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## CULTURAL VALUES IN UZBEK AND ENGLISH

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**Annotation:** *This study examines the relationship between cultural values and politeness norms in English and Uzbek speech communities. It analyzes how cultural factors, such as collectivism, individualism, social status, and family ties, shape communication styles and expressions of respect. The research highlights similarities and differences in politeness strategies, showing how language reflects broader societal values.*

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### **Introduction**

Cultural values and politeness norms are fundamental in shaping interactions within any speech community. They reflect the beliefs, traditions, and social structures of a society and guide how individuals relate to one another. This study explores these norms in English and Uzbek communities, focusing on how language embodies respect, courtesy, and social hierarchy. Proverbs in both cultures illustrate these principles. For example, the Uzbek proverb “Hurmat qilgan hurmat ko’radi” corresponds to the English “He who shows respect will be respected”, demonstrating shared moral values. Uzbek proverbs emphasize family, upbringing, and social etiquette, while English proverbs provide guidance for polite conversation in everyday life.

### **Main Part / Analysis**

#### **Politeness in Uzbek Culture**

Uzbek proverbs highlight the centrality of respect, family values, and manners in daily life. Examples include:

- “Onangga boshingni xam qil, Otangga gapingni kam qil” – emphasizes reverence for parents.
- “Og’ani ko’rib ini o’sar, Opani ko’rib - singlisi” – shows the role of family in shaping politeness.
- “Odobli O’g’il ko’kdagi yulduz, Odobli Qiz yoqadagi qunduz” – uses poetic comparison to value moral character.
- “Salom-farz, Alik ham farz” – stresses the use of greetings (Assalamu aleikum) as a core cultural norm.
- “Husn husn emas, odob husndir” – emphasizes that beauty lies in character, not appearance.

#### **Politeness in English Culture**

English proverbs similarly promote courteous behavior and social awareness. Examples include:





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1. “He who shows respect will be respected” – highlights reciprocity in politeness.
2. “Keep your breath to cool your porridge” – advises restraint in speech.
3. “Good folks are scarce” – values virtuous behavior.
4. “Miss, your tongue runs before your wit” – warns against speaking without thinking.
5. “Your tongue is no slander” – praises truthful speech.
6. “Scornful dogs will eat dirty puddings” – shows consequences of neglecting norms.

### **Comparative Analysis**

The analysis shows that despite cultural and linguistic differences, both English and Uzbek proverbs share common themes: respect for others, moral behavior, and the social value of politeness. Both cultures recognize politeness as a universal virtue that fosters positive interactions and social harmony. Linguistically, proverbs in both languages can be considered equivalent in meaning, demonstrating that societal values are often reflected similarly across different linguistic traditions.

### **Conclusion**

The study confirms that politeness is a universal cultural value, expressed differently in English and Uzbek but rooted in shared principles of respect, courtesy, and moral character. Proverbs in both cultures emphasize the importance of family, upbringing, and social interaction in forming polite behavior. Language serves as a mirror of societal values, and understanding these expressions enriches intercultural communication. Ultimately, politeness is a timeless virtue that transcends cultural and linguistic boundaries, promoting harmony and effective social interaction.

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