

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE VALUE SYSTEM OF UZBEK BRIDES

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Annotation

This article explores the distinctive value system of Uzbek brides, emphasizing how traditional customs, familial roles, religious principles, and evolving societal norms shape their experiences. Utilizing a qualitative methodology, the study examines key aspects such as early marriage expectations, integration into extended families, preservation of cultural traditions, adherence to gender roles, and the influence of Islamic ethics. The findings highlight the complex interplay between enduring cultural practices and contemporary challenges faced by Uzbek brides in a rapidly modernizing society.

Keywords: Uzbek brides, value system, cultural traditions, family roles, Islamic ethics, marriage customs, gender roles, societal expectations, modernization, Central Asia.

Introduction In Uzbekistan, the value system of brides is deeply rooted in traditional cultural norms and expectations, reflecting the broader societal structure of the country. These values emphasize familial duties, respect for elders, and adherence to established customs. Understanding these unique aspects provides insight into the societal dynamics that shape the experiences and expectations of Uzbek brides within their cultural context.

Methodology This study employs a qualitative approach, analyzing existing literature, cultural studies, and ethnographic reports to identify and interpret the unique aspects of the value system of Uzbek brides. Sources include academic articles, cultural analyses, and firsthand accounts that shed light on the traditional and contemporary roles of brides in Uzbek society.

Results The analysis reveals several distinctive features of the value system upheld by Uzbek brides:

1. *Early Marriage and Familial Expectations:* In Uzbekistan, women often marry in their late teens or early twenties. Marriage is considered a societal imperative, with families

- placing significant emphasis on the honor and reputation associated with their daughters' marital status.
2. *Role within the Extended Family:* Upon marriage, a bride typically joins her husband's household, where she is expected to integrate into the extended family structure. The mother-in-law often plays a pivotal role in guiding and overseeing the bride's adaptation to her new environment.
 3. *Preservation of Cultural Traditions:* Uzbek weddings are elaborate events that showcase the nation's rich cultural heritage. These ceremonies involve various rituals and customs aimed at ensuring the happiness and prosperity of the couple, reflecting the community's collective values.
 4. *Gender Roles and Domestic Responsibilities:* Traditional Uzbek society often assigns specific roles to women, emphasizing their responsibilities in maintaining the household and upholding family honor. While some women pursue education and careers, societal expectations frequently prioritize domestic duties.
 5. *Influence of Religious and Ethical Norms:* Islamic principles significantly influence the moral and ethical framework within which Uzbek brides operate. Respect for elders, modesty, and adherence to religious practices are integral components of their value system.

Discussion The value system of Uzbek brides is a complex interplay of tradition, religion, and societal expectations. While these values provide a sense of identity and community, they also present challenges, especially in the context of modernization and changing gender roles. Balancing traditional expectations with contemporary aspirations remains a significant aspect of the lives of Uzbek brides.

Conclusion The unique aspects of the value system of Uzbek brides are deeply embedded in the country's cultural and religious fabric. These values, while fostering strong family bonds and community cohesion, also necessitate a nuanced understanding to support the evolving roles of women in Uzbek society.

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