

FAMILY VALUES IN UZBEK AND ENGLISH CULTURE

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Abstract: This article depicts family values in Uzbek and English families. It is aimed at describing differences and similarities of the very cultures.

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Family is highly valued in Uzbek culture, and it is considered the cornerstone of society. The family unit is typically large and includes grandparents, parents, children, and sometimes even extended family members.

Respect for elders is a core value in Uzbek families, and children are taught to show deference to their parents and grandparents. Family members are expected to support each other in times of need, and it is not uncommon for several generations to live together under one roof. Uzbek families also place a strong emphasis on hospitality and welcoming guests into their homes. Sharing meals and socializing with family and friends is an important part of Uzbek culture.

In terms of gender roles, traditional gender roles are still prevalent in Uzbek families, with men typically being the primary breadwinners and women taking on domestic responsibilities. However, there is also a growing trend towards gender equality and more women entering the workforce.

Family is also highly valued in English culture, but the typical family unit is smaller than in Uzbek culture and often consists of parents and children. However, extended family members are still important and are often involved in family gatherings and celebrations.

“Tolerance for Uzbekistan is the value inherited from ancestors. It is our common duty to protect and preserve this priceless legacy. Uzbeks are ancient nation that always shares bread it and says: “Welcome!”. All of us, living in a diversified country, have the same rights and duties. All of us, regardless of our nationality, live in Uzbekistan in peace and harmony” [1].

“Koreans arrived to Uzbekistan more than 80 years. Around 200 thousand Koreans live in this country. They consider it a homeland. Some of my closest friends are Uzbeks. They wouldn’t start an evening meal without Korean salad “kim-chi”. In our family, cooking palov once a week has become a tradition. And this is for no reason. We love Uzbek bread and milk. We, Koreans, live in peace and understanding with all compatriots [2].

Respect for elders is also a core value in English families, and children are taught to show deference to their parents and grandparents. Family members are expected to support each other in times of need, and it is common for families to come together during holidays or special occasions.

In terms of gender roles, traditional gender roles are less prevalent in English families than in Uzbek families. Women are more likely to work outside the home and share domestic responsibilities with their partners. There is also a growing trend towards gender equality and more men taking on caregiving roles.

Overall, family values in English families are centered around love, support, and individualism. Each family member is encouraged to pursue their own interests and goals while also maintaining strong connections with their loved ones.

English families tend to place a greater emphasis on individualism and personal achievement, while Uzbek families prioritize the collective good and the importance of the group. This can manifest in differences in parenting styles, with English parents often encouraging independence and self-reliance, while Uzbek parents may prioritize obedience and conformity.

Another difference is the role of religion in family life. While many English families are secular or only loosely affiliated with a religious tradition, religion plays a significant role in Uzbek culture, and family values may be shaped by Islamic or other religious beliefs.

Finally, there may be differences in the way that families approach conflict and communication. English families tend to value open communication and may encourage children to express their opinions and feelings freely. In Uzbek families, however, there may be more emphasis on avoiding conflict and maintaining harmony within the family unit.

Despite these differences, there are also similarities in family values between English and Uzbek cultures. Both place a high value on respect for elders and the importance of family relationships. In both cultures, families may prioritize education and the success of their children. Additionally, both English and Uzbek families may prioritize hospitality and welcoming guests into the home.

In conclusion, English and Uzbek cultures have distinct differences in their family structures, gender roles, and communication styles. However, there are also similarities in the importance placed on respect for elders, family relationships, education, and hospitality. Understanding and appreciating these cultural differences and similarities can lead to greater cross-cultural understanding and communication.

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