



**PROMOTING ROLES OF THE FAMILY FOR BUILDING VIETNAMESE CULTURE
AND PEOPLE TODAY**

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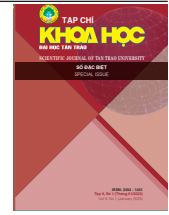
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Abstract:

The family has always played an especially important position and role in the evolution of human history. At the moment, the family plays a vital role in orienting and developing personality as well as educating people to become decent citizens with sufficient physical and mental power to contribute to the overall growth of society. In order to successfully realize the goal of building a rich, prosperous and happy country, it is necessary to strongly promote the role of the family in cultural construction and comprehensive human development, as the driving force for national development and integration. The article uses some basic methods to study issues about promoting the roles of the family in building the Vietnamese culture and people today.



PHÁT HUY VAI TRÒ CỦA GIA ĐÌNH TRONG XÂY DỰNG VĂN HOÁ, CON NGƯỜI VIỆT NAM HIỆN NAY

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1. Introduction

The family has always played an especially important position and role in the evolution of human history. At the moment, the family plays a vital role in orienting and developing personality as well as educating people to become decent citizens with sufficient physical and mental power to contribute to the overall growth of society. For every Vietnamese, family is always the first concern, everyone's home for everyone to care for and share the love. Vietnamese families have always been developed with the values of ethical standards, good behavior, feelings of harmony, filial piety, tolerance, and loyalty, which has contributed to the building of the Vietnamese family's cultural value system and the culture of the Vietnamese people over many generations. The process of the country's renovation and international integration has

brought many opportunities and favorable conditions for Vietnamese families to absorb new cultural values and supplement and develop the cultural value system of the traditional family. However, family issues and family culture today are also facing many difficulties and challenges.

Family issues have long been a concern for families and society. In particular, the issue of family culture has been studied by domestic and foreign scientists in many different aspects. When studying family culture, most scientists often focus on the change in family culture. Family culture change is often studied in specific aspects such as family structure, gender issues, age and generations in the family, health care issues of family members, the transformation of marriage, and interactive relationships between the family and the state such as *Family, state and social policy* (Lorraine

Fox Harding, Jo Campling, 1995), *Understanding Child and Family Welfare* (Marie Connolly, Kate Morris, 2011), *The Family* (William Goode, 2007),... In Vietnam, researchers focus on studying roles, changes, and values of the family culture in the context of the country's renovation such as *Vietnamese family culture* (Khanh, 1998), *Family and Family Transformation in Vietnam* (Van, 2011), *Vietnamese family culture and social development* (Minh,1994)... These research works address theoretical and practical issues of family culture, issues of the Vietnamese family from traditional to modern, and the roles and influences of family culture on individual development in particular and society in general.

To successfully realize the goal of building a rich, prosperous and happy country, it is necessary to strongly promote the role of the family in cultural construction and comprehensive human development, as the driving force for national development and integration. The article uses some basic methods such as secondary document analysis, synthesis methods, and some interdisciplinary methods to study issues about promoting the roles of the family in building the Vietnamese culture and people today.

2. Research content

2.1. The Party's viewpoints and policies on the roles of the family and building Vietnamese family culture

During his lifetime, President Ho Chi Minh was always interested in the roles of the family in national construction and development: "A good society makes a better family, a good family makes a good society. The nucleus of society is the family. (Ho Chi Minh, 2011, p.300) During the leadership process, our Party was also very interested in family issues and building a new family - cultural family. Since then, along with many national development guidelines and policies, building a cultural family is considered one of the important tasks of building an advanced culture imbued with national identity. Building family culture and cultural family becomes an important task in the movement "All people unite to build cultural life". From the Resolution of the 7th National Party Congress, the family was defined as "the cell of society, the loving cradle that nurtures a person's life, an important environment for life education and personality formation" and in the *Platform for National Construction in the transitional*

period towards socialism (Supplemented, developed in 2011), our Party affirmed that the family is the cell of society, the loving cradle that nurtures a person's life, an important environment for life education and personality formation. Therefore, the State's policies always pay attention to the task of building a prosperous, harmonious, and progressive family as well as raising the awareness of the whole society about the roles and functions of the family. The Resolution of the Fifth Conference of the 8th Party Central Committee also discussed the responsibility of the family in preserving and promoting the fine traditional cultural values of the Vietnamese family, upholding the exemplary role of family members, focused on well implementing the movement to build a cultural family in residential communities, raised the sense of responsibility in the relationship between family, school and society. At the 9th National Congress of Deputies, family values were once again emphasized by the Party as the role of the family as the home of each person, the healthy cell of society, and responsibility in building and fostering its members a healthy, cultured lifestyle. The 10th National Congress of the Party, in 2006, continued to affirm: "Promoting the fine traditional values of the Vietnamese family, adapting to the requirements of the process of industrialization and modernization. Building a prosperous, equal, progressive, and happy family that is truly everyone's home, a healthy cell of society, and an important environment for shaping, nurturing, and educating people's personality, preserving and promoting fine traditional culture, creating human resources to serve the cause of national construction and defense." (Communist Party of Vietnam, p.103-104) *The Platform for National Construction in the transitional period towards socialism* (Supplemented, developed in 2011) also affirmed that building a prosperous, progressive, and happy family is an important environment that directly educates lifestyle and forms personality. Continuing to supplement as well as concretize the views and policies of the Party on the roles of the family in building a way of life and lifestyle for the young generation, the Document of the 11th Congress (2011) affirmed: "People are the center of the development strategy and the subject of development. Respecting and protecting human rights, associating human rights with the rights and interests of the nation, the country, and the people's ownership. Combining and fully promoting the roles of society, family, school, each labor collective,

mass organizations, and residential communities in taking care of building Vietnamese people to be rich in patriotism, have a sense of ownership and civic responsibility; have good knowledge, health, labor; live in a cultured and affectionate way; have true international spirit. Building a prosperous, progressive and happy family so that it is a healthy cell of society, an important environment, directly educating lifestyle and forming personality.”(Communist Party of Vietnam, 2011, p.76-77) At the 12th National Party Congress stated: “Implementing the strategy to develop the Vietnamese family,... Promoting good traditional values, building a prosperous, progressive, happy and civilized family.”(Communist Party of Vietnam, 2016, p.128) The 13th National Party Congress affirmed: “Paying attention to the education, training, and protection of babies, adolescents, and children. Strengthening education on patriotism, national pride, national tradition and history, and a sense of social responsibility for all classes of people, especially young people.”(Communist Party of Vietnam, 2021, p.143) It also emphasized: “Implementing cultural standards for Vietnamese families to be prosperous, happy, progressive and civilized. Upholding the role of the families in nurturing and educating the young generation.”(Communist Party of Vietnam, 2021, p.144)

On June 24, 2021, the Secretariat issued Directive No. 06-CT/TW on “Strengthening the Party’s leadership in family building work in the new situation”. Directive No. 06 stated: “The family is the cell of society, the place where the race is maintained, the environment for storage, education, and transmission of national cultural values to family members. Building a happy family is the foundation for building a happy society, a very important issue for our nation. The work of building a family is both the goal and the driving force of the sustainable development of the country”. On July 21, 2021, the Vietnam Central Committee for Propaganda and Education issued Instruction No. 15-BGTW on the implementation of Directive No. 06-CT/TW, clearly defining family activities as the focus of the socio-economic development policies and plans; building a prosperous, progressive, happy and civilized family according to the Resolution of the 13th Party Congress. In organizing the implementation, Guideline 15 proposed the National Assembly Party Committee direct the building, amending, supplementing, and

perfecting the system of legal documents related to the family in the direction of focusing on family activities, ensuring the social cohesion and roles of the family. The Government’s Party Personnel Committee leads and directs agencies and units with the function of researching, building, and developing the Vietnamese family value system in the new period. The Party Personnel Committee of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism accelerates the formulation of the Vietnam Family Development Strategy for the period of 2021-2030, with a vision to 2045; Develop national digital data on families. Coordinating with the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences and relevant ministries and branches to research and perfect the construction and development of the Vietnamese family value system in the new period. At the National Cultural Conference in 2021, General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong emphasized: “Building Vietnamese people in the period of renewal, development and integration with appropriate standard values, associated with preserving, promoting Vietnamese family values, cultural values, national values; skillfully combining traditional values with contemporary values: Patriotism, solidarity, self-reliance, gratitude, honesty, responsibility, discipline, and creativity. Those values are nurtured by Vietnamese family culture with core values: Warmth, happiness, progress, civilization. (Trong, 2021, p.170)

Thus, the family has an important position in human life and with the cultural values of the family passed down through generations, it has played an important role in the development of each nation and country. It is a system of specific values and standards that regulate the relationship between family members and the relationship between family and society; reflects the nature of typical family forms for different communities, ethnic minorities, ethnic groups, and regions, formed and developed over a long history, associated with certain economic development conditions, natural environment, and society.

2.2. Promoting the roles of family for the building Vietnamese culture and people

Currently, our country is accelerating the cause of industrialization, modernization, and international integration in the strong globalization trend. International exchange and cooperation have given Vietnamese families the opportunities to access the knowledge and cultural values of other nations in the

world as well as the skills to organize life in modern society and economic development conditions. However, the downside of the market mechanism, the development of technology, the internet, and social networks also have a significant impact on Vietnamese family life. The life of modern society with the strong development of economic sectors, and the development of electronic information technology influenced the family structure and disrupted the family tradition and moral values of the Vietnamese traditional family. The new situation also has potential challenges, creating conflicts in the preservation of traditional moral values, behaviors, customs and habits, fine customs and traditions of the family and nation with the absorption of new elements and life views of modern society. At the same time, there is a loose state of behavior and relationships among family members, leading to instability and unsteady of the family.

Promoting the good traditional cultural values of the family in family building, towards building a family with a developed economic life and a healthy spiritual cultural life is an urgent requirement not only for each family but also for the whole society. To build a just, democratic and civilized society, it is necessary to preserve and promote the good traditional cultural values of the family. To build a Vietnamese family according to traditional cultural standards in association to build a civilized, progressive, and happy family, contributing to the building of an advanced Vietnamese culture imbued with national identity, it is necessary to build a Vietnamese family according to new values ladders, as well as inheriting the good values of the Vietnamese traditional family, and selectively absorbing the advances of humanistic and advanced ideas in the world, while ensuring the conditions for Vietnamese people to develop comprehensively. A happy and sustainable family will be an important fulcrum to building a country with rich people, a strong country, democracy, justice, and civilization.

The goals of building and developing Vietnamese families by 2020 and a vision for 2030 have been clearly defined in the Prime Minister's Decision No. 629/QĐ-TTg dated May 29, 2012, on *the Vietnam family development strategy to 2020, vision to 2030*. The strategy has identified the goals of "Building a prosperous, progressive and happy Vietnamese family that is truly everyone's home, a healthy cell of society", and emphasized 03 specific goals with the targets

achieved in each period that are: "Raising awareness of the roles, positions and responsibilities of the family and the community in the good implementation of the policies, guidelines, policies and laws on marriage and family, gender equality, domestic violence prevention and control, prevention of social evils from entering the family; Inheriting and promoting the fine traditional values of Vietnamese families; selectively absorbing advanced family values in a developed society; fully carrying out the rights and responsibilities of family members, especially towards children, the elderly, pregnant and nursing women; Improving the capacity of families in economic development, in response to natural disasters and economic crisis; creating jobs, increasing income and welfare, especially for policy households, poor and near-poor households according to regulations".

From the common goals of building a Vietnamese family in the period of industrialization, modernization and international integration according to the Party's viewpoint and the State's legal policies, to promote the roles of the family for building Vietnamese culture and people in the context of international exchange and integration, it is necessary to synchronously implement the following basic solutions:

Firstly, promoting the roles of family culture in the direction of building a cultural family of the Party and State.

Our Party and State always pay attention to the movement of building a cultural family, consider the family as the cell of society, prevent degradation, alienation and conflicts and breakdowns of the family. To build a strong family to cope with the negative effects of social networks with an unethical, counter-cultural, violent, pragmatic lifestyle, and to preserve and promote advanced cultural values of the times, it is necessary to raise the sense of responsibilities and duties of the family for each member as well as the relationship between the family and the social community in the implementation of the Party's viewpoints and guidelines, the State's policies and laws on marriage and family, gender equality, domestic violence prevention and control, and strengthening activities to prevent social evils from entering the family.

Raising people's intellectual level and awareness about family issues in society to build a prosperous,

equal, progressive and happy family. Disseminating and propagating the Party's viewpoints and guidelines, the State's policies and laws on family issues and building cultural families such as: Law on marriage and family, Law on domestic violence prevention and control, Law on Gender Equality, etc. From that, determine the system of moral and psychological values of family life in accordance with the human and cultural values of the nation in the period of international integration and become the content of family moral education in educational programs at all levels of training.

Secondly, inheriting and promoting the fine traditional values of Vietnamese families; selectively absorbing advanced family values in a developed society; fully carrying out the rights and responsibilities of family members, especially towards children, the elderly, pregnant and nursing women;

Family culture with good traditional values is developed over generations and passed down to future generations to follow, inherit, and develop. The ethical heritage, culture of behavior among family members, in particular, is the key factor, the spiritual foundation of the family's long-term development. As a result, the family culture should be built on the basis of common standards of society, inherit and promote traditional cultural values and take advantage of social networks to selectively absorb the advanced values of the family in modern society in order to build good family culture values and develop sustainably, in line with the development trend of the country.

Strengthening family life education by providing each family with knowledge of life skills such as parenting skills, behavioral skills among family members, between family and social community, etc. Mobilize families to preserve and promote the family culture and good traditions of the family in association with the building of new cultural values. Actively build village friendships, unite to help each other and encourage each other to well implement the guidelines, policies and laws of the Party and State.

Strengthen the legal effect to prevent social evils and negative impacts on the current family culture. Organize education and create conditions for each family to prevent social evils and negative impacts from social networks to protect the family's sustainable development.

Step by step socializes family services to reduce housework, increase intellectual activity time and common living time for family members to participate, share and improve the level of understanding and concern for everyone in the family, especially the elderly, women and children. Family members need to be aware of the issue of care and concern for the elderly. At the same time, women in the family need to be supported and facilitated to improve their qualifications and personal development. Each family needs to well implement gender equality policies, pay attention to maternal and child health care, and build a happy family together. In particular, special attention is paid to the protection and care of children in extremely difficult circumstances, helping them to properly perceive select information when using social networks to avoid violent acts in their families, avoid the negative effects and impacts of social evils when participating in applications on social networks.

In addition, families need to coordinate with schools to equip them with knowledge and skills to help children have understanding and bravery in choosing information, accessing and using social networks with many application pages suitable for age, psychophysiology and life conditions in personal life. At the same time, support children to have the courage to control their time using social networks, select information content in the process of using social networks, and participate in cultural behavior on social networks. In educational activities, families and schools need to guide children to use information technology with internet connection in accordance with regulations, how to access positive and appropriate information to acquire knowledge, skills through social networks to serve research, study, healthy entertainment, support and practical service through activities of social organizations.

Thirdly, concentrate resources to support household economic development, take households as beneficiaries. Family economic development is associated with family work and family culture building.

In the context of developing a socialist-oriented market economy, the dynamism and positivity of family members should be focused. The capacity of the family in economic development, disaster response and economic crisis is increasingly enhanced. Rich and diverse employment increases household incomes

and well-being. The support for family economic development is concretized by supporting activities such as: borrowing capital to invest in technical equipment for production, borrowing capital to develop professions, providing business services, guiding mixed economic models suitable to each family's conditions in different localities, supporting economic development on the basis of promoting all resources in the family to participate in production and business, ... In which, special priority is given to economic development support for policy households, poor and near-poor households, policy families, etc.

Fourthly, strengthen the management of information on social networks, especially information that is false, non-cultural, counter-cultural and inconsistent with the national cultural identity.

Governments at all levels from the central to local levels, the cultural sector and related departments need to take measures to control and promptly handle the flow of harmful and distorting information on social networks in order to entice people. Especially people with limited awareness of the law, people in rural, remote and extremely difficult areas. At the same time, reduce the situation of trafficking in women and children, combat domestic violence both physically and mentally, especially families in rural, mountainous, remote and isolated areas. In addition, invest in the development of socio-economic infrastructure, create a space for community cultural activities for family members to participate.

3. Conclusion

The family is the cell of society, an important environment to nurture, form personality and educate a healthy lifestyle for people. In the development process of human society, although the form of the family has changed many times, the family has always affirmed its position and importance to society. Family culture is a specific form of community culture, family culture includes the totality of family life activities and has cultural characteristics governed by values, standards, traditions, views and tastes of the community that family members have chosen and treated with each other in the family and with the social community. Building a family culture is to create a solid foundation to ensure the stability and sustainable development of

each family and the whole society, contributing to the successful realization of the goal of building a strong, prosperous and happy country.

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