**ANNOTATION**

of the PhD dissertation thesis on theme “Psychological aspects of value orientation of Kazakhstani youth” by Kassymova Laura Serikovna

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**Relevance of the work.** State Program for Development of Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan for the period 2011-2020 indicates the value of human capital as well as the need for personal development of the citizens of Kazakhstan as a basic component of a civilized society. In this regard, the relevance of this study is obvious. Currently, there is a tendency of value orientations and beliefs revaluation that corresponds to the new social reality in the country. Values and beliefs are a good indicator to research the progress of individual and social changes as a result of historical, social and personal events. Understanding the challenges of transformation and transmission of values would address the underlying psychological processes that are the basis of the personal values and social axioms formation.

Despite, the fact that this theme is relevant and different authors during 20 years use various ways to study this phenomenon from numerous aspects, we believe that we must systematically examine the value orientation related to beliefs for a more thorough disclosure of their role in shaping the personality of modern youth.

Thus, the contradictions between changing social conditions that influence value orientations of Kazakhstani individual and unsearched problem from psychological view are obvious. Particularly, the features of value orientations considering age and gender factors are not researched as well.

**Hypothesis.** We assume that if to set features of value orientations of modern youth experimentally and to identify the role of these factors, it will allow us to forecast and optimize the ways of the basic values’ formation and development, as well as beliefs’ and personality’s in general.

This problem is intensified by the fact that the main objectives of the Program of Education Development for the period 2011-2020 are the education and social formation of the younger generation and moral, competitive and self-sufficient specialists.

**Purpose and objectives of research -** to examine psychological aspects of value orientations of modern youth in the context of gender and age factors.

**The object of study-** the process of personality development of modern youth.

**Subject of research** – psychological aspects of value orientations of modern Kazakhstani youth.

In accordance with the purpose, object and subject of the research hypothesis the following **tasks** are formulated:

1. To analyze the theoretical and methodological foundations of value orientations in the foreign and domestic literature from psychological perspective;

2. To determine the place and role of value orientations in the structure of personality and its development as well as to give them the essential definition;

3. To study experimentally the value orientations through the use of the author’s modifications of Schwartz Values survey and Social axioms survey for Kazakhstan sampling using modern computer technology innovation;

4. On the basis of the data obtained to develop practical recommendations.

**Scientific novelty:**

- The integrated essential definition to value orientations is presented on assumption of current situation;

- The features of value orientations of modern youth are established experimentally;

- Developed an original approach to the correlation of value orientations and social axioms as elements of a more general system of social beliefs;

- It is theoretically and empirically proved that Kazakh youth sustainable and typical features that appear in the basic value orientations and beliefs are maintained;

- First used software «Qualtrics» for the study of value orientations and Kazakhstanis’ social axioms on-line;

- For the first time in Kazakhstan the author has modified the following surveys: K.Leung, M.Bond social axioms survey and Schwartz values survey.

**The theoretical significance of the study is:**

- The enrichment of theoretical research in the social, age, personality psychology and differential psychology of the social and psychological features of modern youth values including their gender and age dynamics;

- The study of theoretical and methodological foundation of formation and development of value orientations in the personality structure, intergenerational mechanisms of translation of values that ensure cultural continuity and sustainability of the society;

- The justification of correlation in the structure of social representations of value orientations and social beliefs.

**The practical significance of the study is:**

- Formation of the author’s modification of Schwartz values survey and social axioms survey in Russian and Kazakh languages to conduct research on the Kazakh sample;

- The use of the study results of value orientations changes and beliefs of socio-demographic groups to predict the development of social and psychological processes;

- In enriching Schwartz’s values and K. Leung and M. Bond social axioms cross-cultural research;

Methodological and practical recommendations of the study may be used by public authorities on the formation of educational programs and policies in higher education, in order to increase the international competitiveness of the country.

The main results of the dissertation research have been published in 10 papers, including one scientific article in an international scientific journal, which has according to the base of Thomson Reuters (ISI Web of Knowledge, Thomson Reuters) non-zero impact factor, 3 articles in journals recommended by the Committee for Control of Education and Science of Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan, 6 publications at international scientific conferences, five of which - in the materials of foreign conferences.