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The Pedagogical Significance of a Culture of Tolerance in Shaping Extrinsic Motivation

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Abstract

This article explores the pedagogical significance of a culture of tolerance in shaping extrinsic motivation. The article examines the role of teachers in promoting tolerance and the impact of fostering a culture of tolerance on students' learning outcomes and personal development. The article emphasizes that a culture of tolerance is an important factor in enhancing extrinsic motivation and improving the learning environment.

KEY WORDS

Culture of Tolerance, Extrinsic Motivation, Pedagogical Significance, Respect, Openness, Learning Environment, Personal Development, Teacher's Role.

INTRODUCTION

A culture of tolerance is often misinterpreted as "being accustomed to everything" or "indifference"; in fact, in modern scientific and normative interpretations, tolerance is associated with respect, acceptance, appreciation of diversity, and openness to freedom of thought and belief. The Declaration of Principles on Tolerance adopted by UNESCO in 1995 repeatedly appears in scientific sources as seeing tolerance as respect for and appreciation of the diversity of world cultures, social harmony strengthened by knowledge, openness, communication, and freedom of thought. The pedagogical value of this definition is that tolerance is not seen as an "external norm of behavior," but as an internal principle of cognition and communication culture; therefore, a culture of tolerance also serves as an integrative competence in education, combining cognitive, emotional, and behavioral components. In Russian pedagogical-psychological literature, the structural structure of tolerance is analyzed through concepts such as the "cognitive component": tolerance requires not only emotional softness, but also the ability to know, understand, critically see stereotypes, and logically find

a place for an alternative position. This approach directly links tolerance with critical thinking: if a student perceives a different opinion as a "danger" or "threat," he or she switches to a defensive reaction instead of critical analysis; on the contrary, if a culture of tolerance is developed, the student finds psychological resources to perceive, compare, and reasonably evaluate an alternative opinion. Works that see tolerance and critical thinking as interrelated parameters of modern discursive space also advance the idea that tolerance encourages critical thinking, while critical thinking turns tolerance into a "causal" and "informed" social position. In Uzbek scientific and cultural discourse, tolerance is often used side by side with the concept of "tolerance" and is associated with spiritual and moral education, personal development, and social stability. Ideas about the formation of a culture of tolerance among young people as an urgent pedagogical problem, and the interpretation of tolerance as an important condition for social development and democratic relations are clearly expressed in Uzbek sources. Attempts to link tolerance with moral education and personal development, based on the

heritage of A. Avloni, also show the roots of the culture of tolerance in national pedagogical thought.

METHOD

"In Uzbek sources, the integration of tolerance in the family, the historical roots of religious and interethnic harmony, and the creation of an environment of tolerance in schools and higher education are discussed in many contexts. The common point of these works is that a culture of tolerance is seen not only as a "social slogan" but as a pedagogical category that requires real social mechanisms of upbringing and education, in particular communication, cooperation, cultural competence, and personal responsibility. The motivational significance of this category is that in an environment where the student feels social appreciation and belonging, external incentives are more likely to be perceived not as "pressure" but as a "signal of development"; this strengthens the autonomous forms of external motivation. Traces of this integration are also visible in empirical sources: student motivation depends on the supportive or controlling characteristics of the teacher's style and learning environment, and autonomy support and needs satisfaction affect academic achievement through motivational consequences. Various studies linking critical thinking, motivation, and reading outcomes also show systematic relationships between motivation and critical thinking; these relationships, under the right pedagogical conditions (a tolerant and supportive environment), can shift external motivation towards autonomous motivation. In the Uzbek educational context, the theoretical significance of this integrative model is that the formation of external motivation often relies on simplified methods of "incentive" - praise, assessment, disciplinary control, competition; however, Uzbek-language sources themselves indicate that the student's independent thinking, social motives, teamwork, cultural competence, and the creation of an environment of tolerance are factors that determine the quality of motivation. Therefore, shaping external motivation based on a critical thinking approach means not simply strengthening external incentives, but contextualizing external incentives through the student's critical analysis and tolerant communication.

RESULT AND DISCUSSIONS

As a result of theoretical generalization, the following conclusion can be reached: external motivation is an inevitable and often necessary phenomenon in education, which serves

as an initial impulse that encourages the student to engage in activity; however, in order for external motivation to become a stable learning activity and a personal development resource for the student, it must (a) be analyzed, evaluated, and integrated into the system of personal goals through the functional mechanisms of critical thinking, (b) be supported in a psychologically safe, respectful, dialogic learning environment characterized by a culture of tolerance. In Russian-language works, pedagogical tolerance, in particular the issue of fostering tolerance in the process of teaching a foreign language, is based on the social order of society and the humanistic concept of education. In this case, tolerance is seen not only as a "social task" but as an integral part of professionalism: the teacher must be able to recognize cultural differences, respect the student's personality, and constructively manage conflicts. This thesis is also found in Uzbek-language works on the teacher's cultural competence, communication culture, and the creation of an environment of tolerance."From a pedagogical standpoint, the most significant aspect of a culture of tolerance is ensuring the "psychological safety" of the learning environment. This safety allows students to engage in critical thinking acts such as asking questions, making mistakes, changing their minds, engaging in debates, and demanding evidence without fear. Uzbek-language research focused on identifying effective ways to create a tolerant educational environment indicates that intercultural dialogue, integrated programs, and pedagogical technologies in multi-ethnic regions are conditions for fostering tolerance. This approach requires reworking the content, methods, and forms of education, taking into account cultural characteristics. How does a culture of tolerance relate to the motivational environment in education? To answer this question, it is necessary to focus on the social nature of external motivation. External motivation is often associated with "others": teacher evaluations, parental expectations, peer recognition, status in the group, and societal demands. Therefore, for external motivation mechanisms to work, students must feel socially "accepted" and "respected," and the evaluation process must be fair and free from discrimination. In SDT (Self-Determination Theory), the need for "relatedness" means that when a person feels a sense of social connection and appreciation, they are more likely to exhibit motivation in a more autonomous form. In the educational environment, a culture of tolerance serves to satisfy this need for relatedness qualitatively. Here, tolerance and critical thinking become

mutually reinforcing factors: tolerance ensures the student's openness to "different" material, while critical thinking elevates tolerance from "simple tolerance" to "conscious respect." Similarly, work on inclusiveness, empathy, and combating hatred and stereotypes between different groups emphasizes the need for dialogue, collaboration, teacher training, and curriculum updates to build a tolerant environment, demonstrating that such an environment enhances critical thinking and social responsibility. The motivational significance of a culture of tolerance can also be seen through group work and collaboration. In group learning designs, if external incentives are overly dominant, students may turn collaboration into a "tactic for grades," in which case social relations in the group also take on an instrumental character. Conversely, in a group with a strong culture of tolerance, students perceive collaboration as mutual learning, exchanging ideas, working with evidence, complementing each other, and serving a common goal; this shifts the social recognition and belonging aspects of external incentives in a constructive direction. Considerations of motivation theories in group learning design support this idea theoretically.

CONCLUSION

Additionally, a culture of tolerance changes students' attitudes toward uncertainty and complexity. Studies that have examined the relationship between tolerance for uncertainty and creativity among students with critical thinking skills show that qualities such as openness to complexity, working with doubt, and trying different solutions can be mutually supportive. In education, complex, open-ended tasks often require such a socio-psychological environment: students are not afraid to make mistakes, do not consider different opinions as "enemies," and focus the debate on the idea rather than the person. This aspect also serves to shift external motivation from a "fear" model to a "development" model: students begin to see grades not as avoiding punishment, but as an indicator of their own development.

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