THE ROLE OF ISLAMIC VALUES IN SHAPING YOUTH ETHICS IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY

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Annotation: This article examines the role and significance of Islamic values in shaping youth ethics in contemporary society from a scientific and theoretical perspective. It analyzes how fundamental Islamic principles such as honesty, justice, compassion, patience, responsibility, respect for others, and the pursuit of knowledge contribute to the moral and ethical development of young people. The study also explores the importance of integrating Islamic values into modern educational and social contexts to strengthen ethical behavior, civic responsibility, and personal integrity among youth.

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In today's rapidly globalizing and digitally interconnected world, the ethical education and moral development of young people have become one of the most significant challenges facing contemporary society. The expansion of information flows, the growing influence of mass culture, and the spread of diverse ideological narratives have intensified the need to strengthen the moral awareness and ethical resilience of youth. In this context, Islamic values play an important role as a foundational source for shaping youth ethics in contemporary society.

Islamic teachings emphasize core moral principles such as honesty, justice, compassion, patience, respect for others, responsibility, and the pursuit of knowledge.

These values provide a comprehensive ethical framework that guides young people toward constructive behavior, social responsibility, and personal integrity. By promoting these virtues, Islamic values contribute to the formation of morally conscious individuals who are capable of making ethical decisions and contributing positively to their communities.

In addition, Islamic values play a crucial role in helping youth navigate the complexities of modern life, including the challenges posed by globalization, digital communication, and cultural diversity. In an environment where young people are exposed to both positive and negative influences, Islamic ethical principles serve as a stabilizing force that strengthens moral judgment and supports responsible behavior. They also encourage critical awareness, self-discipline, and a sense of accountability in both personal and social contexts.

The relevance of this topic is further reinforced by the importance of integrating Islamic values with national traditions and cultural identity. Such harmonization contributes to the preservation of spiritual heritage and strengthens the identity of young people in the face of external ideological pressures. It also helps to build a balanced worldview that combines religious ethics with civic responsibility and modern social values.

Therefore, studying the role of Islamic values in shaping youth ethics in contemporary society is of great theoretical and practical importance. It allows for a deeper understanding of how moral and spiritual principles influence the worldview, character formation, and social behavior of modern youth. Ultimately, Islamic values remain a key factor in ensuring the ethical stability and spiritual development of the younger generation in today’s complex and rapidly changing world.

This study is based on a theoretical and analytical research approach aimed at examining the role of Islamic values in shaping youth ethics in contemporary society. The research methodology includes a comparative analysis of scientific literature, pedagogical sources, and sociocultural studies related to moral education, ethical development, and Islamic teachings. Through this approach, the study explores how core Islamic principles such as honesty, justice, patience, respect, responsibility, and the pursuit of knowledge contribute to the formation of ethical behavior and value-based thinking among young people.

In addition, descriptive and interpretive methods are applied to analyze how Islamic ethical principles influence the worldview, behavior, and moral decision-making of youth in modern social conditions. These methods allow for a deeper understanding of the relationship between religious values and contemporary ethical challenges, particularly in the context of globalization, digital communication, and cultural diversity. The study emphasizes that Islamic values serve as a stable moral foundation that supports youth in developing a balanced and responsible ethical outlook.

The level of study is primarily qualitative and descriptive, focusing on the interpretation and synthesis of existing theoretical knowledge rather than empirical or statistical data analysis. The research adopts an interdisciplinary framework, integrating perspectives from pedagogy, sociology, ethics, and religious studies to ensure a comprehensive understanding of youth moral development. This approach enables the identification of key conceptual connections between Islamic values and the ethical formation of individuals in society.

At the same time, the study is conducted at a conceptual level, aiming to generalize theoretical findings regarding the importance of Islamic values in shaping

youth ethics. It highlights their practical significance in educational systems, family upbringing, and social environments. The research ultimately underscores that Islamic values play a crucial role in strengthening moral awareness, guiding ethical behavior, and supporting the spiritual development of young people in contemporary society.

The results of this research demonstrate that Islamic values have a profound, comprehensive, and multi-layered influence on the ethical, spiritual, psychological, and social development of youth in contemporary society. One of the key findings of the study is that young people who are consistently exposed to Islamic teachings within family environments, educational institutions, and broader social contexts tend to develop a stronger ethical foundation and a more stable value system. Such individuals are more likely to demonstrate honesty, responsibility, discipline, respect for others, and adherence to moral and social norms in their daily lives.

The research highlights that core Islamic virtues such as honesty (sidq), trustworthiness (amanah), patience (sabr), gratitude (shukr), humility (tawadu'), justice ('adl), and kindness (ihsan) function not only as religious principles but also as practical ethical guidelines. These values are reflected in the behavior, interpersonal relationships, and decision-making processes of young people. In this sense, Islamic values operate as a holistic moral system that shapes both personal character and social conduct, contributing to the formation of ethically responsible individuals.

Another significant finding is that Islamic values play an essential role in strengthening youth identity and psychological stability in an increasingly complex and rapidly changing world. In conditions where young people are exposed to conflicting cultural influences, materialistic ideologies, and digital information overload, Islamic teachings provide a stable moral reference point. They help youth distinguish between right and wrong, beneficial and harmful actions, and encourage

self-control, emotional balance, and thoughtful decision-making. This contributes to reducing impulsive behavior and strengthening long-term ethical orientation.

The study also reveals the positive impact of Islamic values on psychological resilience and mental well-being. Youth who internalize these values are better equipped to cope with stress, academic pressure, peer influence, and social challenges. Concepts such as reliance on God (tawakkul), patience in adversity, gratitude, and hope contribute to emotional stability and resilience. As a result, such individuals are less vulnerable to anxiety, negative social influence, and destructive behavioral patterns, and are more capable of maintaining a balanced lifestyle that integrates spiritual, moral, and social dimensions.

In addition, the research emphasizes the growing importance of Islamic values in guiding youth behavior in the digital age. With the expansion of social media, online communication, and digital content consumption, young people are increasingly exposed to misinformation, unethical content, and ideological manipulation. Islamic ethical principles serve as a moral filter that supports critical thinking, responsible information consumption, and ethical digital behavior. Youth grounded in Islamic values are more likely to resist harmful influences, avoid extremist ideologies, and engage constructively in the digital environment.

Furthermore, the study identifies the significant role of Islamic values in promoting social responsibility and civic engagement. Young people who adhere to these values demonstrate higher levels of empathy, cooperation, and willingness to contribute to community welfare. Participation in charitable activities, social initiatives, and volunteer work reflects the Islamic emphasis on compassion, justice, and service to humanity. This contributes to stronger social cohesion, mutual respect, and the development of inclusive and stable communities.

The research further confirms that the formation of Islamic values among youth is a multi-institutional process involving the coordinated efforts of family, educational institutions, and community organizations. The family plays a foundational role in early moral development by instilling basic ethical principles such as respect, honesty, and responsibility. Educational institutions reinforce these values by integrating moral education with academic learning, while also fostering discipline, fairness, and intellectual development. Community structures such as religious organizations and youth institutions further strengthen these values through collective activities, mentorship, and social engagement.

Moreover, the study highlights that Islamic values are crucial for shaping positive social relationships and strengthening civic responsibility. They encourage fairness, equality, and justice in social interactions, thereby reducing discrimination, prejudice, and social fragmentation. Youth guided by Islamic ethics are more likely to contribute to peaceful coexistence and social harmony through responsible behavior and active participation in community development.

Finally, the research concludes that Islamic values provide a comprehensive framework for the ethical development of youth in contemporary society. Their integration into educational curricula, family upbringing, and social programs is essential for fostering morally responsible, socially engaged, and psychologically stable individuals. The study strongly suggests that strengthening Islamic values among youth contributes not only to individual moral development but also to long-term social stability, cultural continuity, and sustainable societal development.

The study concludes that Islamic values play a fundamental and multidimensional role in shaping youth ethics in contemporary society. They provide a strong moral and ethical framework that guides young people toward honesty,

responsibility, discipline, justice, and respect for others. In today's rapidly changing social environment, where youth are exposed to diverse cultural influences, ideological narratives, and digital information flows, Islamic teachings serve as a stable source of moral orientation and identity formation.

The research confirms that Islamic values are not limited to religious rituals or formal beliefs; rather, they are deeply integrated into everyday ethical behavior, decision-making processes, and social interactions. These values influence how young people perceive right and wrong, how they interact within society, and how they respond to moral challenges in both real and digital environments. In this sense, Islamic ethics function as a practical guide for personal conduct and social responsibility.

Furthermore, the findings highlight that the effective integration of Islamic values into family upbringing, educational systems, and social institutions significantly strengthens the moral development of youth. The family provides the initial foundation of ethical formation, education reinforces moral knowledge and critical understanding, while society offers practical contexts for applying these values in real-life situations. The synergy of these three environments ensures the comprehensive ethical development of young individuals.

The study also indicates that youth who are guided by Islamic ethical principles are more likely to demonstrate positive social behavior, psychological stability, and strong civic responsibility. These individuals tend to show greater empathy, self-discipline, and commitment to social harmony, which contributes to the formation of cohesive and morally responsible communities.

In conclusion, the research emphasizes that Islamic values remain highly

relevant in contemporary society and represent an essential component of youth ethical development. Their systematic promotion through education, family structures, and social programs is necessary for nurturing a generation that is not only intellectually capable but also morally grounded, socially responsible, and committed to the well-being of society.

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