



THE MAIN ASPECTS OF PATRIOTISM AND HUMANISM IN THE FAITH AND BELIEFS OF YOUNG PEOPLE

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Abstract: The article "The Main Aspects of Patriotism and Humanism in the Faith and Beliefs of Young People" investigates the complex interplay between patriotism and humanism as foundational elements of youth identity and belief systems. Through comprehensive surveys and qualitative interviews, the study analyzes how young individuals perceive their national identity alongside universal human values. The findings reveal that while many young people express a strong sense of patriotism, it is often nuanced by a commitment to humanistic values such as empathy, social justice, and global responsibility. The research highlights the influence of educational institutions, family backgrounds, and social interactions in shaping these beliefs. Additionally, the article discusses the challenges faced by the younger generation in reconciling national pride with humanitarian ideals in a rapidly changing world. These insights contribute to a deeper understanding of how youth navigate their faith and beliefs within the dual frameworks of patriotism and humanism, suggesting pathways for fostering a more inclusive and compassionate society.

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In a world increasingly defined by global interactions and rapid changes, the concepts of patriotism and humanism have emerged as two crucial pillars in shaping the beliefs and identities of young people. These two ideologies, while often perceived as conflicting, can also be seen as complementary approaches to understanding one's identity in both local and global contexts. This article explores the intricate balance young individuals maintain between their national pride and their commitment to universal human values, examining how these beliefs manifest in various aspects of their lives, from education and social activities to community engagement and activism.

Patriotism is fundamentally characterized by a deep love and devotion to one's country. It invokes a sense of belonging and often enshrines loyalty to national symbols, history, and culture. Historically, patriotism has played a significant role in shaping national identities, particularly during periods of war, independence, and national movements. From the romantic ideals of nation-

building in the 19th century to the fervent nationalism seen in various parts of the contemporary world, patriotism has been a double-edged sword, serving both as a unifying force and a source of division.

Among young people today, expressions of patriotism can be observed in various forms—participation in national holidays, civic engagement, and even their interactions on social media platforms. However, the modern interpretation of patriotism is evolving, influenced by globalization and the interconnectedness of cultural narratives. This evolution leads young individuals to embrace both local pride and a broader awareness of global issues.

Humanism, on the other hand, is a philosophical standpoint that emphasizes the value of human beings, their rights, and the importance of reason, ethics, and justice. Emerging during the Renaissance as a response to religious orthodoxy, humanism advocates for a worldview centered on human experiences and rational thought. It emphasizes the interconnectedness of humanity and urges individuals to look beyond borders in their quest for understanding and justice.

For many young people, humanism manifests in a commitment to social justice, environmental sustainability, and global citizenship. This perspective encourages critical thinking and challenges them to question traditional narratives, pushing for a more inclusive and compassionate society. Young individuals often view issues like climate change, inequality, and human rights through the lens of humanistic values, which shapes their actions and beliefs.

The relationship between patriotism and humanism among young people is complex. Many young individuals grapple with feelings of loyalty to their nation while simultaneously holding an ethical responsibility toward humanity. This balancing act can create internal conflicts, especially when national interests do not align with global humanitarian values.

For instance, in countries facing socio-political dilemmas, young people may find themselves torn between supporting their government and advocating for human rights. This dichotomy forces them to navigate their beliefs critically and to engage in discourse that often challenges the status quo. Young activists today are not just focusing on improving their own communities but are also concerned with global issues, advocating for change on multiple fronts.

Family and community dynamics have a significant impact on how young people form their beliefs. Many young individuals carry forward the values instilled in them by their families, which can include a sense of national pride



and an awareness of global issues. Communities also play a vital role, as local cultures can either reinforce or challenge nationalistic sentiments.

In some communities, there exists a strong sense of pride in local heritage, which can nurture a form of patriotism that is inclusive of humanistic values. In contrast, other communities may emphasize the importance of fighting against injustice, encouraging young people to prioritize human rights over nationalistic pride. The interplay between these influences can lead to a more nuanced understanding of both patriotism and humanism.

One of the primary challenges for today's youth lies in navigating the often conflicting messages associated with patriotism and humanism. In an age where misinformation can spread rapidly, young people must critically assess the narratives presented to them, discerning between national pride that fosters unity and nationalism that breeds division.

Global events such as the COVID-19 pandemic, climate crises, and geopolitical tensions further complicate this landscape. Young people report feeling an intense pressure to respond to these challenges, often leading to anxiety and a sense of helplessness. This stress can catalyze both patriotic and humanistic responses, compelling them to advocate for local solutions to global problems, yet also feeling a sense of frustration when their national governments do not align with universal human values.

As we move forward, it is essential to consider how the interplay between patriotism and humanism will continue to evolve among young people. The ongoing effects of globalization, technological advancement, and shifting cultural norms will likely contribute to an ongoing dialogue about identity and belief. Potentially, the rise of transnational movements could foster a new sense of identity for young global citizens who feel simultaneously rooted in their national histories and committed to a greater cause.

Encouraging young people to maintain a balanced perspective on patriotism and humanism can foster a more inclusive and compassionate society. This balance allows them to celebrate their heritage while advocating for human rights and global well-being. Educational institutions, families, and communities must work collaboratively to nurture this dual perspective—creating an environment where young people feel empowered to engage with both their national identity and their moral obligations to humanity.

The beliefs and faith of young people today are increasingly shaped by the interplay of patriotism and humanism. As they navigate their identities in a complex world, young individuals are challenged to blend their love for their





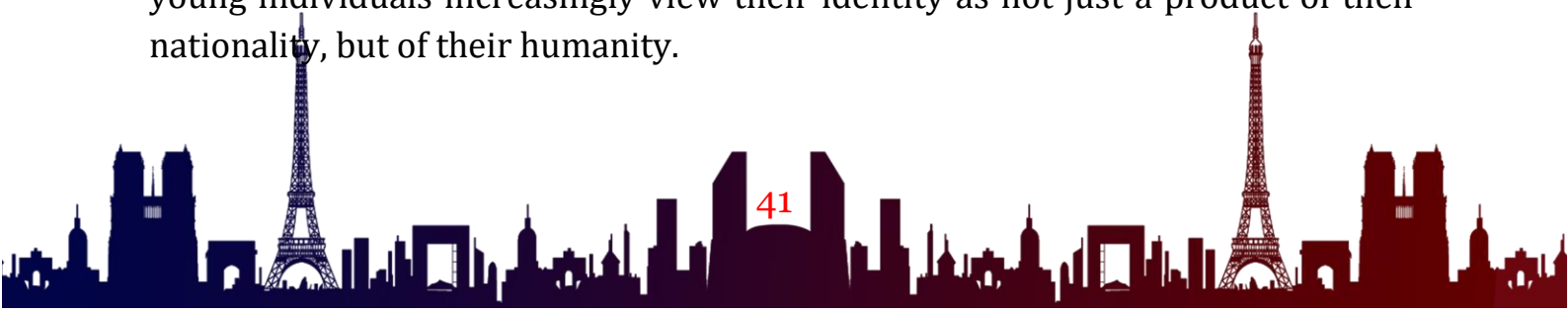
country with a commitment to universal human rights. The future will depend on how effectively we can support them in this journey, fostering environments where both national pride and humanistic values coexist harmoniously. By promoting open dialogue and critical engagement, we can equip the next generation to emerge as thoughtful, compassionate leaders capable of addressing the challenges of a rapidly changing world.

In doing so, we not only honor the contributions of youth but also reaffirm our collective commitment to building a world that reflects the best of both patriotism and humanism. As we look to the future, the hope lies in fostering a generation that upholds the values of love for one's country while simultaneously championing the rights and dignity of all humanity—ultimately shaping a more just and equitable world for generations to come.

In contemplating the intricate relationship between patriotism and humanism in the faith and beliefs of young people, it becomes evident that today's youth are navigating a complex landscape when it comes to their identities and values. As they grapple with the rich tapestry of their national narratives and the pressing demands of global citizenship, young individuals are forging a unique path that reflects both a profound love for their countries and a strong commitment to universal human rights.

This duality is not merely an ideological stance but a lived experience. Many young people articulate their patriotism through active participation in their communities, celebrating cultural milestones, and fostering a spirit of unity in the face of adversity. This sense of belonging can be incredibly empowering, imbuing them with a sense of purpose and identity that is deeply tied to their nation's history and aspirations. Yet, as youth increasingly recognize the implications of global interdependence, they are also compelled to stretch their understanding of identity beyond geographic borders.

The rise of social media and digital interconnectedness has further accelerated this shift. Young people are inundated with diverse perspectives from around the globe, challenging traditional notions of nationalism. They are more equipped than ever to engage with global issues—be it climate change, social inequality, or human rights abuses—often recognizing that solutions to these pressing problems require solidarity and collective action that transcends national lines. This exposure has catalyzed a generational awakening, where young individuals increasingly view their identity as not just a product of their nationality, but of their humanity.



Crucially, the interplay of patriotism and humanism encourages young people to engage critically with their beliefs. Rather than accepting dogmatic views, they are driven by an urge to question historical narratives, challenge injustices, and propose innovative solutions. This critical engagement is often manifested through social movements and activism, where youth mobilize to advocate for change within their own countries and beyond. The voices of young activists are prominent in contemporary discourse, highlighting their role as agents of change. They are not solely advocating for their communities, but are also demanding accountability from their governments in ensuring that national policies reflect humanistic values.

However, navigating this terrain is fraught with challenges. Young people today often find themselves at the crossroads of conflicting beliefs, primarily when faced with policies or actions from their nations that contradict their humanistic principles. The sense of disillusionment can be disheartening, leading some to question their commitment to patriotism altogether. Nonetheless, for many, this tension does not imply an abandonment of national pride, but rather an evolution in what it means to be a patriot. This new patriotism embodies a commitment to ensuring that one's country aligns more closely with the values of justice, equality, and respect for all individuals, both domestically and internationally.

As we look toward the future, fostering a landscape that harmonizes patriotism and humanism is paramount. Educational institutions must play an essential role in this endeavor, creating curricula that not only celebrate national identity but also emphasize critical thinking, empathy, and global citizenship. By instilling a sense of responsibility towards one's nation and the world at large, educators can empower young people to cultivate a well-rounded view of their place in society. This educational approach should promote dialogue and debate, allowing young people to explore the nuanced intersections of their identities in safe and supportive environments.

Families and communities also have a profound impact on shaping the beliefs of young people. Encouraging open conversations about national identity and global challenges can cultivate an environment where youth feel supported in their dual commitments. Celebrating cultural heritage while simultaneously highlighting stories of humanitarian efforts can serve to reinforce the idea that love for one's country can coexist with a broader humanistic ethos.

Moreover, the responsibilities of older generations—be it through mentorship, civic engagement, or intergenerational dialogue—cannot be

overstated. By sharing their experiences and insights, adults can guide young people in navigating their beliefs, showing them that unity and diversity are not mutually exclusive, but rather complementary forces in building a more inclusive society. This dialogue should include discussions around the historical contexts that have shaped contemporary patriotism and humanism, helping the younger generation to contextualize their beliefs within a larger narrative of progress and change.

In conclusion, the dialogue surrounding patriotism and humanism in the faith and beliefs of young people is not static; it is an evolving conversation that reflects broader societal transformations. As young individuals grapple with their identities amidst the challenges of the 21st century, they stand at the forefront of a movement that seeks to redefine what it means to be both proud of one's nation and committed to the well-being of humanity.

The potential for a brighter future lies in the ability of young people to harmonize these two aspects of their identities, driving change that champions both national integrity and global solidarity. By supporting this journey, we not only enable them to articulate their beliefs more clearly but also empower them to shape a world that reflects the ideals of both patriotism and humanism.

As we reflect on the current state of youth beliefs, let us encourage a commitment to understanding, coexistence, and action that embraces both the local and the global. By doing so, we nurture a generation equipped to carry forward the legacy of compassion, justice, and greater understanding—a generation that recognizes that true patriotism is rooted not in division, but in unity, and that humanism calls for a profound respect and reverence for each individual's dignity, irrespective of boundaries. In this intertwined journey, the future of humanity rests largely on the shoulders of today's youth, who have the power to redefine the very essence of what it means to belong to a nation and to the global community.

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