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PATRIOTIC ESSENCE OF THE «COMMON BENEFIT» IDEA IN SOCIO-PEDAGOGIC THINKING OF THE 16-17TH CENTURIES BELARUS

Abstract. The aim of the research is to examine the genesis and development trends of the "common benefit" idea in the socio-pedagogic thinking of Belarus in the 16-17th centuries, and demonstrate its patriotic spirit and social value.

Methodology includes the methods of logical historical and systematic structural analysis of the main historical determinants and key development factors of the "common benefit" idea in the pedagogical heritage of the 16-17th centuries Belarus. The comparative analysis of various interpretive approaches to defining the "common benefit" by representatives of socio-pedagogical, philosophical and religious historical elite of Belarus revealed the patriotic essence of the given idea due to its consolidating orientation, humanistic content and significance for the multi-ethnic and multi-confessional state formation.

The research results demonstrate the impact of the "common benefit" idea on developing the patriotic social and educational thinking of the 16-17th centuries Belarus, its influence on national values and pedagogical traditions. Additionally, the author emphasizes the humanistic and tolerant national attitude of Belarusians reflected in the national character and mentality, and related to the above idea.

Scientific novelty involves theoretical substantiation of patriotic value of the «common benefit» idea for the modern system of civic and patriotic education based on the principles of continuity and development of national traditions.

Practical significance of the research materials is related to studying the historical educational experience, and implementing the traditional values, humanistic orientation and tolerance in the modern civic and patriotic education, and in the youth environment.

Keywords: common benefit, collectivism, social values, patriotism.

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