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The Need to Understand and Preserve National Identity in Modern Society

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Abstract

The article discusses the issues of understanding and preserving national identity in modern society. An analysis of opinions on the issues of studying the social significance of the process of understanding national identity is presented.

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In the present era, the need to understand and preserve national identity is becoming increasingly important, because it is precisely national identity that is the main factor that counteracts the threat of loss of national-cultural characteristics, the erosion of the value system, and the spiritual crisis.

Social significance is understood as the place occupied by a certain phenomenon, process, or value in the life of society, its impact on the development of society, the social activity of people, and the system of social relations. Researching the social significance of the process of understanding national identity means analyzing the place of this process in the life of society, its impact on the development of society, and its impact on the consciousness and behavior of people.

If we systematize modern views on the social significance of the process of national identity, the following main approaches can be distinguished:

The integration approach emphasizes the role of national identity as a factor that unites society, ensures social unity and stability. Within the framework of this approach, national identity is interpreted as a mechanism that unites different layers of society around common values, goals and interests. For example, in David Miller's work "National Identity", national identity is shown as a spiritual basis that allows for the formation of a sense of unity in society, the development of social cooperation, and the pursuit of common interests.

The differential approach emphasizes the role of national identity as a factor that allows a nation to distinguish itself from other nations, emphasize its uniqueness, and choose its own path of development. Within this approach, national identity is interpreted as a mechanism for preserving the identity of a nation, distinguishing it from other nations, and choosing its own path of development.

Through a communicative approach, the role of national identity as a factor that allows for communication, mutual understanding and cooperation with other nations and cultures is substantiated. In turn, within this approach, national identity is interpreted as a mechanism for interethnic dialogue, mutual understanding and cooperation. For example, Jurgen Habermas emphasizes the communicative role of national identity in his work "Postnational Constellation": "Through national identity, a nation understands itself as a subject with its own place among other nations, which is a necessary condition for interethnic dialogue, mutual understanding and cooperation".

The existential approach emphasizes the role of national identity as a factor that gives meaning to human life, determines its place in the world, and shapes life goals. Within the framework of the approach, national identity is interpreted as a mechanism that gives meaning to human life, determines its place in the world, and shapes life goals.

National identity unites different layers, groups, and classes of society around common values, goals, and interests, and forms a sense of unity and solidarity in society. This function is especially important in the process of strengthening state independence, forming and developing national statehood.

National identity provides an impetus for the development, improvement, and achievement of national progress of the nation. By realizing its capabilities and potential, the nation chooses its path of development and determines its development strategy. This function is especially important in countries that have gained independence, because in conditions of independence, the nation has the opportunity to choose its own path of development. Awareness of national identity is an important condition for ensuring national security, because it allows us to understand national interests, find ways to protect them, and determine the priority areas of national development. This function is especially important in the context of globalization and an information society, because in these conditions, threats to national security are increasing and their nature is becoming more complex.

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