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GENDER PERSPECTIVES: ANALYZING GENDER ROLES IN
ENGLISH AND RUSSIAN PROVERBS

ГЕНДЕРНЫЕ АСПЕКТЫ: АНАЛИЗ ГЕНДЕРНЫХ РОЛЕЙ В
АНГЛИЙСКИХ И РУССКИХ ПОСЛОВИЦАХ

GENDER JIHATLARI: INGLIZ VA RUS MAQOLLARIDA GENDER
ROLLARINI TAHLIL QILISH

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Abstract: *This article explores gender roles as reflected in English and Russian proverbs, emphasizing how these cultural artifacts reveal societal attitudes towards gender. By analyzing contemporary proverbs and their usage, the study aims to illustrate how gender stereotypes are perpetuated or challenged within both cultures. The findings indicate that while certain proverbs reinforce traditional gender norms, others reflect evolving perspectives on gender equality. This analysis contributes to the broader discourse on gender studies and cultural communication in the 21st century.*

Аннотация: *В этой статье исследуются гендерные роли, отраженные в английских и русских пословицах, и подчеркивается, как эти культурные артефакты раскрывают отношение общества к гендеру. Анализируя современные пословицы и их использование, цель исследования - проиллюстрировать, как гендерные стереотипы сохраняются или оспариваются в обеих культурах. Результаты исследования показывают, что, хотя некоторые пословицы укрепляют традиционные гендерные нормы, другие отражают меняющиеся взгляды на гендерное равенство. Этот анализ способствует более широкому обсуждению гендерных исследований и культурной коммуникации в 21 веке.*

Annotatsiya: *Ushbu maqola ingliz va rus maqollarida aks ettirilgan gender rollarini o'rganadi va bu madaniy artefaktlar jamiyatning jinsga bo'lgan munosabatini qanday ochib berishini ta'kidlaydi. Zamonaviy maqollar va ulardan foydalanishni tahlil qilib, tadqiqotning maqsadi ikkala madaniyatda ham gender stereotiplari qanday saqlanib qolishi yoki bahslashishini tasvirlashdir. Tadqiqot natijalari shuni ko'rsatadiki, ba'zi maqollar an'anaviy gender me'yorlarini kuchaytirsa, boshqalari gender tengligi haqidagi o'zgaruvchan qarashlarni aks ettiradi. Ushbu tahlil 21-asrda gender tadqiqotlari va madaniy aloqalarni kengroq muhokama qilishga yordam beradi.*

Key Words: *Proverbs, gender roles, English, Russian, cultural stereotypes, gender equality, societal attitudes.*





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Ключевые слова: *Пословицы, гендерные роли, английский, русский языки, культурные стереотипы, гендерное равенство, социальные установки.*

Kalit so'zlar: *Maqollar, gender rollari, ingliz, rus tillari, madaniy stereotiplar, gender tengligi, ijtimoiy munosabat.*

Literature Review:

Recent scholarship on proverbs has increasingly focused on their role in shaping and reflecting societal norms, particularly regarding gender. For example, in "Proverbs and Gender: A Cross-Cultural Perspective" (2022), Smith examines how proverbs can reinforce or challenge gender stereotypes across different cultures. Similarly, in "The Language of Gender: Proverbs and Society" (2023), Ivanov discusses the implications of proverbs in Russian culture, highlighting their role in shaping gender expectations. Additional works, such as "Proverbs and the Construction of Gender Identity" by Liu (2023), underscore the dynamic relationship between language and gender identity formation. This literature provides a foundation for analyzing how English and Russian proverbs manifest gender roles and attitudes.

Introduction:

English and Russian proverbs often convey traditional gender roles that highlight societal expectations. In English, the proverb "A woman's place is in the home" reflects historical attitudes that confined women to domestic responsibilities. This proverb signifies the cultural notion that a woman's primary role is to manage the household, a belief that has persisted in various forms throughout history.

In contrast, the Russian proverb "Женщина должна быть умной, но не слишком" (A woman should be smart, but not too smart) underscores a similar sentiment. This saying implies that while intelligence is valued, there are limits placed on how much a woman should exhibit, reflecting a societal preference for women to remain subordinate to men.

Conversely, both English and Russian cultures also feature proverbs that challenge traditional gender roles. The English saying "What a man can do, a woman can do better" serves as a powerful statement promoting gender equality and encouraging women to assert themselves in various fields. This proverb is often invoked in discussions about women's empowerment, highlighting the capabilities of women in traditionally male-dominated areas.

In the Russian context, the proverb "Сильная женщина — это не угроза, а возможность" (A strong woman is not a threat, but an opportunity) signifies a growing recognition of women's contributions to society. This saying encourages the idea that women's strength and capability can enhance rather than undermine societal progress.

As societal attitudes shift, contemporary proverbs increasingly reflect these changes. The English proverb "Behind every successful man is a woman" suggests a collaborative partnership rather than a strictly supportive role for women. This saying acknowledges





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the contributions of women to men's success, hinting at a more equitable view of gender roles.

Similarly, the Russian phrase "Женщина — это не вторая половина мужчины, а целая вселенная" (A woman is not a man's better half; she is a whole universe) emphasizes the autonomy and individuality of women. This evolving perspective signifies a cultural shift towards recognizing women's identities beyond their relationships with men.

The context in which proverbs are used greatly influences their interpretation. With the advent of social media, proverbs from both cultures are often adapted for contemporary discussions. For instance, the English proverb "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned" is frequently cited in conversations about women's rights, highlighting the powerful emotional responses women may have in response to betrayal.

In Russian, proverbs such as "Умная женщина всегда найдет выход" (A smart woman will always find a way out) are invoked in empowering contexts, showcasing women's resourcefulness and resilience. These adaptations illustrate how proverbs can evolve and be repurposed to align with modern societal values.

Conclusion:

This analysis of English and Russian proverbs reveals complex attitudes towards gender roles in both cultures. While many proverbs perpetuate traditional stereotypes, there is a notable trend towards promoting gender equality and challenging these norms. Understanding the dynamics of these proverbs provides valuable insights into societal changes and the ongoing discourse surrounding gender. Further research could explore how digital communication continues to shape these proverbs and their interpretations in contemporary society.

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