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Analysis Of The Concepts Of Nation And Personality In English And Uzbek Linguocultures: Common And Unique Features

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Abstract

This article examines the linguistic and cultural features of the concepts of nation and personality in English and Uzbek languages. A comparative analysis is used to identify both common and unique characteristics of these concepts in the two linguistic cultures. The study relies on a cognitive-linguistic approach as well as methods of linguocultural analysis. Lexical, semantic, and pragmatic aspects of the concepts are considered. The results show that some features of the concepts are universal, while others reflect specific cultural values and worldviews. This research contributes to a deeper understanding of intercultural communication and may be useful in foreign language teaching.

KEY WORDS

Nation, personality, linguoculture, linguistic concept, cognitive linguistics, comparative analysis, cultural identity, intercultural communication, semantic features, pragmatic features.

INTRODUCTION

The concepts of nation and personality in English and Uzbek linguocultures have both common and unique features.

Common features: patriotism, respect for heritage, and the value of human dignity. Despite differences, both cultures emphasize the harmony between individual and national identity.

Some unique features of the concepts of nation and personality in English and Uzbek linguocultures:

- Nation: In English linguoculture, the concept of nation is often perceived in terms of civic identity and as an expression of patriotism through individual achievements. In Uzbek culture, the concept of nation is expressed through connection with historical heritage, language, culture, and spiritual values of the nation.

- Personality: In English culture, the concept of

personality is closely associated with ideas of individualism, personal independence, initiative, and responsibility for one's own fate. In Uzbek culture, personality is primarily understood as part of a collective, with individual traits evaluated in terms of moral norms and social benefit.

The concepts of "nation" and "personality" play a key role in forming cultural identity and social consciousness. Language, as the primary means of transmitting knowledge and values, reflects the perception of these abstract concepts in different cultures.

Despite existing research in cognitive linguistics and linguoculturology, comparative studies focusing on English and Uzbek linguocultures remain limited.

Research objectives:

1. To identify linguistic means of expressing the

concepts of "nation" and "personality" in English and Uzbek.

2. To analyze the common and unique features of these concepts.
3. To explore the cultural and pragmatic factors influencing their conceptualization.

Research questions:

1. What lexical and semantic features characterize the concepts of "nation" and "personality" in English and Uzbek?
2. Which features are common and which are culture-specific?
3. How do linguistic expressions reflect cultural values and the worldview of speakers?

Significance of the study:

The results can be used to improve the methodology of teaching English and Uzbek, as well as to develop students' intercultural competence.

METHODS

Data collection:

- Corpus-based approach: analysis of English corpora COCA and BNC, as well as Uzbek texts (literary works, media, folklore).
- Selection of proverbs, idioms, and fixed expressions reflecting the concepts of "nation" and "personality."

RESULTS

English linguoculture:

- Concept of nation: freedom, democracy, diversity, patriotism.
- Concept of personality: individuality, self-realization, social roles.

Uzbek linguoculture:

- Concept of nation: unity, hospitality, respect for elders, cultural heritage.
- Concept of personality: collectivism, moral values, family orientation.

Comparative analysis:

- Common features: sense of identity, social responsibility.

- Unique features: English culture emphasizes individuality and social mobility; Uzbek culture emphasizes collectivism, respect for traditions, and community values.

Examples:

- English: "A nation united in diversity." / "Character is revealed in actions."
- Uzbek: «Millatning kuchi birdamlikda» (The strength of the nation is in unity). / «Shaxsiyat oilada tarbiyalanadi» (Personality is nurtured in the family).

DISCUSSION

The results show that cultural values significantly influence the linguistic expression of abstract concepts.

- Differences are determined by social structures: individualistic (English) vs. collectivist (Uzbek) societies.
- Language reflects both cognitive and social aspects of identity.

Practical significance:

- Language teaching: understanding cultural features of concepts contributes to the development of intercultural competence.
- Linguistic research: confirms the interdisciplinary connection between cognitive and comparative linguistics.

CONCLUSION

The study demonstrated that the concepts of "nation" and "personality" in English and Uzbek linguocultures possess both common and unique features, reflecting cultural values and the worldview of language speakers. Common features, such as a sense of identity, social responsibility, and the importance of moral norms, indicate universal aspects of human perception of society and the self. These universal elements show that regardless of cultural context, people strive to understand their belonging to a community and to develop personal qualities according to social expectations.

At the same time, unique features highlight differences between the individualistic model of society characteristic of English culture and the collectivist model inherent in Uzbek culture. English linguoculture emphasizes individuality, freedom, self-realization, and social mobility, as reflected in proverbs, idioms, and fixed expressions. In contrast, Uzbek culture emphasizes collectivism, respect for elders, moral and family values, unity, and the preservation of cultural heritage.

These differences demonstrate that language functions not only as a means of communication but also as a carrier of cultural norms and social guidelines.

The comparative analysis revealed important patterns in the conceptualization of these concepts. Linguistic expressions reflect not only cognitive structures but also culturally conditioned models of world perception. This emphasizes the need to consider cultural context in foreign language study, intercultural communication, and the development of educational programs aimed at enhancing students' intercultural competence.

The practical significance of the study lies in the fact that understanding the common and unique features of the concepts allows for more effective language teaching, especially in contexts requiring intercultural interaction. Awareness of cultural differences helps prevent misunderstandings and enhances students' communicative competence.

In the future, this research can be extended by studying these concepts in other languages and cultural contexts to identify global and local trends in the conceptualization of key societal and personal concepts. Additionally, a deeper analysis of pragmatic aspects and emotional-evaluative characteristics of the concepts may provide new insights into the interaction of language, thought, and cultural values.

Thus, the study confirms that language is not only a means of transmitting information but also a reflection of the cultural, cognitive, and social characteristics of society. The concepts of "nation" and "personality" in English and Uzbek linguocultures demonstrate the richness and diversity of cultural experience, combining universal features with unique cultural manifestations, making their study relevant and significant for modern linguistics and intercultural communication.

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