

VALUES IN MODERN WORLD

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Value is one of the notions which are methodologically important for most life realms of humans. As one of the key notions of the contemporary social thought, it is applied in philosophy, sociology, psychology and law to denote objects, phenomena and their properties which represent moral ideals and high standards. The problem of values is very urgent today, because in such unstable time society needs some fundamental guiding principles. Needless to say, the notion ‘a value’ is a very complicated phenomenon. Finding an adequate definition is always a challenge even for analytically-minded person. That is why, in modern world there are a lot of definitions of values.

According to this the main purposes of my work are, firstly, to find out importance of values for person and society; secondly, identify values of different age groups of people all over the world; and, finally, find out the base values of legal professions.

Different people can understand values in different ways. However in dictionaries you can find the following definitions of the notion ‘a value’:

- importance or usefulness of something;
- your principles about what is right and wrong;
- your ideas about what is important in life;
- good or interesting quality that something has because it is surprising, different, new, etc.

Consequently, today there is no universal definition, besides society continuing to discuss this problem.

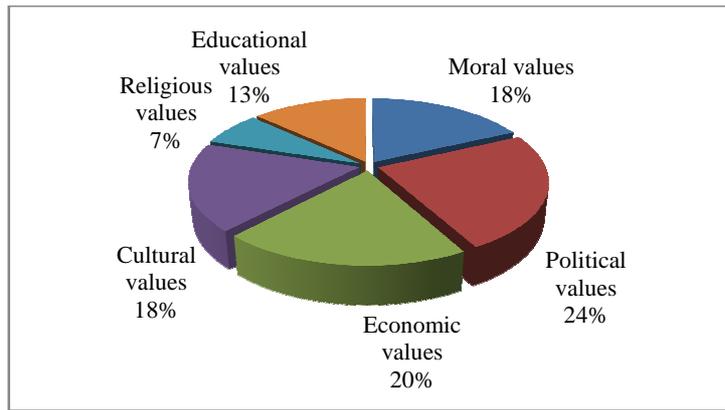
In a modern world there are great numbers of values. We can classify values into different categories:

1. Universal values are principles that can be applied to any sphere of life.
2. National values are principles underlying personal, social, state life.
3. Personal values are principles that define you as an individual.
4. Cultural values are principles that connect us to our cultural roots.
5. Social values are principles that indicate how you relate to others in social situations.
6. Work values are principles that guide your behavior in professional contexts.

On sphere of life we can define:

1. educational values (learning, appreciation, preparation of life, knowledge and abilities);
2. political values (equality, independence, freedom of speech, safety)
3. economic values (competitiveness, property, work);
4. cultural values (culture subjects, monuments);
5. religious values (faith, ritual, good fortune);
6. moral values (honesty, loyalty, punctuality, fairness).

According to researches of scientists different values take different value in a life of average person. Picture 1 shows which volume is occupied with each category in human life.



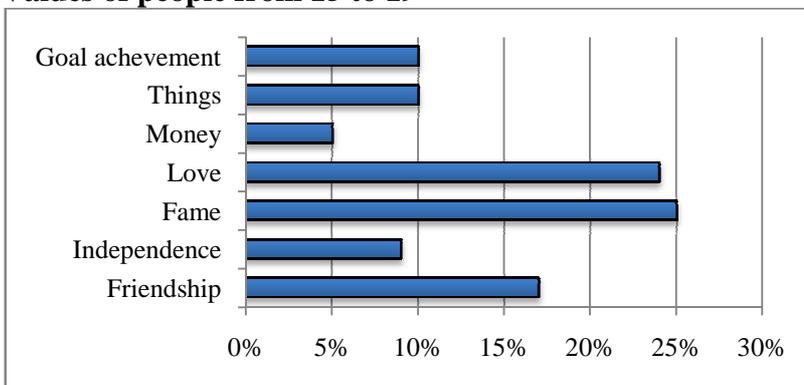
(picture 1)

One more classification is on the criterion of time span. Due to this classification there are:

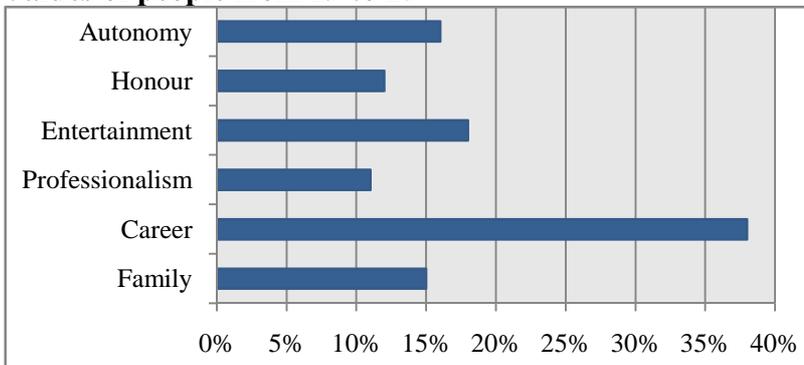
1. eternal values (norms, ideals and principles following from the essence of man and vital in all times);
2. challengeable values (principles which depending on various circumstances get the various maintenance);
3. temporary values (principles that actual in shot period of time. For example, values of slave-owning community or values of Renaissance).

To understand the notion of values, their classification better I have carried out a survey of the people of different age groups from different countries – France, Turkey, Bulgarian, United Kingdom, USA, Russia and Germany. I surveyed them via social networks. First of all I asked them some typical questions concerning their personal details (name, age, country of birth). According to their age group I gave them a set of questions concerning their values, I analyzed their answers and made a list of each groups top values.

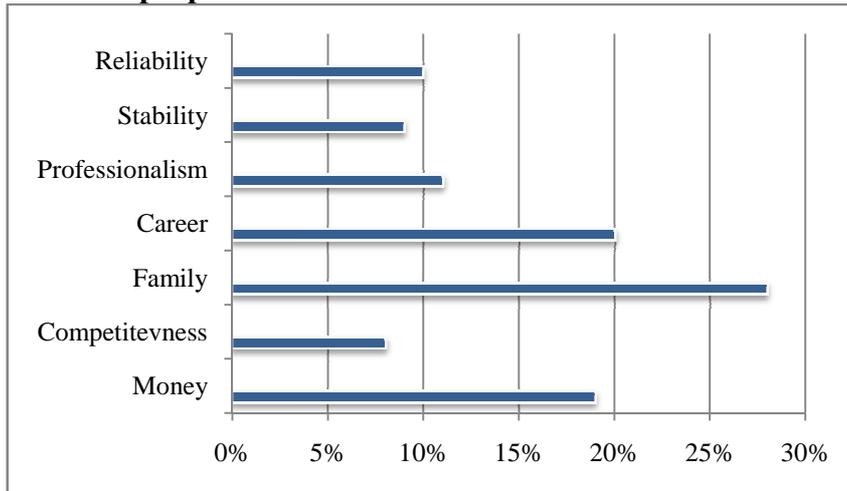
Values of people from 15 to 19



Values of people from 19 to 25



Values of people from 25 to 29



According to research we can see that values are changing as people are growing older. And something which is less important in our teens starts to be more important later in life.

Are there any differences between the general values of humans and the values of law related people? What is the essence of the law related people's values?

Professional values are the kind of group values, this principles that guide behavior of people in professional context. The representatives of each profession have their own special values which help them to work. Therefore there are values of legal profession: justice, professionalism, equality of rights, morality, fairness, reliability. For law related people there no values which are more or less important. All values are equally important.

In conclusion, I'd like to say that values help people live their lives and organize their societies and bind a society, so that its members know what to expect of each other and have some shared principles by which to manage their differences without resorting to violence.