ABSTRACTS

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ROLE OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PATRIOTIC EDUCATION OF SCHOOLCHILDREN IN UKRAINE IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE 20TH CENTURY

The article examines the role of youth organizations in the patriotic education of schoolchildren in Ukraine in the second half of the 20th century; the directions for development of patriotism and pride in their country in the minds of the youth are defined. It was concluded that the result of propaganda and patriotic upbringing in Pioneer and Komsomol organizations was that the young people wanted to get an education, to realize themselves in society, and to work and benefit their homeland.

So it is essential to develop such state programs of patriotic education of youth, which would encompass all aspects of society – family, schools, universities, community organizations, labor groups – and could be realized in the following specific aims and objectives of education as instilling respect for the Constitution of Ukraine by young people; development in the minds of young people the need for armed protection of the state as an important social activity to ensure the safety of the homeland; formation of positive attitudes towards science, labor, and military work; attracting students to cultural values, history and traditions of the country and its Armed Forces; development of the sense of dignity, conscience, objective self esteem, inner discipline; development of students' physical qualities and healthy life style.

It must be emphasized that detailed, comprehensive analysis of the history, role and place of the Pioneer and Komsomol movements in public life has become the subject of more than one scholarly study. This requires a full and true evaluation, without decoration and shame, of educational activities of Pioneer and Komsomol organizations in Ukraine with rethinking of what has been written already, as well as identifying new, previously unavailable historical and pedagogical sources for research.

Key words: youth organizations, patriotic education, propagation educational work, youth, personality.