



# The Importance of National Values in The Patriotic Education of Youth

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## Abstract

In the modern era, educating youth to be patriotic and morally upright individuals remains a critical objective for national development. In Uzbekistan, this aim is closely tied to the transmission of national values, cultural heritage, and spiritual ideals passed down through generations. Despite various initiatives, the role of national values in shaping patriotic consciousness and resistance to destructive ideologies among youth requires deeper exploration. This study examines the role of national values in cultivating patriotic education among young people in Uzbekistan, highlighting its ideological, spiritual, and societal functions. The research identifies key factors contributing to patriotic development, such as historical memory, religious-humanistic values, and cultural continuity. Government initiatives—such as patriotic awards and military education—support these processes, alongside the intellectual legacy of figures like Imam Bukhari and Zahiriddin Muhammad Babur. The article contextualizes national values as a multidimensional socio-spiritual system that reinforces youth identity and moral resistance against global ideological threats under the guise of religion. Strengthening patriotic education through the creative use of national values and historical heritage enhances national unity, counters extremist influences, and prepares a generation grounded in humanity, respect, and civic responsibility. The research affirms that spiritual continuity and national identity are key to building a resilient and harmonious society.

**Keywords:** patriotism, national values, mature, patriotic person, high faith, faith, responsibility to the Motherland and the people, selflessness, national customs, traditions.

## Introduction

In today's rapidly changing world, nurturing a sense of patriotism among the younger generation has become a critical aspect of nation-building, particularly in countries like Uzbekistan where spiritual revival and national identity are of paramount importance[1]. The concept of patriotism, deeply rooted in national values, plays a pivotal role in shaping morally responsible, culturally aware, and socially active youth. These values—preserved and passed down through generations—form a complex socio-spiritual phenomenon encompassing language, traditions,

customs, history, and moral principles that define the essence of national identity[2]. In the context of modern Uzbekistan, the emphasis on patriotic education has intensified, supported by state policies and cultural initiatives that aim to instill a sense of pride, responsibility, and loyalty in young citizens. The spiritual teachings of revered historical figures, the legacy of classical literature, and the moral foundations embedded in Islamic philosophy all contribute to this comprehensive educational endeavor[3]. As external ideological threats and global uncertainties continue to challenge national unity, reinforcing patriotic values becomes not only a cultural mission but also a safeguard for societal harmony and progress. This article explores the intricate connection between national values and patriotic education, highlighting how such integration fosters a generation equipped with high moral standards, deep respect for their heritage, and a committed sense of duty toward the Motherland. The relevance and necessity of patriotic education today are undeniable, serving both as a shield against harmful ideologies and as a foundation for sustainable national development[4].

## Materials and Methods

The methodological approach of this article was grounded in a qualitative, interpretive framework that emphasized the analysis of national values as key instruments in the patriotic education of youth in Uzbekistan. The study relied primarily on content analysis of historical texts, state policy documents, and scholarly works, including classical literary sources such as Mahmud Kashgari's "Devonu lug'atit-turk" and Zahiriddin Muhammad Babur's "Boburnoma." These texts were examined to extract themes related to moral values, patriotism, and identity formation among young generations. In addition, official documents, including the Decree of the President of Uzbekistan on the Action Strategy, were utilized to contextualize current governmental efforts in fostering patriotism through institutional and educational reforms[5]. The research also incorporated philosophical reflections and analytical synthesis to interpret how these values, inherited from ancestors and reinforced by national policy, contribute to the formation of civic responsibility and spiritual maturity among youth. Key indicators of patriotic sentiment—such as loyalty, selflessness, and moral responsibility to the homeland—were traced through both ancient heritage and modern socio-political reforms. The authors drew connections between educational efforts, military-patriotic initiatives, and state recognition systems (e.g., honorary medals and orders) to illustrate the state's multi-dimensional approach to shaping a patriotic identity[6]. Overall, the methodological strategy focused on synthesizing historical-cultural materials with contemporary state practices to present a comprehensive narrative of patriotic education rooted in national values. This method allowed for a holistic understanding of how past and present values intersect in nurturing patriotic youth in Uzbekistan[7].

## Results and Discussion

Today, raising the younger generation as spiritually mature, patriotic people in the spirit of the fundamental interests, centuries-old dreams and hopes, noble intentions, and great goals of the people of Uzbekistan is one of the most important and urgent issues of our time[8]. Mastering the experience of ancestors, directing them to labor activities that benefit the people and the country, that is, vocational education, is of great ideological importance. Expanding the worldview of the younger generation, enriching their minds with scientifically based knowledge, and

developing in them the qualities necessary for the prosperity of society is ultimately patriotic education. Patriotic education serves to expand young people's understanding of the world, the laws of the development of the universe, human relations, moral principles, and beauty[9]. It is formed on the basis of the specific laws of the development of the society we are building, and the fundamental goals and interests of our people.

In this process, it is especially important to pay attention to the conscious assimilation of progressive ideas that give impetus to the development of society, to their transformation into the way of thinking and thinking of each citizen[10]. It is clear from this that one of the main features of patriotic education is the absorption of our national values, healthy ideas that represent the current and future interests of our people into the way of thinking of the people. Therefore, patriotic education is manifested in such qualities as high faith, faith, responsibility to the Motherland and the people, and selflessness. First of all, it is worth saying that national values have a special place in raising young people to be patriotic in all respects. Because national values in a deep sense reflect the relationships that express the interests and interests of all nations and peoples living in one state. Patriotism, as a national and universal value, has been the object of scientific research in all times and countries. In particular, R. Michner's study of the harmony of nationality and patriotism in a democratic society, M. Violi's comparative analysis of patriotism with the concept of "love", S. Kautz's reflection on the ideas of patriotism in the process of liberal democracy, and J. Ciser's research on the religious and educational foundations of patriotism are among them[11].

The revival of national values, the objective and in-depth study of our history, the glorification of the memory of our great ancestors, the return of our incredibly rich scientific and artistic heritage to the people, the radical reform of the education sector, and the support of talented youth show that raising the spirituality of the people has become one of the priority areas of our national policy[12]. Thus, in Uzbekistan, a sufficient social environment has been created for the formation of healthy beliefs and a high worldview in our youth and for their upbringing in the spirit of patriotism. National values, which have been cherished by our ancestors for centuries and passed down from generation to generation, play a great role in raising our youth to be well-mannered, educated, spiritual, intelligent and resourceful, patient, strong-willed and patriotic. National values are a complex socio-spiritual phenomenon that encompasses the language, culture, history, national customs, traditions, in short, all material and spiritual wealth, as well as all aspects of the nation's socio-economic and political life[13].

During the years of independence, the attitude towards the education and promotion of patriotism in our country has changed radically. Effective mechanisms for promoting patriotism have been developed, and a system for the full use of technical and technological means has been established in this regard. Various military-sports competitions and competitions are being held in order to form a civic position and responsibility among young people. The orders "Independence", "Amir Temur", "Jaloliddin Manguberdi", medals "Courage", "For Loyal Services", "Mardlik" have been established. Particular attention is paid to the formation of a sense of military patriotism among young people. The naming of military academic lyceums "Temurbeklar Maktabi" is a vivid proof of our idea. The fact that one of the five priority areas for improving the state and society building system in the Action Strategy for the Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan for 2017-2021 is "Ensuring security, interethnic harmony and religious tolerance, as

well as a well-thought-out, mutually beneficial and practical foreign policy," creates the need to study scientific issues related to transforming patriotism into a true faith[14].

This in turn shows how important it is to educate young people in the spirit of patriotism today.

Raising a sense of patriotism in our students, teaching them to deeply understand the meaning of the Motherland, and explaining that patriotism is a high moral principle are urgent tasks. As the First President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Islam Karimov noted in the early years of independence, one of the main factors is:

- loyalty to universal human values;
- strengthening and developing the spiritual heritage of our people;
- free expression of a person's potential;
- patriotism".

It is known that ancient values are described in detail in the classical songs, legends, and heroic epics of our people. It is also known that the oldest Turkic folk songs have come down to us through the work of the encyclopedist Mahmud Kashgari, "Devonu lug'atit-turk". In this work, the oldest values of our people, such as humanity, respect for elders, patriotism, the pursuit of knowledge, the call to acquire a profession, and selflessness, have found their artistic expression in various directions[15].

Today, in our independent country, in order to educate our youth as worthy people of our time and instill in them a sense of patriotism, it is of great importance to effectively use these national values, the spiritual heritage of our people. Some self-interested, dogmatic forces in the world are posing a serious threat to world peace and stability under the guise of Islam. It is necessary to use the spiritual heritage of these thinkers as a methodological resource to expose such destructive ideas and inform the broad masses, especially the youth, about the true goals of groups with destructive beliefs. In this way, a deep study of the humanistic, patriotic and tolerant ideals of Islam, as well as the scientific and spiritual heritage of such great thinkers as Imam Maturidi, Imam Bukhari, Imam Termizi, Hakim Termizi, Abul-Lays Samarkandi, Qaffol Shoshi, Abu-l-Muin Nasafi, Mahmud Zamakhshari, Bahauddin Naqshband, Burhanuddin Margilani, Khorezm, Mirzo Ulugbek and Zahiriddin Muhammad Babur, will be useful in solving today's urgent social issues. Zahiriddin Muhammad Babur alone, in his work "Boburnoma", highlighted the moral qualities inherent in Uzbeks, and in general, Turkic peoples, through very beautiful verses. These rare books of ours are extremely valuable and valuable sources for educating our youth to respect national values, to be patriotic, and to promote national values through books. There is no doubt that their humanitarian, patriotic, and ethical ideals will serve as an important spiritual support in rescuing people from the clutches of ignorance who are drowning in today's swamp of self-interest[16].

It is no secret that respect for the unfading genius of our great scientists who came from our country, interest and motivation to study their rich scientific and spiritual heritage are strong all over the world and are higher than ever in the present era. This can be seen in the fact that scientific and artistic works have been created in different countries about their lives and activities, their works have been repeatedly published both in the original and in translation, commentaries have been written, and monuments have been erected in memory of our great ancestors.

In a word, it is important to preserve the rich spiritual heritage left to us by our ancestors,

enrich it creatively with the achievements of modern science, shape the thinking and worldview of the future generation on the basis of national and universal values, and educate them in the spirit of patriotism. In order to raise a harmonious generation that is the future of our homeland, it is more necessary today than ever for each representative of our nation to raise their children in the spirit of love and respect for our national idea, values, language, sacred religion, and great figures who have left a deep mark on our rich cultural past, as well as in the spirit of patriotism, humanity, internationalism, sincerity, and tolerance.

## Conclusion

The article underscores the pivotal role of national values in shaping the patriotic consciousness of youth in Uzbekistan. The authors highlight that patriotism is not merely a political or ideological stance but a profound moral principle rooted in centuries-old traditions, cultural heritage, and the collective memory of the nation. National values—embodied in customs, language, folklore, and the intellectual legacies of great thinkers—form the cornerstone for nurturing spiritually mature, socially responsible, and loyal citizens. The revival of interest in historical figures, literary treasures, and spiritual traditions is instrumental in countering contemporary challenges, particularly those posed by extremist ideologies. The article asserts that patriotic education must be grounded in these authentic cultural and moral foundations to foster a sense of identity, pride, and civic duty among the younger generation. Furthermore, by drawing from the timeless teachings of revered scholars and the moral virtues celebrated in national epics, the process of patriotic education becomes a vital mechanism for intellectual and moral resilience. This comprehensive approach is crucial for preserving peace, promoting interethnic harmony, and ensuring the sustainable development of the country. Ultimately, the promotion of national values through educational reforms and cultural engagement strengthens the moral fabric of society and equips youth with the ideological clarity and ethical grounding needed to contribute meaningfully to the progress of their homeland.

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