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Language as an Important Element of Understanding National Identity

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The article reveals that language is an important element of the concept of national identity, and discusses how it is interpreted based on various philosophical approaches, its main characteristics, factors and mechanisms of formation.

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Language is of particular importance in the process of national identity. Language is an important element of national identity, a means of expressing the identity of the nation, reflecting its culture, history, and values. Through language, the nation expresses its history, culture, values, customs, traditions, and worldview.

National culture, history, and national statehood also play an important role in the process of national identity.

The philosophical and conceptual analysis of the concept of national identity has not only theoretical significance, but also practical value, as it is an important component of the development of society. This complex and multifaceted phenomenon is inextricably linked with a wide range of factors, such as the historical roots of the nation, its cultural heritage, linguistic characteristics, moral and spiritual value system, ethnographic aspects, and religious beliefs. National identity awareness is an important factor in strengthening the foundations of social stability and statehood, encompassing the processes of a nation's self-recognition, understanding its place and demonstrating its identity in the world community.

National identity awareness is not a static, but a dynamic process, which is constantly changing and improving as a result of historical transformations, economic developments, political changes and global cultural influences. This process, incorporating the nation’s millennial historical experience, acquires a new meaning in today’s globalization environment, and, while preserving the unique aspects of the nation, creates an opportunity to harmonize it with universal human values. The development of the process of national identity awareness is especially intensified in the context of an information society, further increasing the relevance of the issue of protecting national interests and preserving national identity in the global information space.

Different approaches to philosophical methodology play an important role in revealing the essence of the process of understanding national identity. The essentialist approach interprets national identity as an eternal, natural, innate, unchanging feature of the nation, emphasizing the existence of a “spirit” and “core values” of the nation, while the constructivist approach explains national identity as a social construct created within the framework of historical conditions, social relations, and cultural context. The

instrumentalist approach interprets national identity as a tool used by political elites to achieve certain goals, mobilize society, and legitimize political power. Each approach illuminates a specific aspect of national identity and helps to reveal its various facets.

A deep and comprehensive analysis of the process of national identity awareness not only enriches theoretical knowledge, but also has practical significance, as it helps in solving such important tasks as strengthening the foundations of national statehood, ensuring stability and unity in society, protecting national interests in the context of globalization, preserving cultural diversity and spiritual heritage. Especially in today's modern world, the relevance of problems related to national identity awareness is increasing, since the processes of globalization and unification put the issue of preserving the uniqueness of national cultures, languages, traditions, and values on the agenda. In this sense, the philosophical and conceptual analysis of the process of national identity awareness makes a significant contribution not only to the development of socio-philosophical thought, but also to the development of strategies for preserving and developing national identity.

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