



PATRIOTISM - AN IMPORTANT FACTOR OF STABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIETY

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Abstract

This article analyzes the moral and philosophical essence of patriotism, its role in human spirituality and societal development. It also highlights the features of patriotism as a moral principle, its significance in the formation of a person's worldview and spiritual maturity. Based on the scientific views of scientists on patriotism, the content of this concept, its aspects related to humanism, national identity, and universal values are considered. In the article, patriotism is interpreted not only as a feeling of love for the Motherland, but also as a high moral quality aimed at preserving its development, independence, and values.

Keywords: Patriotism, Homeland, moral values, spirituality, moral principle, social consciousness, national identity, humanism, societal development, patriotism.

Introduction

At the present time, when serious threats to humanity are intensifying, fostering a sense of patriotism in people, teaching them to fully understand the meaning of the concept of "Homeland," and explaining that patriotism is a high moral principle is becoming an urgent social task for scholars. However, moral principles are also a specific form of moral understanding, in which the moral requirement is relatively universal. They manifest themselves in the form of requirements imposed by society on the individual and determine the moral essence of a person, the meaning of their life, and the main aspects of their interaction with people. As a result, principles serve as the basis for many moral norms, indicating the general direction of human behavior.

According to the scholar-ethicist Abdulla Sher, "patriotism is a moral concept that signifies a person's love for their Homeland, their desire to preserve it.... To



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rejoice in the successes of the Motherland in every sphere, to feel sadness in failures, to be proud of the Motherland, to look with love at every inch of its land, every brick of its building, its ancient monuments, achievements in science and art, to cherish them like the apple of one's eye - all this is patriotism." According to another scholar, Erkin Yusupov, "love for one's homeland is not a political ideology, but a perfect morality and mature spirituality. Accordingly, all the qualities included in the concept of patriotism also belong to the system of moral values. Therefore, patriotism, in its essence, is deeper than simple respect for a region or country. It is patriotism that elevates the attitude towards the Motherland to the level of spirituality and gives purpose and direction to human activity. Patriotism can also be seen in the actions of certain individuals.

Another scholar, Qiyomiddin Nazarov, interprets patriotism as a universal concept and connects it with the characteristics of the idea of the prosperity of the Motherland. In his opinion, "patriotism is a socio-spiritual feeling that arose in the process of historical development, formed under the influence of the external environment and periods, and reached maturity. It is formed, expanded, and improved throughout the life of each person. Of course, as a person grows and matures, they understand that the entire Earth is a common space for humankind, that Mother Earth is the only Homeland for humans in the Solar System. They understand the necessity of preserving this land. Patriotism, based on such an understanding, is a universal concept." Thus, patriotism is a worldview based on the value of belonging, formed on the basis of the values of social consciousness. It should be especially noted that in foreign scientific sources, patriotism (Greek patriotes - compatriot, "patris" - Homeland) is used as love for the Motherland, connection with the country of birth and upbringing, and loyalty to it. However, patriotism is often interpreted as a spiritual and ideological weapon against the enemies of the Motherland, the basis of national identity of the people, and love for the history, culture, and values of one's Motherland. In fact, the content of patriotism is much broader than patriotism - it is a relatively specific form of humanism. It is not only a struggle to preserve the freedom of its compatriots, but also actions for human freedom. In this sense, the defense of the Motherland is the defense of the individual, the defense of the nation. However, this defense, as mentioned above, can manifest not only on the battlefield but in all spheres. In



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this sense, patriotism, in addition to glorifying the Motherland, is the ability to protect its dignity and independence. The importance of patriotism becomes more evident during the most crucial periods of the nation's development. In this sense, patriotism is considered a mature spirituality.

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