity-being transformed into a moral activity of the individual. "Moral activity can be regarded as a specific activity of mind and will to the practical implementation of the moral requirements from the society" (Zotov 2014). In our view, moral activity is defined as an active moral relation of man to the world, to other people, in which the subject acts as an active carrier and a "conductor" of moral values, capable of sustainable moral conduct and self-responsibly appropriate to take moral decisions.

Personality is formed in a multicultural and multiethnic society encountered many obstacles in the realization of their place in society and self-determination. As the experience shows that the development of mankind, to fully enter into the human culture, avoiding the various problems "marginalization" of the individual, it is possible only through the national culture. However, a person as a psychological system is the result of a biological organism adaptation to the social environment, the highest level of this device is characterized by extreme plasticity and dynamic adaptation possibilities in the environment (Dzhakupov 2002).

External influence of the social environment generates a personal communication patterns which are reflected in the moral values of the person. Stereotypes are a unique system of personal origin, with whom the child meets in the process of socialization. But man can not be in all the social issues form the individual experience and in connection with which he uses stereotypes entourage. This is one of the causes of the problems associated with international conflicts. The problem of ethnic conflict is particularly relevant during the bright manifestations of terrorism and extremism. For a more detailed study of the study of the relationship of Kazakh society was carried out problems of moral relationship to the moral value of equality.

2. Subjects and methods of research

Universal equality study of moral values was carried out in 2 phases. The first phase of the study took place in 2013 year (Issakhanova & Kuralbayeva 2014) and the second phase at the beginning of 2016. The purpose of the study was phased in tracking changes in relation to the moral values of the study respondents. The study was attended by representatives of the two main ethnic groups in Kazakhstan. They are Russian and Kazakh which is historically related to each other: Age of the

subjects ranged from 20 to 35 years. The choice of the age gap, we started with the average age of the citizens of Kazakhstan, which is not more than 35 years. The total number of subjects was 200 people, of which 100 representatives of Kazakh and respectively 100 representatives of Russian nationality, in two stages of the study involved the same respondents from large cities and rural areas.

The study was conducted by objective observation, interviews and psychological tests, which is adjusted specifically for this study.

Identical in content methods were performed for both ethnic groups, their only difference was the drafting languages. So, for the Kazakh group techniques were held in the Kazakh language, and for the Russian - in Russian. It is worth noting that for the design and transfer of techniques involved experts in the field of linguistics and psychology specializing in the translation and preparation of psychological tests and research methods.

Methods used in the study are survey, modeling of virtual groups, observation, structured interviews, a modified technique of M. Kuhn, T. McPartland "Who am I in Kazakhstan?" Technique "value orientations" M. Rokeach.

The main work consisted in the appearance of the relationship of each subject to the legally approved by the moral values of universal equality. For this procedure carried out interpersonal and interethnic relations, monitor the subjects in the study, and beyond, focused on the conflict situations of inter-ethnic cooperation.

3. Results and their discussion

Indicators of representatives of the Russian ethnos to the moral value of equality in the country are positive – 93%, while 7% of respondents believed that universal equality as a moral value is not developed and cannot be the basis of moral values of society. The representatives of the Kazakh ethnic group have negative attitude to the moral value of equality, it was 19%, which according to a similar study conducted in 2013, increased by 2%. The growth of negative attitudes to the moral values of equality may compromise the representatives of the various factors of social life, including numerous scenes on TV related to inter-ethnic crimes occur at the time of the study.

4. Conclusion

The results of the study show the positive attitude of the major ethnic groups of Kazakhstan to the moral values of universal equality. However, at the same time under the external socio - Information on the influence of the citizens of the Republic indicators in the relationship of tolerance and morality is reduced, leading to ethnic conflicts and the strengthening of negative stereotypes of other ethnic groups.

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