

VIETNAM'S PATRIOTISM AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE IN COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS

O PATRIOTISMO DO VIETNÃ E SUA IMPORTÂNCIA NA EDUCAÇÃO ABRANGENTE PARA ESTUDANTES

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Abstract. Patriotism is the most important value system in the value system of the Vietnamese people, it contains many important philosophies of life, guiding other value systems. The purpose of this study is to explore and clarify the system of philosophy of life in Vietnam's patriotism; the origin, and characteristics of that system of philosophy of life as well as its significance in comprehensive education for students, meeting the training of high-quality human resources of society. Qualitative methods were used, and a semi-structured interview was conducted. The 20 interviewees are managers, lecturers, and students at several universities. The assessments of the interviewees were compared with previous studies and concepts, affirming the diversity and great values of the philosophy of life in Vietnam's patriotism. This philosophy has great significance in educating students in the context of globalization and international integration of Vietnam; creating a young generation that is both intellectually gifted and morally pure, contributing to building a powerful Vietnam in the twenty-first century.

Keywords: Vietnam's patriotism, significance, comprehensive education, students, training of high-quality human resources

Resumo. O patriotismo é o sistema de valores mais importante no sistema de valores do povo vietnamita, ele contém muitas filosofias importantes de vida, orientando outros sistemas de valores. O objetivo deste estudo é explorar e esclarecer o sistema de filosofia de vida no patriotismo do Vietnã; a origem e as características desse sistema de filosofia de vida, bem como sua importância na educação abrangente para alunos, atendendo ao treinamento de recursos humanos de alta qualidade da sociedade. Métodos qualitativos foram usados, e uma entrevista semiestruturada foi conduzida. Os 20 entrevistados são gerentes, professores e alunos de várias universidades. As avaliações dos entrevistados foram comparadas com estudos e conceitos anteriores, afirmando a diversidade e os grandes valores da filosofia de vida no patriotismo do Vietnã. Essa filosofia tem grande importância na educação de alunos no contexto da globalização e integração internacional do Vietnã; criando uma geração jovem que é intelectualmente talentosa e moralmente pura, contribuindo para a construção de um Vietnã poderoso no século XXI.

Palavras-chave: Patriotismo do Vietname, importância, educação abrangente, estudantes, treinamento de recursos humanos de alta qualidade

1. INTRODUCTION

Patriotism is not simply patriotic thought, sentiment, or general patriotic. It is also not identical to patriotic spirit or patriotic tradition. Patriotism is the close combination of patriotic reason and patriotic sentiment of human beings, is the high-level development of patriotic thought, and is the spirit of patriotism that reaches self-awareness. It has gone beyond the normal psychological and emotional state of human beings to get high values in ideology, theory and politics, with high sustainability through the ups and downs of history. Patriotism is an "ethical and political principle, a social sentiment whose content is love and loyalty to the Fatherland, pride in the past and present of the Fatherland, the will to protect the interests of the Fatherland" (Youth Front Committee, 2006, p.712). Patriotism is the unity of sentiment, reason, and action. It is both sentiment, political principle, and moral principle (Central Executive Committee of the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union, 2018).

For the Vietnamese people, patriotism is not just a natural sentiment, it does not stop at patriotic thoughts, patriotic spirit, or love of country, etc., tending towards intuitive, emotional factors, expressed in individuals or separate groups. It also does not stop at the tradition of patriotism with a purely historical character, but that ideology and sentiment have developed, reached its peak and become Vietnam's patriotism (Prime Minister, 2018 & 2022). Vietnam's patriotism is the sum of the intellectual, emotional, and will elements of the Vietnamese people, creating a great spiritual motivation that motivates them to be willing to devote their strength, intelligence, and sacrifice for the cause of building and defending the Fatherland; that is, it includes noble philosophies of life (Hong, 2022). It is a noble, lasting value of the nation that was formed and developed throughout the process of building and defending the country, becoming the highest standard that guides the thinking and adjusting the behavior of each individual and the entire community, together toward the common goal of the country's longevity and development. Among the traditional values of the Vietnamese people, the element that has been recognized by history put first and taken as the center and foundation for all spiritual activities of the nation, as the fulcrum for the longevity of the nation - people through the ages is Vietnam's patriotism (Central Executive Committee of the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union, 2018).

Faced with the requirements of the cause of promoting industrialization, modernization, building and defending the Fatherland and international integration today, the majority of Vietnamese students are aware of their responsibility to the Fatherland and the People, striving to work, study and train in all aspects with the aspiration to devote themselves to the bright future of the nation (Prime Minister, 2022). However, there are still several students whose revolutionary ideals have faded, whose morality and lifestyle have degraded, and who have social evils and violated the law. The development of the ideological situation and new negative issues arising among students cause concern for the whole society. Identifying the basic contents of the philosophy of life in patriotism is important and applying that philosophy in educating patriotic students is an urgent requirement, contributing to the formation of a generation of young people who are "both virtuous and talented", patriotic, love socialist, have the political courage, awareness of law enforcement, have revolutionary ethics and a beautiful lifestyle, have dreams, ambitions, and aspirations to bring the country up to meet the task of building and defending the socialist Vietnam Fatherland.

To clarify the philosophies of life in Vietnam's patriotism and the significance of educating patriotism for students, this study focuses on answering the following questions:

Where does the philosophy of life in Vietnam's patriotism originate from?

What are the characteristics of the philosophy of life in Vietnam's patriotism?

What are the basic contents of the philosophy of life in Vietnam's patriotism?

What is the significance of the philosophy of life in Vietnam's patriotism in comprehensive education for students, meeting the training of high-quality human resources?

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1. Vietnam's patriotism

In thousands of years of history of building and defending the country, the Vietnamese people have created a brilliant culture, with countless unique material and spiritual values, in which "patriotism" is a sustainable spiritual value, a fine tradition passed down through many generations and constantly nurtured and developed to become Vietnam's patriotism, the spiritual core that creates great strength to ensure that the Vietnamese people overcome all the ups and downs of history. Vietnam's patriotism is the result of the fusion of patriotic ideology with the patriotic sentiment of the Vietnamese people, the development and enhancement of the patriotic spirit of each individual into a patriotic tradition of the national community, acting

as a standard principle regulating the attitude and behavior of each Vietnamese person towards their homeland and country right from the moment they are born.

From the above approach to patriotism, it can be summarized that: Vietnam's patriotism is a system of thoughts, feelings, will, and determination to love the country sustainably the Vietnamese people, formed and developed in the process of building and defending the country, becoming an ethical principle that governs emotions, motivating each Vietnamese person to voluntarily contribute and be ready to sacrifice for the cause of building and defending the Fatherland.

Vietnam's patriotism is not patriotic ideology, patriotic sentiment, or pure patriotism, nor is it identical with patriotic spirit, or patriotic ideology. Vietnam's patriotism is the close combination of patriotic reason and patriotic sentiment of Vietnamese people, is the high-level development of patriotic ideology, is the patriotic spirit that reaches self-awareness. It has gone beyond the normal psychological and emotional state of people to get high values in culture, ideology, theory and politics, with high sustainability through the ups and downs of history. Moreover, Vietnam's patriotism is not only a value but more importantly, it is also the source and foundation of a series of other values, the highest value in the scale of values of Vietnam's cultural identity. Other cultural values are all manifestations of Vietnam's patriotism in different aspects, angles and forms. That means, Vietnam's patriotism not only contains the values of truth, goodness, and beauty, but has become the elements of truth, goodness, and beauty. In particular, traditional Vietnam's patriotism is the basis of the heroism, solidarity, diligence, hard work, healthy lifestyle, optimism, and love of life of the Vietnamese people, creating the Vietnamese character. Meanwhile, modern Vietnam's patriotism is the driving force to realize national independence associated with socialism, combining true patriotism with proletarian internationalism, consolidating and strengthening great solidarity, successfully realizing the goal of a rich people, a strong country, democracy, fairness, and civilization (CPV, 2016 & 2021).

On the other hand, whether traditional or modern, Vietnam's patriotism is ultimately the core content of Vietnamese ideology, Vietnamese worldview, and cultural identity. As affirmed by Professor Tran Van Giau (1980): Here, Vietnamese nature is expressed most fully and concentratedly, more than anywhere else. Patriotism has become a social and human philosophy of the Vietnamese people. Vietnam's patriotism defines principles and requirements that are not legal but social, containing profound cultural values. It is the spiritual thread that binds everyone in the community to follow in perception and practical action. It is the common denominator of the ideology, ethics, and lifestyle of the Vietnamese people, becoming the highest criterion and measure of the value of each person, each citizen before the community (Van, 2022). At the same time, it is also the basic criterion to distinguish the cultural identity of the Vietnamese people from the cultures of other ethnic groups.

2.2. Educating Vietnam's patriotism for students

Educating Vietnam's patriotism for students is a part of education, is the process of transforming the values of Vietnam's patriotism into personal qualities for each person, forming in each person the correct attitude in communication, the awareness of self-implementation of social norms, the habit of complying with legal regulations. This is also an extremely difficult task, it requires effort, self-restraint and perseverance. Educating Vietnam's patriotism students requires to be carried out synchronously in all three environments: family, school and society, in which family and school education occupy an important position.

According to Ho Chi Minh: "Youth is the future master of the country. Indeed, the prosperity or decline, weakness or strength of the country depends largely on the youth" (Minh, 2011c, p. 185). In his Testament, he also wrote: "Cultivating the next generation of revolutionaries is a very important and necessary task" (Minh, 2011g, p. 622). Therefore, in

the CPV's policy, comprehensive education for youth and students is of great importance because they are a powerful social force, with health, education, creative potential, and the ability to access and master modern science; they are the revolutionary shock force, the successor force of the CPV. Youth and students are the shock force in the cause of building and defending the Fatherland. Whether the cause of innovation is successful or not, whether the cause of Vietnam's Revolution is on the right path of socialism or not depends largely on the student force, on the training, education and training of the youth, including the students (Central Executive Committee of the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union, 2018).

Therefore, according to Ho Chi Minh's Ideology, educating patriotic youth and students in the current period is very necessary, because youth are the "core" of the country, the future owners of the country, and the prosperity or decline of the country depends partly on the youth. Educating patriotism for youth and students according to Ho Chi Minh's viewpoint is the core content in comprehensive education and training to form a team of youth and students imbued with true patriotism, turning patriotism into an ideal, a reason for living so that youth and students can promote their strength and great role in the cause of building and defending the socialist Fatherland. Currently, educating Vietnam's patriotism for university students is to arouse and promote the spirit, determination, intelligence and talent to make students express their patriotism through courageous, creative, proactive, dynamic and sharp actions; maintain national security and social order and safety, build and develop Vietnam to become increasingly rich, prosperous and happy. University students must constantly enhance national pride, the glorious traditions of the nation; have absolute confidence in the leadership of the CPV, the management of the State and the bright future of the country; be loyal to the ideal goal of national independence and socialism chosen by the CPV, President Ho Chi Minh and our people; voluntarily and strictly comply with all policies and guidelines of the CPV, the laws and policies of the State, Directives and Resolutions of the industry in which they study; always believe in the People, know the pain of the People, the spirit of sacrifice for the country, for the people.

From the above content, we believe that: educating patriotism for university students today is a process of purposeful and systematic impact of Party committees at all levels, political and social organizations on students with the main content being education on Marxism-Leninism; Ho Chi Minh's Ideology; the CPV's guidelines and policies, the State's laws (Luongngoc, et al., 2022; Thanh, et al., 2023); fostering patriotism, the glorious traditions of the Country, the Party and University to train students with a strong political stance, pure revolutionary ethics, good expertise, and professional proficiency so that after graduation, they can complete their assigned tasks.

3. METHODOLOGY

To clarify the philosophies of life in Vietnam's patriotism, this study focuses on studying ancient texts, stories passed down through the folk, and historical events marking the glorious feats of generations of Vietnamese people in fighting against foreign invaders. At the same time, studying the feats of talented generals in the history of the nation such as Tran Hung Dao, Tran Quoc Toan, Nguyen Trai, Quang Trung, etc.

At the same time, to clarify the activities of educating patriotism for students, this study focuses on studying the regulations and guidelines of the Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV), the State of Vietnam, the Ministry of Education and Training, the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union, the Vietnam Youth Association and the guidelines for implementing patriotism education of universities (the author selected 05 universities in Ho Chi Minh City to conduct the study).

This study also uses research methods of the social sciences and humanities such as the logical-historical method, inductive-interpretive method; synthetic analysis method, comparative-contrastive method, etc.

Semi-structured interview method: This study conducted interviews with 20 people, including 05 managers, 05 lecturers and 10 students at 05 universities in Ho Chi Minh City. Questions related to the philosophy of life in Vietnam's patriotism and its significance in educating patriotism for students. The interviewees will be coded, specifically: 05 managers are coded as: CBQL1-CBQL5; 05 lecturers are coded as: GV1-GV5 and 10 students are coded as: SV1-SV10.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1. The origin of the philosophy of life in Vietnam's patriotism

The philosophy of life in Vietnam's patriotism originates from the unity in diversity of the culture of the Vietnamese ethnic community:

Unity in diversity is a characteristic, at the same time the law of development, the potential, the endogenous strength, and the attractiveness of Vietnamese culture. Unity and diversity deeply reflect the relationship between the cultural identity of the Vietnam nation and the nuances of ethnic/national culture, and local culture. Vietnam is a multi-ethnic country, in which the Kinh people make up the majority (accounting for 85.3% of the country's population); the remaining 53 ethnic groups have 14.123 million people (accounting for 14.7% of the country's population) (General Statistics Office, 2019). Ethnic minorities reside and live in communities, mainly in mountainous, border, remote and isolated areas. The form of residence among ethnic groups is dispersed and interwoven with very rich and diverse cultural nuances. The ethnic groups in our country, although having different languages, customs and practices, are all parts of the Vietnam national community, working together, uniting to fight against natural disasters and enemies to build and defend the country. Based on that "common denominator", the unique cultural nuances of each ethnic group are shaped, developed and complemented each other, creating unity in the diversity of Vietnam culture.

The process of building and defending the country increasingly unites ethnic groups in a common destiny, a common sense of community and a common ancestor, King Hung. Thus, the formation of diversity and richness in the high unity of culture is closely linked to the unity of the community in the cause of building and defending the Fatherland. Patriotism and community awareness are based on connecting each member with the family - village, commune - nation, Fatherland is a part that forms the Vietnamese culture. This is the basis for the formation of Vietnam's patriotism.

The philosophy of life of Vietnam's patriotism originates from the process of early formation and unification of the Vietnamese nation and people:

Looking back at the historical process of the Vietnamese people, it can be seen that Vietnam did not experience a slave regime, although the slave-servant relationship, that is, the patriarchal slave regime, appeared and developed to some extent. The feudal regime in Vietnam has its characteristics of the East, of Vietnam, which are very different from the feudal regime of the West. In Vietnam, the centralized feudal state was born early and developed strongly, dominating the entire development of society.

Along with the process of national unification is the process of national formation and unification, that is, the process of communities of people being attached based on common thoughts and feelings in a common culture. These two processes also deeply affected the development of patriotism, community awareness, solidarity, and community cohesion. This

is an important basis of Vietnam's patriotism. This has been reflected in many literary works and cultural heritages left to this day.

Thus, the philosophy of life in Vietnam's patriotism was formed very early in the history of building and defending the country of the Vietnamese people. Originating from the need to fight against the harshness of nature to survive and fight against foreign invaders that were many times stronger, the Vietnamese people had a sense of community solidarity, joining hands to survive and develop. Vietnam's patriotism originated from the unity in diversity of the culture of the Vietnamese ethnic community. At the same time, the process of early formation and unification of the nation and people created conditions for the sense of community solidarity and patriotism to be consolidated and developed.

4.2. Characteristics of the philosophy of life in Vietnam's patriotism

From the study of Vietnam's patriotism mentioned above, from the determination of the origin of the philosophy of life in patriotism, it can be seen that the philosophy of life in Vietnam's patriotism has the following basic characteristics:

First, the philosophy of life in Vietnam's patriotism was formed in the process of building and defending the country, originating from the conquest of nature, agricultural development and the process of fighting against the invasion of generations of Vietnamese people.

Second, the philosophy of life in Vietnam's patriotism is the source of the spiritual strength of the nation, ensuring that the Vietnam nation overcomes all difficulties and challenges to survive and develop.

Third, the philosophy of life in Vietnam's patriotism is the synthesis of knowledge, emotions, and determination, transformed into patriotic actions of each Vietnamese person towards their homeland and country.

Fourth, the philosophy of life in Vietnam's patriotism is a continuous flow of development from tradition to modernity.

Fifth, the philosophy of life in Vietnam's patriotism is subject to the provisions of objective and subjective factors of each historical period.

4.3. Basic contents of the philosophy of life in Vietnam's patriotism

First, fully define the obligations and responsibilities of each person towards the nation, the homeland, and the country of Vietnam:

Holding high the flag of national independence and socialism, since its inception and leading the Vietnamese revolution, the CPV has united, gathered and mobilized the strength of the entire nation to drive the invaders out of the country, completing the cause of national unification, and building a democratic socialist Vietnam. That achievement is the result of the efforts and blood of millions of Vietnamese people. Therefore, every patriotic Vietnamese must always keep in mind the great sacrifices of generations of fathers and brothers who fell for the independence and freedom of the Fatherland. To do that, it requires each person to be fully aware of their obligations and responsibilities towards the homeland and country. Correctly understanding the requirements for building and defending the Vietnam Fatherland, the inseparable relationship between national independence and socialism in today's era. Correctly understanding the obligations and responsibilities towards the homeland and country is the basis for fostering pure revolutionary sentiments, strengthening the steadfast will to the revolutionary ideals, and motivating each individual to actively participate in the cause of building and defending the country.

Second, being loyal to the Fatherland, the CPV and the People, and being ready to sacrifice for the independence and freedom of the Fatherland:

Patriotism requires each individual to be loyal to the Fatherland and the nation. The CPV is the vanguard of the working class, representing the interests of the working class as well as the entire nation. Therefore, being patriotic and loyal to the country means being loyal to the CPV, more specifically, being loyal to the socialist revolutionary path that the CPV, President Ho Chi Minh and previous generations have chosen. During the arduous war years, the patriotism of the Vietnamese people was always associated with heroic actions in combat and the willingness to sacrifice for the Fatherland, which was expressed in the glorious tradition of the Vietnam People's Army: "Our army is loyal to the CPV, filial to the people, ready to fight and sacrifice for the independence and freedom of the Fatherland, for socialism, completing every task, overcoming every difficulty, defeating every enemy" (Minh, 2011f, p.435). Currently, facing the new requirements of the revolutionary cause, patriotism requires each individual to be steadfast in Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh's Ideology, have absolute faith in the leadership of the CPV, actively support and participate in the cause of innovation, industrialization, and modernization, for the goal of building Vietnam into a prosperous socialist country with happy people.

Third, have deep national pride, self-respect, and self-esteem:

Pride in true values is always a great spiritual motivation, stimulating practical human activities. We must build deep national pride in every Vietnamese person. Be proud of the beautiful Vietnam, the majestic mountains and rivers. Be proud of the glorious historical tradition of the country, of the heroic, indomitable people, who have repeatedly defeated powerful foreign invaders; love the country, love the people, sacrifice themselves for the people, for the country; be proud of national heroes. Be proud of Vietnamese culture with its lasting spiritual values, and the everlasting strength of our nation. Every Vietnamese people is proud of the CPV, a steadfast revolutionary the CPV, always upholding the nature of the working class, a loyal representative of the interests of the working class, the working people and the entire nation, taking Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's Ideology as the ideological foundation and compass for action (CPV, 2011, 2016 & 2021). Proud of a State of the people, by the people, for the people with socialist democracy increasingly promoted in social life. Proud of an armed force in the revolution, loyal to the CPV, filial to the people, ready to fight and sacrifice for the independence and freedom of the Fatherland, for socialism, completing every task, overcoming every difficulty, defeating every enemy. Proud of President Ho Chi Minh, the genius leader of the Vietnamese people, the great teacher of the CPV, the beloved father of our People's armed forces, an outstanding soldier of the international communist and workers' movement, the national liberation movement, and a world cultural celebrity. He has brought glory to our nation, our people, our mountains and rivers, our country (Giau, 1980).

Based on pride in the past and the present, build a new pride: deep awareness of the goals and ideals of the CPV and our nation, which are national independence associated with socialism; enhance social activism in studying, working, building and defending the Fatherland, in social management, economic management, have a steadfast spirit in the face of difficulties and challenges; be proactive, creative and have the will to rise, not letting our nation be inferior to other countries.

Fourth, love and attachment to the homeland, the spirit of solidarity and community cohesion, ready to overcome all differences, to build an increasingly sustainable and beautiful community:

The patriotic sentiment is an important element of Vietnam's patriotism. Patriots always express their views, attitudes and responsibilities very clearly towards their homeland and country. First of all, that feeling is expressed through attachment to the homeland, to the beloved land where each person grew up, with familiar images of "banyan tree", "well",

“communal yard”, etc., and their loved ones. Every individual who has affection for the homeland and country knows how to cherish memories of the homeland, no matter where they go, they always carry with them a deep nostalgia. Love and attachment to the homeland make each person know how to cherish and respect the good values of the community, know how to preserve the beauty of traditional culture and fight against bad habits of people in the community, to build an increasingly better community. Love for the homeland and country makes each person know how to love each other, ready to erase all differences between individuals, closely bond them together, and participate together in the process of building the community, and developing the homeland and country.

Fifth, actively and voluntarily participate in building and defending the Socialist Republic of Vietnam:

Reality has proven that the patriotism of the Vietnamese people is always clearly expressed through the positive actions of people in the process of building and defending the Fatherland. Patriots always unify words with actions, between full awareness of their obligations and the fulfillment of personal responsibilities towards their families, clans, homeland and country (Quynh, et al., 2017). Because they have a deep sense of patriotism, they always play an active role in participating in labor and production at agencies and units, and at the same time are always responsible for their families. They always believe in the leadership of the Party, and voluntarily and strictly implement the guidelines and policies of the CPV and the policies and laws of the State. Proactively participate in building cultural life in the community and the movement to build new rural areas. They are the ones who preserve the national cultural traditions, set an example in building their homes into cultural families, resolutely fight against ideologies and behaviors that deviate from ethical standards, proactively nurture their children to become people with both virtue and talent and prepare the next generation for the future of the nation.

Sixth, actively criticize wrong perceptions and behaviors; resolutely fight against propaganda, distortions and plots to sabotage our country's revolution by hostile forces:

People imbued with patriotism always understand the ethical standards and good traditional values of the nation, which urges them to actively fight against wrong views and behaviors that go against good customs and traditions, against the flow of Vietnam's Revolution, and persistently protect good values of the national culture against the influence of foreign cultures and Western lifestyles. Besides, patriotism is also expressed in each individual as a deep national pride, urging people with conscience and responsibility to boldly stand up to refute propaganda that distorts, incites, slanders, and defames, as well as resolutely fight to defeat all plots and tricks that hostile forces are carrying out to sabotage the stability of social life in our country. Patriotism can be expressed through acts of self-sacrifice for the country, or ideological and theoretical struggles with the enemy because, in the new conditions, our battlefield can exist in all areas of social life.

4.4. The significance of the philosophy of life in Vietnam's patriotism for comprehensive education for students, meeting the training of high-quality human resources of society

First, the philosophy of life in patriotism is the basis and driving force contributing to a progressive outlook on life in the formation and development of students' personalities:

Educating patriotism for students is to help students fully and correctly perceive the nature of Vietnam's patriotism, thereby orienting the cognitive and training activities of each student in practice. Help students recognize and select elements that are suitable for national interests, do not harm the traditional values of the nation, and resolutely fight against manifestations of foreign worship, national degradation, becoming hybrid, and losing their roots (Youth Union

Front Committee, 2006). According to CBQL1: “This is a favorable basis for building and nurturing new personalities for Vietnamese students today”. According to GV3: “Educating patriotism for students plays a positive role in passing on to the young generation the good values created by previous generations”. Thus, to build personality, there is unity between tradition and modernity, building a cultured way of behaving. Educating patriotism also affects the formation and development of talent in each student (Trung, et al., 2020; Van, 2023). According to GV5: “Without patriotic ideological values as a basis and foundation, talent will be very difficult to develop or develop in a distorted, deviant way”. According to SV4: “Vietnam’s patriotism is the driving force, the source of inspiration, the motivation for Vietnamese people to study enthusiastically, work creatively, practice, have talent and virtue to serve the Fatherland, serve the people”.

Second, Educating patriotism is the source of creating spiritual strength and belief for students in working, studying and building the country:

According to CBQL3: “The values of human philosophy in Vietnam’s patriotism are the driving force, the source of national development, creating spiritual strength and courage for the generation of students to rise in working, studying and building the country”. According to SV7: “The process of globalization opens up great opportunities and great challenges for the generation of students, in which many problems arise, especially changes in ethics and lifestyle”. In addition, according to GV4: “Hostile forces always seek to sabotage the Vietnam revolutionary cause in increasingly sophisticated and complex forms, especially in the fields of ideology and culture. Students are easily “damaged” by their insidious and sinister tricks”. Therefore, the values of Vietnam’s patriotism will become solid spiritual support, arousing in students national pride, self-esteem, indomitable will, and love for the Fatherland, leading them to overcome challenges, have the will to rise to master life, build and preserve the good lifestyle of the Vietnamese people in the new era. Therefore, according to CBQL5: “Educating students about Vietnam’s patriotism is to provide a foundation to create a future intellectual team while contributing to the development of human resources - this is a strategic issue in the current globalization conditions”.

Third, patriotic education is an active contribution to the process of building students’ moral qualities:

Vietnam’s patriotism is inherited, promoted, and integrated into the personality structure to become new qualities and new positive lifestyles of students. According to GV2: “Building new moral qualities and lifestyles for students is always an urgent issue, which has been and continues to be of interest to the whole society”. The lifestyle of students depends on the era in which students live, with the material, economic and social conditions of that era, depending on the content and methods of education for students (Trung, et al., 2020). Therefore, for a long time, the traditional cultural values of the nation in general and Vietnam’s patriotism, in particular, have played a guiding role for Vietnamese people to strive for what is right, what is good, and what is beautiful, thereby building a society rich in humanity and compassion. In today’s society, under the impact of globalization, people’s lifestyles have changed in a negative direction, forming a selfish lifestyle, promoting personal instincts and desires, pragmatism, hybrid lifestyles, market commodity relations, etc., (Van, 2023). This situation further affirms the role of educating traditional cultural values, including Vietnam’s patriotism, in orienting us, especially students, to reach the values of truth - goodness - beauty, comprehensively orienting students to life ideals, healthy and positive lifestyles, and rich personalities.

Fourth, educating patriotism contributes positively to combating the negative impacts of society in the current period on students:

According to SV1: “Vietnam students live in the context of the country’s innovation and integration, especially the impact of modern media has strongly impacted students’ lifestyles”. These issues have created important changes in lifestyle, both positive and negative (Quynh, et al., 2017; Van, 2024). On the positive side, the process of innovation and integration has created conditions for students to develop in all aspects, the previous cramped and narrow lifestyle has been replaced by a new, dynamic, rich and modern lifestyle, taking efficiency as the criterion and standard. According to SV10: “In the context of rapid changes in society, decisiveness, autonomy, self-responsibility, dynamism and creativity in establishing oneself and starting a career in students are affirmed”. On the negative side, the process of innovation and integration, affecting students’ lives, has also caused many lifestyle changes. According to SV3: “A pragmatic lifestyle, valuing and absolutizing money, living coldly, worshiping foreign goods, and a hybrid lifestyle in behavior and communication language have appeared a lot among students”. According to SV5: “The foreign lifestyle of a part of university students tends to overwhelm and alienate the traditional national lifestyle”. Although the issue of student lifestyle is not a fundamental, overarching issue of students, it is the cultural foundation that governs and controls people’s daily lives. Therefore, according to CBQL4: “Patriotic education will contribute to orienting a good lifestyle, the risk of social evils and crimes will be pushed back, students will have more conditions to study, improve their health, and contribute to the nation”.

Fifth, patriotism education is a very effective activity that helps educate students to associate ideals, dreams, and ambitions with current student actions:

Educating Vietnam’s patriotism for students to nurture ambitions, and aspirations to rise, promote the student volunteer movement, shock, creativity, and start-up in the current context is one of the important solutions to building new socialist people to meet the requirements of the revolution, contributing to realizing the goals and vision of the CPV to 2030 and the aspiration of 2045 associated with two important historical milestones of the CPV and the country (CPV, 2021). According to GV4: “Patriotic education is the core content, has a fundamental and long-term orientation role, creating a strong motivation for students to strive to rise to contribute to the nation and assert themselves in society”. In the period of national renewal and international integration, educating students in patriotism is to arouse their desire to study and research. According to SV8: “The creative spirit of students is expressed in their awareness, responsibility, effort, diligence, creativity in studying, mastering the knowledge learned in school, and is the whole of their wishes, ambitions, desires, and aspirations to contribute to the revolutionary goals of the nation”. This statement is agreed upon by SV6 and SV9. Doing that will contribute to building generations of students with ethics, personality, knowledge, health, dynamic thinking and creative action; continuing the heroic tradition of the CPV and the nation, promoting patriotism, awareness of building and protecting the Fatherland; not afraid of difficulties, hardships, volunteering for the community; being responsible to family and society; have the consciousness to strive in studying, working, establishing oneself, establishing a career, and getting rich legitimately for a Vietnam with “rich people, strong country, democracy, fairness, and civilization” (CPV, 2011, 2016 & 2021).

5. CONCLUSION

Educating students about patriotism is one of the important tasks of the CPV, the State, and socio-political organizations of Vietnam. At the same time, educating students about patriotism is one of the important contents in the action programs of universities today. The goal of educating students about Vietnam’s patriotism is to arouse in students the desire to contribute, national pride, always nurturing dreams and ambitions; have a sense of responsibility for themselves, the community, and society, meeting the requirements of building and defending

the Fatherland in the new period. Educating students about patriotism is the basis and driving force contributing to a progressive outlook on life in the formation and development of students' personalities; is the source of creating spiritual strength and belief for students in working, studying and building the country; is a positive contribution to the process of building students' moral qualities; actively contributes to combating the negative impacts of society in the current period on students; educating patriotism associated with ideals, dreams, ambitions and current student actions.

To educate patriotism, first of all, it is necessary to pay attention to the philosophy of patriotism. That is the philosophy of life of patriotism that has been inherited and innovated to suit current conditions. It is necessary to thoroughly grasp the ideal of national independence associated with socialism, along with the consistent ideal of educating national pride, self-respect, self-esteem, self-reliance and self-strengthening; Educating the good traditions of the nation, the core content of which is true patriotism; Educate the spirit of being ready to do everything for the people and the country with the will where there is a need for youth, where there is a difficulty, youth go first, enjoy hardship after everyone else; educating students with the will and create motivation to promote patriotic actions and the aspiration to develop a prosperous and happy Vietnam; educating the consciousness of determination and perseverance in fighting against all actions that infringe upon national interests; educating true patriotism associated with pure internationalism.

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