

LANGUAGE CONSCIOUSNESS AS THE BASIS OF NATIONAL IDENTITY: POSSIBILITIES FOR IMPROVING PHILOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN UKRAINE

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In today's world, national identity has become an important factor in social development and stability. In Ukraine, a country with a multifaceted cultural heritage and linguistic diversity, language awareness plays a key role in shaping national identity. Philological education, in its turn, is an important element in the process of fostering language consciousness in young people. We will try to explore the connection between language consciousness and national identity, as well as to find out how to improve philological education in Ukraine.

Language consciousness is a person's awareness of his or her own linguistic identity, including his or her language, speech, and cultural aspects related to language. It includes not only knowledge of the language, but also the emotional, cultural and social context in which the language is used. For Ukrainians, language consciousness is an important element of national identity, as language is not only a means of communication, but also a carrier of cultural values, traditions, and history. National identity is formed on the basis of common linguistic, cultural and historical values. In the case of Ukraine, where language contradictions have existed for a long time, language consciousness becomes especially relevant. Studying a language in the context of its history, culture, and contemporary social life can significantly contribute to the formation of patriotism and national consciousness.

Philological education is an important means of developing linguistic awareness. It encompasses not only the teaching of language as a subject, but also the study of literature, culture and history. The main aspects that contribute to the development of language awareness through philological education are:

1) studying native and foreign languages and literature, which will contribute to a deeper understanding of culture and identity. Involving students in reading domestic and foreign authors and analyzing their works contributes to a deeper understanding of culture and identity. Literature becomes a bridge between the past and the present, helping young people to realize their place in the world;

2) critical thinking, as philological education can develop critical thinking, which is necessary for the realization of linguistic and cultural identity. Students should learn how to analyze, compare and evaluate different cultural contexts, which allows them to better understand their place in society;

3) integration of modern technologies, and the use of digital resources in education can significantly increase the interest of young people in philology. Online platforms, interactive materials, and social networks can help students find new ways to express themselves and develop their linguistic awareness.

What are the ways to improve philological education in Ukraine today? Several strategies can be proposed to improve the quality of philological education in Ukraine and develop the language awareness of young people.

1. Update the curriculum: Modern curricula should focus on the integration of cultural identities and include the study of contemporary works of Ukrainian and foreign literature that reflect the diversity of national consciousness. The inclusion of works by contemporary authors in the curriculum will help students feel the relevance of language and literature in their lives.

2. Professional development of teachers: Teacher education and training should focus on new teaching methods that promote critical thinking, creativity, and communication skills. It is important to introduce professional development courses for teachers to enable them to implement innovative approaches to teaching. Involvement of teachers in research in the field of philology and cultural studies can contribute to their professional development.

3. Community involvement: interaction between educational institutions and local communities can be a powerful tool for developing language awareness. Organizing cultural events, sociological surveys, literary contests and forums can stimulate young people's interest in Ukrainian and foreign languages and culture. It is important to involve parents, local artists and cultural figures in the educational process.

4. Use of modern technologies: Integrating the latest technologies into the learning process, such as online courses, blogs, and social media, can make learning more dynamic and relevant to today's youth. Virtual platforms can be a place to discuss current linguistic and cultural topics and co-create content.

5. Formation of patriotic values through literature: An important aspect of philological education is the education of patriotism through literary works that reflect national culture, history and values. Involving young people in reading classic and contemporary Ukrainian and foreign literature, as well as analyzing their role in shaping national identity, can strengthen linguistic consciousness.

Thus, language consciousness is the basis of national identity, and philological education plays a key role in its formation. Focusing on the Ukrainian language, literature, and culture can have a significant impact on the development of patriotic values and national consciousness among young people. Improving philological education in Ukraine by updating curricula, professional development of teachers, and community involvement can significantly contribute to strengthening

linguistic consciousness and national identity, which is especially important in the context of current challenges.

It is also important to emphasize the importance of an interdisciplinary approach that includes the integration of philology with other humanities disciplines such as cultural studies, sociology, and history. This can enable students to better understand the cultural context and social reality in which they live, and thus strengthen their linguistic awareness. All of these aspects indicate that improving philological education is a necessary step to create a conscious, patriotic, and active youth capable of living a decent life in modern Ukrainian society. By engaging young people in a deeper study of Ukrainian and foreign languages and cultures, we are laying the foundation for the development of national identity, which is essential for Ukraine's sustainable development in the context of globalization and integration into the world society.

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