

From National to Global Identity. Globalization Versus Patriotic and Civil Attitudes of Contemporary Youth

Abstract

Complex issues of the identity of contemporary youth, their axiological preferences and their self-defining in relation to other people and their own country have been undertaken in this article. Theoretical assumptions associated with globalization and shaping the youth's patriotic and civil attitudes constitute the basis for research which aims at specifying: (1) the values appreciated by learners from final classes of upper-secondary schools as significant determiners of their feeling of identity, (2) the relation between global culture and forming the youth's patriotic attitudes and their identification with their homeland, (3) the relation between the consumer society and the youth's readiness to undertake civil activity and to sacrifice personal interests for others.

Key words: *national identity, global identity, globalization, youth, patriotic attitude, civil attitude.*

Introduction

“We may be approaching such a new and different world that the experiences of history so far will turn insufficient to understand it and to be able to move in it. [...] This is the world which has potentialities to give a lot but also to demand a lot, the world in which easy shortcuts often lead to nowhere. We will constantly meet a new Other who will slowly start to emerge from the chaos and confusion of modern times. This Other might come into existence through the confrontation of two opposing