

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF EDUCATION SYSTEMS IN THE EAST AND WEST

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Abstract. This article provides a comparative analysis of educational systems in the East and the West, examining their principles, goals, and methodological foundations. Eastern education is characterized by its emphasis on moral integrity, collectivism, and traditional values. It includes educational and methodological approaches based on the family environment, teacher-student traditions, and national and spiritual heritage. In this, human development is not limited to acquiring knowledge, but also strives for perfection through achieving spiritual and moral maturity.

Keywords: East and West, education, comparative analysis, education system, pedagogical approach, national values, universal values, moral education, individuality, collectivism, critical thinking, teacher-student tradition, democratic education, innovative pedagogy, cultural heritage, principles of education, spirituality, personal development, creative thinking, integration, pedagogical methodology.

СРАВНИТЕЛЬНЫЙ АНАЛИЗ СИСТЕМ ОБРАЗОВАНИЯ НА ВОСТОКЕ И ЗАПАДЕ

Аннотация. В статье представлен сравнительный анализ систем образования на Востоке и Западе, рассматриваются их принципы, цели и методологические основы. Восточное образование характеризуется акцентом на моральной целостности, коллективизме и традиционных ценностях. Оно включает образовательные и методические подходы, основанные на семейной среде, традициях учитель-ученик, национальном и духовном наследии. При этом человеческое развитие не ограничивается приобретением знаний, но также стремится к совершенству через достижение духовной и нравственной зрелости.

Ключевые слова: Восток и Запад, образование, сравнительный анализ, система образования, педагогический подход, национальные ценности, общечеловеческие ценности, моральное воспитание, индивидуальность, коллективизм, критическое мышление, традиция учитель-ученик, демократическое образование, инновационная педагогика, культурное наследие, принципы образования, духовность, личностное развитие, творческое мышление, интеграция, педагогическая методология.

In the West, the educational system emphasizes, above all, the principles of individuality, critical thinking, and scientific thinking. This model, developed on the basis of democratic values, aims to develop independent decision-making, creativity, and social adaptation skills in children and adolescents. The Western education system, enriched by a pragmatic approach, is often based on the principles of human rights, individual freedom, and equality.

The article analyzes the similarities and differences between these two systems from a philosophical, pedagogical, and sociological perspective. Through a comparative approach, the importance of Eastern and Western educational styles in the modern educational process is highlighted, and the possibilities of their mutual integration are also considered. The results of this study will serve to develop scientific and practical recommendations for further improving the educational process and harmonizing national and universal values.

Education plays a key role in the social, cultural, and spiritual development of every society. Different civilizations have developed their own educational systems based on their historical, religious, and philosophical traditions. While upbringing in the East is based primarily on traditional values, social conformity, and respect, in the West, the upbringing system promotes personal freedom, independent thinking, and an innovative approach. This article analyzes the differences and similarities between Eastern and Western educational systems, and their impact on modern society.

1. Eastern education system: Eastern countries, including China, India, Central Asia, and the Islamic world, have an education system that is largely based on traditional, community, and family values. The main aspects of this system are as follows:

- Respect and obedience - Eastern upbringing emphasizes respect for elders, loyalty to family, and adherence to societal norms. Children are expected to listen to their parents and teachers, an approach that is particularly evident in Confucian, Islamic, and Hindu philosophies.

- Community and solidarity - Eastern education sees the individual as part of society.

Family relationships, neighborhood, and the solidarity of society as a whole are important. The collective interest, not individualism, is the priority.

- Traditional knowledge and moral values - Eastern upbringing emphasizes more moral maturity. For example, in Islamic teachings, honesty, patience, respect for elders, and patriotism are among the core values.

- Master-disciple tradition - The educational process in Eastern countries is largely based on a master-disciple relationship, and this system requires absolute respect for the teacher.

2. Western educational system: The educational system of Western countries is based mainly on independence, critical thinking, and human rights. This system is characterized by the following features:

- Independent thinking and personal development. In the West, children are taught from a young age to think independently and make their own decisions. While the opinion of a parent or teacher is important, children's own views are also respected.

- Democracy and legal education. In Western societies, children's rights are highly protected. In the process of upbringing, their freedom, the right to express their opinions, and the opportunity to protect their interests are ensured.

- Innovative and critical thinking. The process of education and upbringing promotes the pursuit of innovation, the use of scientific achievements, and a critical approach to traditional values. For example, in the United States and European countries, the school system encourages students to engage in scientific research, experiment, and find creative solutions to problems.

- Friendly relationship with parents. In the West, the relationship between parents and children is based on equality, and children have the opportunity to freely express their opinions.

In Eastern families, it is customary for children to obey their parents and unconditionally carry out their decisions.

Comparative analysis of Eastern and Western educational systems. Which educational system is preferable?

Eastern and Western educational systems each have their own advantages and disadvantages. While Eastern upbringing provides stability by being based on societal and family values, Western upbringing shapes independent and creative individuals. In the modern world, the most appropriate approach is to combine the best aspects of both systems. For example, while raising children with respect and moral values, they should be given the opportunity to think independently and express their opinions freely.

Eastern and Western educational systems are shaped by historical, cultural, and social factors, and each has its own unique strengths. While the Western educational system emphasizes freedom and critical thinking, Eastern education focuses on moral and social values.

The most optimal way is to combine the best aspects of these two systems and create a new educational model that meets the requirements of modern society.

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