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## CONFUCIANISM IN CONTEMPORARY CHINESE POLITICAL CULTURE

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### **ABSTRACT**

Confucianism, based on teachings of Confucius, plays a significant role in shaping the culture and ideology of Chinese people. The research analyzes the basic principles of Confucianism, its influence on political institutions and leadership in China. It also examines how contemporary Chinese political culture reflects and continues the ideas and values of Confucianism.

Harmony, understood as the balance between personal development and social well-being, is considered one of the fundamental values of Confucian philosophy. Kinship, especially important in Chinese family society, is also discussed. Not only determine the principles of harmony and kinship the behavior of people in their personal lives, but also the dynamics of relationships in the Chinese political culture.

The analysis of the anti-modernization aspects of Confucianism and what can contribute to modernization and democratization are given in our research. The role of management and leadership based on wisdom and harmonious relations with the people is emphasized. The desire for stability and the preservation of traditions are also highlighted as important aspects of political culture, which are rooted in Confucian principles.

Confucianism has more influence on political sphere in contemporary China, infusing itself into its structures and values. Understanding Confucian principles and their influence on Chinese political culture help expand knowledge and provide a deeper understanding of the nuances of Chinese political ideology.

**Keywords:** Confucianism, Chinese culture, contemporary, political, influence.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

When we navigate China's political culture, it is evident that its foundations were laid deep in the ancient annals of history. The enduring traditions that emerged during this formative period not only determined the trajectory of the development of the system of government, but also laid the foundation for the distinctive Chinese concept of the state. This evolution, closely intertwined with the economic and socio-political conditions of ancient China, prepared the ground for the rich canvas of political culture that defines the nation today.

### CONCLUSION

The main traditions of China's political culture were formed in the ancient period of its history. Gradually, they became the foundation for the development of the system of state administration and the concept of the state. This represents the result of the economic and sociopolitical conditions of the historical development of ancient China.

Confucianism played an important role in shaping the political culture of the Chinese people. Confucianism developed within the institution of the "big family" until the 20th century. Such political culture can be called the culture of duty and consent.

Later, the remaining foundations of Confucianism in the thinking of the people became the foundation for the creation of modern political culture. In the modern world, there are dynamic processes that are characteristic of the rapidly spreading globalization. As a consequence, there are changes in the political culture of modern China. The remaining knowledge of Confucian philosophy in the thinking of the Chinese has become the basis for the formation of modern political culture of a transitional type. Following the dynamic processes taking place in the rapidly globalizing world, China's political culture is changing rapidly. Traits of individualism have appeared in it. Ethical teachings have begun to emerge that have been able to combine the teachings of Confucianism and entrepreneurship. This combination can be a successful ideological basis for the modernization process.

If we talk about the conditions of globalization in the modern world, China is in search of its own vectors of social dynamics. Its aspirations are based both on objective socio-economic changes and on the Chinese definition of the post-industrial system of values. This system is based on cultural traditions, which still largely determine the most important features of the mentality of the Chinese people.

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