

Social Stabilization of Ecological Rationality and Responsibility in International Experiences of Improving the Quality of Education

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Abstract: This article provides an in-depth analysis of environmental rationality and social responsibility in the international experience of improving the quality of education. In particular, it examines advanced approaches in developed countries aimed at fostering environmental awareness, promoting responsible attitudes toward the environment, and integrating the principles of sustainable development into the educational process.

The article also highlights the role of environmental education not only in delivering theoretical knowledge but also in developing practical skills. The experience of developed countries shows that introducing environmental knowledge and values from an early age contributes to the formation and strengthening of environmental culture in society. This, in turn, ensures the rational use of natural resources, prevention of environmental problems, and the development of active civic engagement in addressing them.

As a result, the article reveals the opportunities to improve the quality of education and build a sustainable society through the development of environmental education based on international experience, and puts forward important scientific and practical recommendations for improving the national education system.

Keywords: Quality of education, environmental rationality, social responsibility, sustainable development, international experience, environmental education.

Introduction: The modern education system is aimed at the formation of ecological rationality and social responsibility, and is an important factor in sustainable development. International experience shows that environmental education serves not only to impart knowledge, but also to form a person as a conscious and responsible citizen. Therefore, the widespread introduction of an ecological approach in the education system is an urgent task. The problem of rationality occupies a central place in the history of philosophical thought and serves as the foundation for the theoretical understanding of knowledge, social order and historical development. For centuries, rationality has been considered as a universal principle of organizing thought and activity, ensuring the orderliness of the world, the normativity of behavior and the predictability of social processes. However, in

the conditions of modern technogenic civilization, traditional forms of rationality are being reevaluated, since it has become clear that their instrumental-pragmatic orientation is insufficient for solving global environmental problems.

The ecological crisis, manifested in climate change, loss of biodiversity, degradation of natural resources and the increase in man-made hazards, has revealed the limits of the classical understanding of reason as a means of dominating nature. Rationality, long interpreted in the logic of efficiency, maximization and technical control, exhibits ambivalence: while being a source of scientific and technological progress, it has simultaneously become a factor of ecological instability. This situation creates the need for a philosophical reconsideration of the concept of rationality itself and the identification of its new value

and normative dimension.

LITERARY REVIEW

In the conditions of modern globalization, the education system performs the function of not only imparting knowledge, but also the comprehensive development of the individual, the formation of his social and ecological consciousness. The global problems facing humanity today - ecological crises, climate change, depletion of natural resources - impose new requirements on the education system. Therefore, taking into account the principles of ecological rationality and social responsibility in the process of improving the quality of education has become an urgent issue.

The purpose of this article is to analyze the impact of ecological education on the quality of education and sustainable development based on the experience of developed countries and to develop scientific and practical recommendations for the national education system.

Ecological rationality is a conscious approach aimed at the rational use of natural resources in human activities, environmental protection and maintaining ecological balance. The formation of ecological rationality in the education system involves the development of ecological thinking, responsibility and conscious behavior in students. Today, in many developed countries, environmental education has been introduced from the preschool stage. For example, such areas as ecology, sustainable development, green economy are being integrated into the curriculum. This not only increases students' knowledge, but also directs them to practical activities. The introduction of ecological rationality into the educational process is carried out in the following areas:

interdisciplinary integration (in connection with biology, geography, chemistry and economics);

project-based learning (projects aimed at solving environmental problems);

practical exercises (nature conservation actions, environmental monitoring).

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Oxford University Press 2013– 280 p.]. This situation necessitates a philosophical reconsideration of the concept of rationality itself and the identification of its new value and normative dimensions.

The socio-philosophical analysis of ecological rationality involves considering its genesis, value and normative structure and functional role in modern society. Ecological rationality is formed at the intersection of several intellectual traditions: philosophy of reason, modern social theory, ethics of responsibility and concepts of sustainable development. Its uniqueness lies in the synthesis of cognitive and normative dimensions, which allows us to consider it as a category reflecting the transformation of social thinking in the face of global threats. [Jonas H. *The Imperative of Responsibility*. – Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1984]. The relevance of studying ecological rationality is determined not only by global ecological processes, but also by the need to institutionalize new models of development aimed at a balance between economic growth, social justice and environmental protection. In this sense, ecological rationality is the methodological basis of sustainable development, forming an intellectual and value base for developing strategic decisions at the state and societal levels.

METHODOLOGY

Social responsibility is the ability of a person to understand his responsibility to society and the environment and act in accordance with it. The education system plays an important role in the formation of this quality. The experience of developed countries shows that in order to develop social responsibility, attention is paid to the following in the educational process:

teaching civic education and ethical values;

participation in social projects;

development of volunteering activities;

support for environmental initiatives.

As a result of such an approach, students are formed as individuals who are not indifferent to the problems of society and have an active civic position.

International experience and advanced approaches. In developed countries, the education system is inextricably linked with the goals of sustainable development. For example:

the concept of "green school" has been introduced in education;

energy-saving technologies and an environmentally friendly environment have been created;

programs have been developed aimed at forming an

ecological culture in students.

In countries such as Finland, Germany, and Japan, environmental education is one of the important directions of state policy. In these countries, students acquire the skills to independently analyze environmental problems, propose solutions, and apply them in practice.

The following factors are of great importance in international experience:

cooperation between education and society;

innovative pedagogical technologies;

state programs aimed at forming environmental awareness. Environmental education is one of the important factors of sustainable development. It serves to ensure economic, social, and ecological balance by forming an ecological culture in society. [United Nations. Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. – New York: UN, 2015.]

RESULT

Sustainable development includes the following main directions:

rational use of natural resources;

ensuring environmental safety;

establishing social equality and justice.

Environmental education serves as an important tool in the implementation of these directions. In particular, educating the younger generation to be environmentally conscious and responsible is the basis for future development.

In conclusion, environmental rationality and social responsibility are important factors in improving the quality of education. International experience shows that through the development of environmental education, it is possible to educate not only knowledgeable, but also conscious and responsible individuals. In this regard, the following recommendations can be put forward:

widely introducing environmental directions into educational programs;

developing practical and project-based learning;

increasing the social activity of students;

adapting international experiences to the national education system.

As a result, the development of environmental education is of great importance in improving the quality of education, ensuring the stability of society and creating a healthy environment for future generations. The systemic role of ecological rationality is also manifested in ensuring the adaptation of society to changing conditions. In the face of climate instability,

resource scarcity and global threats, the ability to predict, self-limit and coevolutionary interaction is becoming a condition for the survival of civilization. In our opinion, ecological rationality is a means of such adaptation, since it combines knowledge, responsibility and institutional action. In addition, ecological rationality performs a legitimizing function at the macro level of the social system. It provides a moral and scientific justification for political decisions aimed at sustainability, thereby strengthening trust in institutions.

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