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PATRIOTISM THROUGH THE EYES OF STUDENTS: HOW TO IMPROVE THE SENSE OF PATRIOTISM

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I. Introduction

What is patriotism? Is this considered love for the place of birth, for childhood memories, for dreams and goals? And we can know this as childish naivete, when we watched the prodding clouds and wondered why we cannot move as quickly as those clouds? Or is it a place where we listen to the music of birds and enjoy their beautiful singing? Or maybe this is the place where we forever remain children for our parents, listening to their fairy tales about the good and evil? Is this a place of eternal rest? In short, is it love for the spot, every inch representing dear and precious recollections of a happy, joyous and playful childhood? Patriotism is an emotional attachment to a nation which an individual recognizes as their homeland. This attachment, also known as national feeling or national pride, can be viewed in terms of different features relating to one's own nation, including ethnic, cultural, political or historical aspects. It encompasses a set of concepts closely related to those of nationalism.

The etymology of the concept ‘patriotism’ is the Greek words “patriots” meaning “fellow countrymen”, and “patrice” that means “fatherland” or “country”. According to Kamus Dewan, a patriot is a person who shows love and loyalty to his country and is willing to defend it [1]. We would like to add, that a patriot is a person who contributes to keep freedom, sovereignty and flourishing of the nation. Being the ninth largest country in the world, Kazakhstan is a home for more than 100 ethnicities. They live in unity and consent, and cherish all the opportunity our country has to offer. But sometimes we do not notice how this big territory is important and significant for us. A person does not move from one country to another and permanently lives in one place for a long time. People remain in their homes getting used to the territory and begin to feel this land their own as part of their property. Moreover, they feel sense of patriotism.

When asked “why do you love your country?” or “why are you loyal to it?”, a patriot is likely to take the question to mean “what is so good about your country that you should love it, or be loyal to it?” and then adduce what she or he believes to be its virtues and achievements. This suggests that patriotism can be judged from the standpoint of ethics of belief – a set of norms for evaluating our beliefs. We know that patriotism is an indescribable and abstract feeling of every citizen. And every individual tries to convey and show it in different ways. If all people who are over 25 years of age show this in terms of service, but what about the rest, including students and ordinary citizens? How do they react to it? This research work is set to find out the answer to this question.

II. The empirical results of the research.

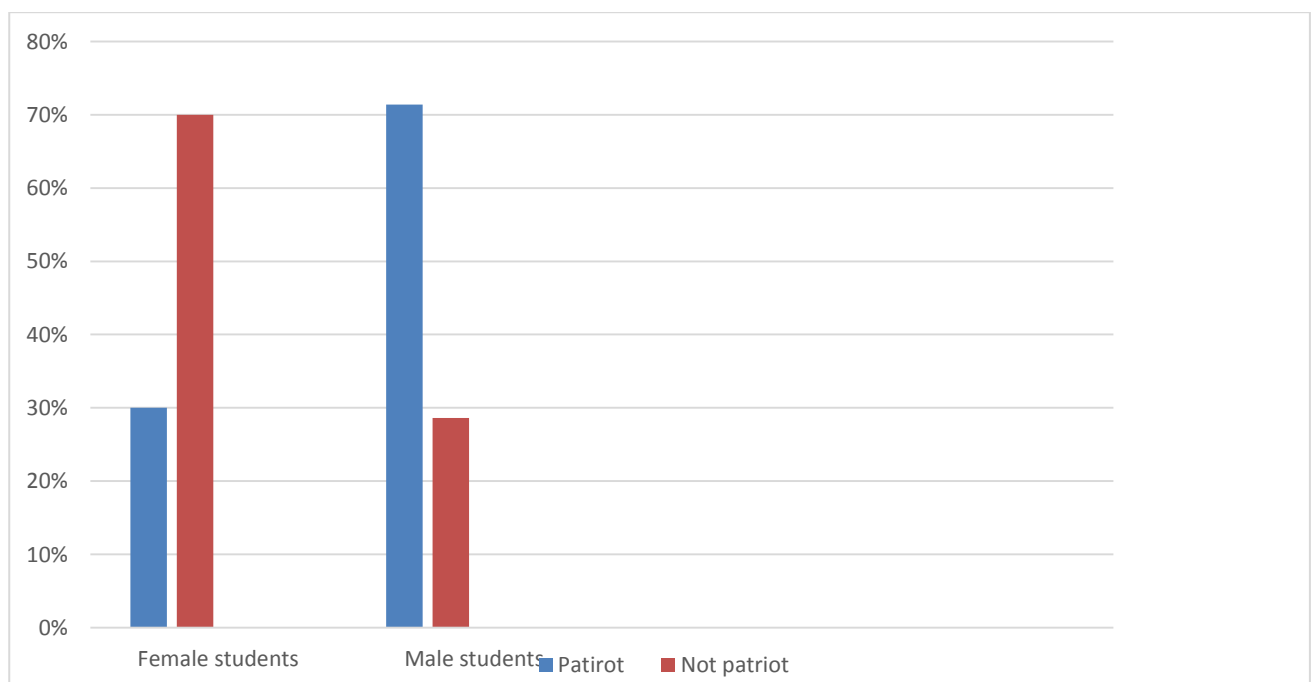
The students of our University participated at the Forum as an audience in December 2016. The purpose of this event was to generate a sense of students’ patriotism. Some of the students felt high level of patriotism and were eager to participate in this big event. But there were students who

did not want to attend the forum. However, they were provided with everything they needed. There were the most comfortable services for their security. The forum was held at the city's largest building. And for students it was impressive. But as a participant, I can say that some students did not understand the aim of the forum and what they would get from it. I think these students should have been explained that they are a part of this event and by their presence they are showing respect and love for the country. Patriotism is only rewarded if all people begin to know the value of their country and freedom. I think we need more events and different interactive games to improve patriotism among the youth.

In order to obtain information about how patriotic our students are, I conducted a survey. The number of respondents is 140, including 70 female students, and the other half is male students. The survey questioned whether they consider themselves patriots of their country. It was anonymous and confidential.

30% (21) of the female students confirmed that they are patriots, and 70% (49) of them did not feel like patriots. As for the male students, 71.4% (50) of them answered positively, and the remaining 28.6% (20) responded negatively. We see that males feel more patriotic than girls, because the male respondents think that they support and defend their country (Bar chart 1).

Bar chart 1. Sense of patriotism by sex



Studying this topic, I saw embarrassment in the students' eyes when they were filling in the survey. I understand that the question was unexpected and sensitive. For many people this is certainly not easy question to answer. This year Kazakhstan is hosting an international event 'EXPO-2017', and this is a very important project for our country. There will be many guests, and they will certainly want to know our country and people. I believe that the youth of the Republic of Kazakhstan will justify the confidence of the Head of State and prove that they are real patriots.

The key question of my research is 'how can we improve the sense of patriotism?' In our country there are many national holidays: Independence Day of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Nauryz, Constitution Day and others. Various actions and competitions are held and devoted to these important events. And all of them have one goal - to remind people that patriotism is the important value. After all, if we forget the significance and warmth of the country, we might not be happy. The first thing that can be offered is:

1. In the eve of holidays, we need to make a poster to attract the attention of all students. After

all, today's youth pay attention to everything bright and creative. With the help of huge posters we can attract them.

2. We can post pictures of our historical batyrs and heroes as a role model for inspire.

3. Posters do not necessarily have words like: "You must be a patriot" or "You must contribute to the development of your country". It is only necessary to convey to young people the entire meaning of the poster by an expression: "And you can stand here!" (Picture 1)

Picture 1. Poster



In other events, changing photos of heroes and patriots can be given to all citizens. What will it give them? What will be the results? I believe that if students look more at these people they will think and they will wake up some motivation to do something good for their homeland. We can improve the sense of high patriotism by also studying the history of great patriotic battles. Within the walls of universities it is necessary to arrange various intellectual contests on the subject of "patriotism". I am planning to arrange the event on this topic and make an experiment which will be a good theme to discuss in my following works.

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