



Social and Humanitarian Context of Personal Authenticity as a Basis for Teaching Foreign Language Culture

Geraskevich Natalia Valerievna

PhD in Education Science, Assistant Professor, Chair of linguistic formation and intercultural communications, Surgut state pedagogical university, Surgut, Russia 628417, Russian Federation, Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous Okrug – Yugra, Surgut, st. 50 let VLKSM, 10/2, tel.: 8 (3462) 31-94-34

ABSTRACT

The article deals with the social and humanitarian aspects of personal authenticity in order to determine the interrelation between its basic characteristics and the process of teaching foreign language culture. The analysis of the understanding of the role and place of authenticity in social and humanitarian discourse reveals the main categories of authenticity at the level of subject-object relations, which are manifested in the interaction of the individual and social principles of a personality of a student. The analytical data of the results of the study of the phenomenon of authenticity as the main component in the structure of foreign language education are presented. The main vectors that serve as a support in the organization of teaching foreign culture are defined. The emphasis is made on the process of perception and understanding of sources of socially and culturally significant information in the field of foreign language education. It is concluded that the teaching of foreign language culture should consider equally the authenticity of a student's personality and the authenticity of materials used in the educational process.

ARTICLE HISTORY

Received February 23 2020, Accepted March 17, 2020 Published July 10, 2020

KEYWORDS

personal authenticity, subject-object relations in the structure of personality, teaching foreign language culture.

INTRODUCTION

In the modern world of global changes in society, the most significant changes are made by the person himself. There is a new understanding of the nature of being, the comprehension of the fact that a person can be different in terms of the diversity of personal characteristics, manifestations of formed competencies and cultural identity.

This contributes to the actualization of interest in the development and preservation of personal authenticity of the individual. Problems associated with the search for their own authenticity in society, arise almost in front of every individual.

Throughout the period of existence of the human problem of authenticity remained and remains the subject of not only philosophy, but also of other sciences. Methodologists of science, historians, psychologists, culturologists, teachers for decades try to penetrate into the essence of the phenomenon of authenticity of person. Authenticity has become one of the fundamental categories of art

history, sociology, political science, economics, linguistics, teaching methods. The multidimensionality of authenticity served as an occasion for various interpretations of this phenomenon in other sciences.

The system of Russian education over the past fifteen to twenty years has undergone significant changes. Reforming the school and modernizing higher professional education, including pedagogical education, have long sounded like imperatives of our time.

In this connection, the issue of preserving and developing human authenticity in the scales of the variability of the political, socio-economic, educational (including cultural) paradigm.

The current state of the national educational sphere has developed under the influence of a number of positive and negative trends, directly or indirectly affecting the manifestation of the authenticity of the individual.

* **Contact** Geraskevich Natalia Valerievna Surgut state pedagogical university Surgut, Russia nata_skazka@rambler.ru

2020 The Authors. This is an open access article under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution Non Commercial Share Alike 4.0 (<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/4.0/>)

perceive the object (painting) in authentic way. In such case a man, according to G.-P. Sartre and M. Heidegger, creates himself.

Social state of authenticity may be limited by prescriptions and judgements of society: even if a man deals with the painting reproduction, he will, nevertheless, take it as authentic (a unique, special and original work of art), as this is the way the things are done in the society that creates stereotypes in people's conscience (17).

Such alternative is criticized by H. Arendt as lack of authorship of a man in his own life (2). According to A. MacIntyre it sounds like we are no more (sometimes no less), than co-authors of our narrations (14).

Dualistic criterion of authenticity is equally used for fiction where the theme of originality got the most spreading. First of all, it's worth noting existential line in literature. To the greater extent it concerns works of G.-P. Sartre, S.de Beauvoire, A. Rand, M. Kundera, L.N. Tolstoy, F.M. Dostoyevsky, N.G. Chernyshevsky, D.S. Merezhkovsky, F. Sologub and others, who were interested in the nature of human existence. Giving us the opportunity to reflect and "letting" our minds to float freely, such works of fiction, no doubt, are actual in the aspect of appeal to personal authenticity manifestation.

On the other hand, this is about authenticity of perception of meaningfulness of a literary text by a reader. So, it results either in conflict or interpenetration of categories "author-reader". Each reader understands the contents of fiction individually, he reads as he wants and makes subjective conclusions.

In the context of foreign culture study it's preferable to take into account one more criterion of authenticity. In the process of studying foreign languages they say about authenticity of information in the text (24;10).

In opposition to a teaching text an authentic text needn't lack completeness of the text and accuracy of information and can be changed neither in the contents nor in meaningfulness. The last two mentioned are necessary to keep: only in this case we may say about the possibility of personal authenticity manifestation of those who study. There is a characteristic, based on triune understanding of authenticity manifestation in education - "subject-object-subject".

Texts and documents as artefacts are the subject study in historical sciences including culture history. In this way authenticity is seen as estimation characteristic of the text, information, meaning, and human existence at a certain period of civilization development, and the kind of communication (including petroglyphs, geoglyphs, ceramic tables, inscriptions on birch bark and stone, philosophical tractates, military and juridical documents and so on). All historical and

archaeological monuments of the past and present bear the impress of authors' authenticity, their creators whether it is individual or collective creative work. Such definition allows characterizing authentic texts concerning the possibility of writing them by those authors who deal with them due to certain circumstances. Having difficulty in decoding ancient works of art, summoning their conscience and accumulating all human knowledge, modern researchers follow features of identity, originality and authenticity of artefacts under study. The process of recognizing the contents of historical texts and documents wouldn't have been successfully finished if people hadn't have applied subjective knowledge based on cultural, national and ethnic identity (8, p. 200).

As well as gazing at a painting or perceiving a piece of literary work authenticity of object confronts authenticity of subject resulting in new knowledge about the essence of human nature through the knowledge of unknown. So, the result of human knowledge, as V.M. Kapitsyn noted, is a certain model of understanding the past, a historical text, discourse or the image of historical time created by a scientist (12, p. 259).

This thesis proves the idea of inevitable authenticity manifestation in past events description in all their multi aspect relations. Past interpretation is a subjective construction of history in a way.

However, any reconstruction of historical text authenticity often creates difficulty when it refers to antique and medieval monuments (4, pp. 4-5).

The matter is that sometimes we deal with texts of later adaptation and narration. Difficulty also may appear if there are so called non-authentic insertions of a later period in such works.

In the field of revealing authenticity of historical works there is a connection of history with hermeneutics that is the art of texts interpretation. Though the term "hermeneutics" originally was used in interpretation of bible texts, nowadays it is of great importance in literature studies as while investigating any literature monument it's necessary to be objectively interpreted. Hermeneutics followers (G.-G. Gadamer, V. Dilthey, F.-D.-E. Schleiermacher, P. Ricœur) stated that a writer must be understood better than he understands himself.

This statement has two sides. On the one hand, the authentic object of understanding shouldn't be a text itself but the author's inner world, in other words, the author's authenticity which reflects moral and cultural life of the epoch. On the other hand, the best understanding of the text happens due to self-understanding of the work by an interpreter (allusion to a reader's authenticity). Personal authenticity helps us to take the work as our own in spite of a great historical distance.

kinds of dictionaries and encyclopedias in accordance with a number of criteria:
 reference literature, in which there is the concept of authenticity;
 reference literature in which there is no concept of authenticity;
 reference literature, in which there is an indirect (implicit) indication of the concept of authenticity.
 Analysis of 90 reference literature sources

(explanatory, encyclopedic, etymological, bilingual dictionaries, dictionaries of synonyms and antonyms, dictionaries of foreign words, etc.) demonstrates some interesting results. The histogram (Fig. 3) clearly prove the insignificant advantage of reference literature, in which there is no concept of authenticity (44%) compared to the presence of this term in dictionaries (42%).

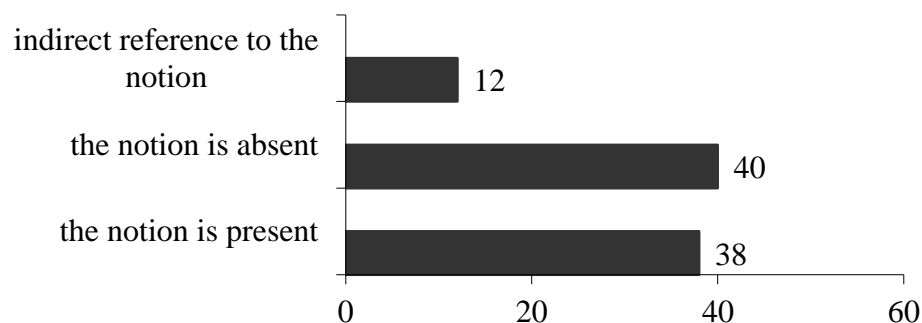


Fig. 3: Correlation of the number of references on the topic of authenticity.

DISCUSSIONS

Reference literature containing dictionary articles on authenticity is presented in most cases by vocabulary on psychology, by vocabularies of foreign words, by dictionaries of synonyms and bilingual dictionaries. Decoding of the definition of "authenticity" can also be found in a number of legal, political, economic dictionaries, business dictionaries and in some editions of explanatory dictionaries of the Russian language.

The theme of authenticity has been thoroughly explored out in social and humanitarian studies, although in studying the phenomenon of authenticity, the subjective factor is widespread, in accordance with the author's personal point of view and objectives.

A wide range of definitions of authenticity in dissertational studies and reference literature presents scattered information and does not clarify the meaning and content of the phenomenon within the framework of this study. As a result, the vector of research should be aimed at rethinking the phenomenon in the context of educational policy.

Retrospective analysis of personal authenticity phenomenon manifestation in social and humanity equally meaningful courses persuades that a man shows his own individuality in the process of interaction with other individuals on different social levels of cultural communication. Authenticity plays the role of a constant on the level of socialization as well as on the level of individualization of a personality.

CONCLUSION

Our final qualifying judgments are as follows.

To understand the meaning of the concept of authenticity helps to address the social and human sciences. The social and humanitarian fields of human knowledge accumulate the collected by philosophy and the psychology of cognition about the world, when considering the phenomenon of personal authenticity of the individual they are guided by the subjective beginning of the individual and the objective laws of social life.

It is possible to identify two categories of authenticity in the social and humanitarian sciences: authenticity can be manifested at the subject-subject and subject-object-subject levels. These characteristics depend on the conditions of interaction between the individual and society (socium). Authenticity makes sense only in a reciprocal and coherent manifestation of the individual and social principles of personality.

The basic idea that we derive from the experience of research in the social and humanitarian field of knowledge is that the individual has authenticity, but the deep self-conception of the self-concept is triggered by social stereotypes, which predetermines the figures of personal mobility, the content and forms of communication and interaction.

In our opinion, as the main attributes of the existence of the authenticity of the subject, two characteristics should be considered: contextuality and intentionality. Any manifestations of authenticity are justified, firstly, by the intentions (intentions) or goals of the subject and, secondly,

depend on the broader context or social requirements of the cultural and linguistic society with which the person directly interacts.

REFERENCES

1. Abels H. Interaction, identity, presentation. Introduction into interpretative sociology / H.Abels. – S.-Petersburg: Publishing Company "Aleteya", 2000. .
2. Arendt H. The Human Condition: Chapter V. Sections 24-26 / H. Arendt // Questions of philosophy. - 1998. - № 11. - pp. 131-141.
3. Benjumin V. Work of art in the period of its technical reproduction. Essay selection/V.Benjumin//Under editorship of Yu.A.Zdorovy. – M.: Medium, 1996. – URL: <http://www.philol.msu.ru> – (date of access: 24.08.2019)
4. Cassely, J.-L. NO FAKE: Contre-histoire de notre quête d'authenticité. – Ed. Arkhê, Paris, 2019.
5. Gofman I. Stigma: Notes about spoiled identity management / I. Gofman // art 1. Stigma and social identity – URL: <http://www.philol.msu.ru> (date of access: 02.04.2018).
6. Davydov V.N. Ethnocultural authenticity of youth among low-numbered peoples of the North in Russian megapolis: dis. of PhD of Sociology / V.N. Davydov. – Moscow, 2007.
7. Ilyin V.V. Methodology of social and humanity sciences. In book: Philosophy of social and humanity sciences / V.V. Ilyin. – M.: Akademicheskyy proyekt, 2008.
8. Inam H. Wired for Authenticity: Seven Practices to Inspire, Adapt, & Lead. Indiana, USA, iUniverse, 2015.
9. Joseph, S. Authentic: How to be yourself and why it matters. – London, UK, Piatkus, 2017.
10. Kazachkova, M. A. Methods of creating an authentic educational environment with the goal of improving the quality of foreign language (published 29.11.2016). – URL: <https://nsportal.ru/shkola/inostrannye-yazyki/library/2017/01/22/priemy-sozdaniya-autentichnoy-obrazovatelnoy-sredy-s> – (date of access: 24.08.2019).
11. Kasfir S.L., Yai J.O. B. Current debate: Authenticity and Diaspora / S.L. Kasfir// Museum International. – Vol.56. – N. 1-2. – 2004.
12. Kapitsyn V.M. Philosophy of political science. In book: Philosophy of social and humanity sciences / V.M. Kapitsyn. - M.: Akademicheskyy proyekt, 2008.
13. Labonte, M. L. Du mensonge à l'authenticité. – Éditions de l'Homme (P)2014 Les Éditions Alexandre Stanké inc. – 2014.
14. MacIntyre A. After virtue: Moral theory investigations / A. MacIntyre. - M.: Akademicheskyy proyekt; Yekaterinburg: Delovaya Kniga, 2000.
15. Mead D.G. The philosophy of the act – URL: <http://www.gumer.info> (date of access: 24.05.2018).
16. Minchenko T.P. To the point of religious identity determination in modern world. – URL: www.sun.tsu.ru (date of access: 24.08.2019).
17. Mercier, A. Que signifie "être authentique?" (published 30.03.2017). – URL: <https://www.sain-et-naturel.com/que-signifie-etre-authentique.html> – (date of access: 24.08.2019).
18. Migeon, F.-D. Leader authentique. – Paris: Groupe Eyrolles, 2013, 2017.
19. Moffatt, J. The Art Of Authenticity: Tapping In The Uniqueness Of You Paperback. - Profit Moffatt Publications, 2016.
20. Qudrat, Sh. N. Authenticity in America: A Memoir of Rebellion and Dual Identities. – Mascot Books, 2019.
21. Philips R.B., Steiner C.B. (Eds.) Unpacking Culture. Art and Commodity in Colonial and Postcolonial Worlds / R.B. Philips, C.B. Steiner. – Berkeley: University of California Press, 1999.
22. Pluym, Anthea Van Der. Authenticity – Finding the Strength to Be Yourself. – Smashwords Edition, 2017.
23. Shiner L. «Primitive Fakes», «Tourist Art» and the Ideology of Authenticity / L. Shiner. The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism. – Vol. 52. – N. 2 (Spring, 1994) – pp. 225-234.
24. Swedac A.I. Essence of the concept of "authentic materials" in the context of foreign language teaching // Young scientist. – 2018. – No. 22. – pp. 360-363. – URL: <https://moluch.ru/archive/208/50892/> (date of access: 24.08.2019).
25. Trilling L. Sincerity and Authenticity / L. Trilling. – Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1972.
26. Trubina Ye.G. Authenticity Electronic source. – URL: <http://terme.ru> (date of access: 04.01.2019)
27. Wren, J. Authenticity is a Feeling My Life in PMR-ART. – BookThug, 2018.