
Integrating Sociology in the Field of Education Sector: An Exploration of the Dire Need of the Society

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Abstract

Education is the fundamental necessity for the progress of mankind. Education is a two-way process wherein the transfer of knowledge takes place in the form of both teaching knowledge and receiving knowledge. Education shapes life and makes it better. It enhances the life of the individual and improves one's thinking, feeling, and behavior. People get exposed to various life experiences through education. Education shapes human personality, thoughts, and indeed prepares people to face life in the future. Education tries to inculcate various things other than imparting knowledge. Education shapes human thoughts by imparting moral values, positive thinking, ethical values, etc. which in turn brings changes in society. By learning skills and knowledge, education tries to prepare humans to face world challenges. Education plays a pivotal role in creating a better society. This article tries to explore the need of integrating sociological theories in the field of education. The main concern of the Sociological theories is the relationship between society and human behavior. Through the act of integration of sociological theories in the field of education, it tries to study the human groups, their functions, and their behaviors. The process tries to make every individual a functional member of society. Society changes every now and then. Since society changes, education also undergoes changes. It is highly essential in this changing scenario for integration of sociological theories in the field of education which may, in turn, help society for the betterment of the human lifestyle.

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1. Introduction

Education tries to empower people to develop personality and it makes people active with the current changes that taking place in the environment. Imparting social justice, political development, democracy, etc. are made possible with the help of education. In the twenty-first century, people are in the situation of facing lots of challenges in their life. Life in this situation is made possible and challenges are lessened with the help of education. The importance of imparting education. Education has played an inevitable role in developing the career world of human beings. Education is something simply more than learning facts. In fact, the educational system tries to socialize humans in our society. Cultural expectations and norms are reinforced with the help of education by various means namely teachers, textbooks, lessons, peers, etc. Education is thus the age of changes that take place in society. It promotes homogenization and social sorting. Education imparts values, beliefs, and norms of various cultures. Education plays an integral role in the lives of the people.

Objectives

- ❖ To appreciate the role of education in humanizing behavior
- ❖ To understand the importance of integration of sociological theories in the field of education.
- ❖ To comprehend the values of educational principles in shaping human life.
- ❖ To realize the potential and the need for education in the world of technological development.

2. Literature review

Education aims in bringing the integral development of a person. Furthermore, it aims in benefitting the people to the utmost need. The people are made aware of their rights and duties. On the whole, Education contributes to the betterment of society. A. Gary Dworkin and et al (2013, p. 3) highlight the emerging issues in the field of sociology of education is worth referring to,

Globalization has had a profound effect on educational systems in developed and developing nations, with many of its consequences being unanticipated.

Contemporary societies are in a period of profound changes, where the national space-time has been lost, gradually, since the 1970s. The primacy in relation to the growing importance of spacetime globally and locally has led to the crisis of national social contracts, which formed the basis of the modern development of central states.

There is a dire need in the field of education in integrating numerous concepts and theories. Shernaaz Carelse and Glynnis Dykes (2013, p. 165) highlight the importance of integrating theory and practice in the following words is worth mentioning her in this context, "There is a dearth of research about the integration of theory and practice in social work education". Education strengthens one's character, reinforces human thoughts, and strengthens one's behavior. Lara Ahmed Al-Hadeed (2020, p. 2) quoted the view of (Khamash, 2004) in his research article is worth referring to in this context,

Today, the human heritage is rich in an enormous volume of theoretical and practical studies and researches in human sciences in particular, in which sociology occupies a great place. However, the mechanism for the objective and systematic examination of scientific subjects requires addressing the most important scientific contributions and achievements made by scientists in this field. Contextually, the development of any science usually needs significant efforts to determine the subject matter that science specializes in particularly. Also, further efforts should be made to determine the approach to the study of the subject matter. Science is primarily built on the existence of these two pillars (subject matter and methodology). The more precisely and vividly the subject matter is determined, the more independent sociology will be from other sciences.

Integration of sociological theories in the field of education kindles and promotes higher-order thinking. Human lives in close association with society.

Living in harmony with society is the dire need of this era. The life of humans and society go hand in hand. The basics of social philosophy are the harmonious relationship between human life and society. Humans and society depend on each other. They exhibit mutual understanding for the progress of mankind. Man is a social animal, who lives

harmoniously in relation with society with the natural urge for associated life. society is the basic survival factor for human life. society in turn promotes harmonious and happy life of individuals in general. Human life depends on the nature of the association of various factors and things. Society and human life are interconnected, interrelated, and interdependent. Understanding the changes of society is highly recommended in maintaining the mutual relationship between humans and society. Currently, integrating sociological theories in the field of education is hardly needed for the smooth flow of human relationships in terms of the societal relationship.

Sociology is concerned about the social facts that experience changes every now and then. Understanding the changes of society is highly recommended for the smooth flow of the relationship. Sociological consideration leads to harmonious life experience and it is needed for a better understanding of society. Understanding sociology through the act of education leads to a better understanding of the subsystems of society. The dynamism of society is well experienced through the process of integration of sociological theories in the field of education. The diversification of cultural background and the upbringing of the societal changes can be well imparted through education. Sociology functions within the realm of human want.

Discussion

Theories consist of the framework which in turn help in explaining certain phenomena. The connection between theory and practice is highly essential in integrating values into human beings. To experience and understand the major key concepts, to justify various decisions, etc., linking theory and practice is hardly in need in the field of education. The scientific study of society and human behavior is highly needed in this era of globalization. As a result, integrating sociology in the field of education may make wonders. By doing so, the field of education effectively implements a humanistic approach and renders professional application to the people in the process of understanding society and human behavior. People are innately influenced by society. Integrating sociology in the field of education seems to be highly essential. People should understand why certain facts in society are related. Society is a complex interconnected system that works harmoniously for the betterment of humankind.

Auguste Comte coined the term sociology. He believed to improve society by directing human activities by holding sociology as a thread. He aimed to unite all the sciences under sociology with the view of unifying human thought processes for the betterment of human life. He stressed the need in understanding society by studying the various developmental stages in particular. How does society evolve and change?— this was the constant question in the mind of Auguste Comte. Lara Ahmed Al-Hadeed (2020, p. 10) referred to Auguste Comte's methodology in terms of sociology in the following words,

Auguste Comte can achieve the primacy of the positivist approach and its comprehensiveness, containing all aspects of society by following basic methodological procedures, the most prominent of which are: observation, experience, comparative, and historical approach.

A sociological theory integrates a set of ideas that guides human society for betterment. Similarly, Durkheim— a pioneer in the term of sociology — believed in the collective consciousness and the integration of society. He insisted on integrating sociology in the field of education.

Scope of integrating sociological theories in the field of education can result in

- ❖ Development of novel social patterns
- ❖ Integration of creative workforces
- ❖ The adaptability of the better social environment
- ❖ Initiating the social changes
- ❖ A better understanding of human relations
- ❖ Imparts the necessity of change
- ❖ Assimilates the human culture and tradition
- ❖ Develops a state of physical, mental, and social well being amongst the society
- ❖ Fosters global outlook in terms of culture and tradition
- ❖ Imparts the need for responsible management of the physical and human environment
- ❖ Instills the ability to seek an alternative solution to the problems that arise
- ❖ Imparts social responsibilities
- ❖ Ensures career development
- ❖ Promotes moral practices and ethical values in shaping human life
- ❖ Endorses social progress and wider development

- ❖ Enhances the effects of social elements on the life of the people

Analysis

By integrating sociological theories in the field of education, people can understand society far better in terms of structure, changes undergone by society over the ages, future predictions in terms of changes, etc.

In the social context, examining human beings is the dire need of society. By integrating the sociological theories in the field of education it can be achieved to its fullest. In the view of building sociological knowledge, it is important to observe the people as a community, their interactions, etc. in the lie of building social collaboration.

In the process of conducting a survey or experiments to achieve such collaboration, integrating theory in the field of education becomes an essential element. It further helps in building sociological knowledge amongst the people. By integrating the sociological theories in the arena of education, we can trace out the changes that society experiencing in terms of interconnection amongst the individuals and the environment. The art of integration aids in understanding the interdependent element which reinforces the human existence as an individual or as a group. The theories of sociology attempt to bring awareness amongst the people regarding the function of society by insisting on their roles and responsibilities.

In addition, it also educates people regarding the peculiarities found and tries to impart adequate knowledge in shaping society. Furthermore, people are made aware of the problems that are arising in society and their root causes. Integration of sociological theories in the field of education will pave way for an understanding of the societal problems by providing clear insights and by enabling and guiding them towards appropriate and effective ways in tackling such issues and problems. In general, the integration of theories in the field of education imparts necessary knowledge and understanding of the world.

However, the main concern of sociology is the well-being of the social relationships and intends to maintain the social relationship of the human community. Sociology also implements a scientific approach in maintaining the social relationship. It tries to analyze the behavior and tries to discover the regularities of the human behavior that exist in groups.

People who live in the group follow a certain culture and exhibit certain behavior. Sociology tries to study the transformation of behavior in the group and their formation as a community, the relationship of the group and the members in the group, the relationship that exists between various groups of human existence, and so on. On the whole, sociology analysis the cohesion and the conflict that exist in the human community.

The interrelated ideas and the systematization of the knowledge of the society through integration of theories in the field of education help in the better and enhanced thought process in shaping the society. Education helps in maintaining the healthy equilibrium and social order of the society. Through the act of socialization, the new generation learners acquire the necessary knowledge, values, and attitude which in turn make them productive citizens. The socialization of humans is made possible through education. Through the process of socialization, human tries to acquire the physical, moral, and social capacities of the community to which they belong and their function. A set of learning outcomes should ensure integration of theory and practice as well as progression in the development of concepts, skills, and values through the assessment standards.

Thus by integrating sociology in the field of education, it is possible to understand both the individual self and the social self. It further leads to discipline, stability, and unity among the people in the community.

The internalization of human values and discipline is made possible by the act of integrating sociology and education. It further makes the human the functional member of society. It also imparts the sociological standpoints and makes the member a functional body of the society. Education is the fundamental optimistic human endeavor that aims for human progress and betterment in general. It is a means through which humans can aspire to achieve wealth and social status. Sociology tries to analyze human interaction by inculcating various ideologies, pedagogical techniques in the field of education. In the realm of education, sociological theories are much concerned with the relationships, activities, and reactions of the people in concern with the sociological problems. The process of integration of sociological theories in the field of education tries to promote social mobility. The relationship between society and education can be best perceived by integrating educational sociological principles.

3. Conclusion

Educational programmes need to be planned with caution in order to get the full benefit out of it. It should comprise the philosophy of the society, its demand, and need in particular. Integration of sociological theories in the field of education aims in fulfilling the needs of the society and the individual as well as their future aspirations in particular which may lead to better beneficial effects in a long run. It also highlights the sociological traits of educational phenomena and tries to impart their importance through educational influence. In the world of changing technology, preservation of traditional values, and social patterns need to be insisted through education. It also promotes the functional roles of society. Functionalists believe that education is a major source of social institutions in a society. People are enculturated across the globe through the art of education. Global outlook can be best fostered through the process of integrating sociological theories in the field of education.

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