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STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF MODERN FEMALE NAMES

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ABSTRACT
This article highlights the statistical analysis of Uzbek female names that have been frequently used by Uzbek people in the last five years, furthermore, the motives and semantic characteristics of these names are shown.
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Language is always in contact with people's life. Therefore, it is natural to reflect the changes and updates in the life of the people. The impact of the changes outside the language on the language is so great that it causes the renewal of the national worldview and the change of the national mentality. For example, the wide spread and assimilation of Islam in Central Asia had a great impact on the customs and traditions of naming children, as well as on all areas of the spiritual life of local peoples. The Soviet ideology, the Soviet system, and the new economic policy, which lasted for nearly seventy years starting from the first quarter of the 20th century, drastically changed the thousand-year-old way of life of the Uzbek people. As a result, Uzbeks, who lived mainly under the influence of Islamic beliefs, began to look at life with Soviet eyes. Through ideological influences, they tried to penetrate the entire mental and spiritual world of the people. Such effects lasted for a quarter of a century.

One of the greatest blessings of the Allah is a child. His coming of age, growing up, maturing and finding his place in life as a person is an inexhaustible blessing for parents. Choosing a beautiful name for a child means recognizing and appreciating this blessing given by Allah. Because a beautiful, meaningful name makes a person's character more beautiful. On the contrary, the meaning of silly and ugly names is not good for anyone. Giving a beautiful name to a child is one of the important duties of parents and family heads. When choosing a name, if you do not know the meaning of the name you want to name, you should definitely ask a dictionary of names or an expert in this field, people of science, because any sonorous, apparently pleasant-sounding names does not indicate the correct meaning.

But, unfortunately, today there are many people who pay attention to these things, that is, to the sonorousness of the name, rather than its meaning. Also, among modern names, there are many names representing religious concepts.

Recently, we witnessed interesting statistics about names [2]. On January 5, 2023, the Ministry of Justice announced some information about the end of 2023. According to it, 968 thousand 140 children were born in 2023, of which 501 thousand 577 were boys and 466 thousand 563 were girls. According to the Ministry of Justice, for the fifth year in a row Muhammadali is the most popular name for boys, and for the sixth year in a row Saliha is the most popular name for girls. Before Muhammadali, the name Azizbek was the leader among boys, but in the last four years this name did not even enter the top ten. In general, since 2020, the top ten consists only of names with Abdullah, Mustafa, Imran, Ibrahim and the root Muhammad. For comparison, there were many names like Asilbek, Umid, Azod, Shahjakhan, Sardar, Jahangir, Jawahir, Ulugbek in the 2014-2015 ratings.

Now, if we pay attention to the name of girls, which is the object of our research, the rating of girls is also interesting (Figure 1). For example, from 2013 to 2016, names such as Madina, Dilnura, Marjona, Sevinch, Malika, Farangiz, Ezoza, Umida became popular; Ezoza and Malika did not enter the top ten from 2018, and Madina from 2020. On the contrary, Mubina since 2014, Muslima/Muslimakhon since 2015, Soliha/Solihabonu since 2016, Imona/Iymona since 2017, Shukrona since 2018, Hadicha since 2020. For two years, the names Yasmina and Ifora have been used a lot (by the way, in 2013 and 2014, Jasmina was on the 1st place). This year, the names Sumayya and Sa'diya entered the top ten for the first time. And Mubina was ranked at the bottom for the first time since 2014, when it entered the top ten, and we think it will leave the ranking in 2024.

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Figure 1

2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
SOLIHA	SOLIHA	SOLIHA	SOLIHA	SOLIHA	SOLIHA	MADINA	MUBINA	MUBINA	JASMINA	JASMINA
MUSLIMA	MUSLIMA	MUSLIMA	MUSLIMA	MUSLIMA	MUBINA	MUBINA	MADINA	MADINA	MADINA	SEVINCH
YASMINA	IMONA	SHUKRONA	IMONA	IMONA	MADINA	SHUKRONA	DILNURA	DILNURA	MARJONA	MADINA
HADICHA	SHUKRONA	IMONA	SHUKRONA	MUBINA	MUSLIMA	SOLIHA	MUSLIMA	MARJONA	SEVINCH	MARJONA
IMONA	HADICHA	HADICHA	MUBINA	SHUKRONA	SHUKRONA	MUSLIMA	SOLIHA	FARANGIZ	FARANGIZ	UMIDA
SHUKRONA	YASMINA	MUBINA	MUSLIMAXON	MADINA	MALIKA	MALIKA	MARJONA	JASMINA	E`ZOZA	CHAROS
SUMAYYA	IFORA	MUSLIMAXON	MADINA	MUSLIMAXON	IMONA	IYMONA	SEVINCH	MUSLIMA	MUBINA	FARANGIZ
IFORA	MUBINA	SOLIHABONU	HADICHA	IYMONA	IYMONA	E`ZOZA	MALIKA	E`ZOZA	DILNURA	DILNURA
SA'DIYA	MUSLIMAXON	FOTIMA	IYMONA	SABINA	MUSLIMAXON	PARIZODA	FARANGIZ	SEVINCH	DURDONA	E`ZOZA
MUBINA	FOTIMA	FARZONA	SOLIHABONU	MALIKA	E`ZOZA	IMONA	E`ZOZA	MALIKA	UMIDA	ZARINA

Of course, every parent tries to give their child a beautiful and meaningful name. If we analyze the modern names mentioned above, the essence of why these anthroponyms are used today will be revealed.

If we analyze the anthroponym Soliha, which is used most often in the Uzbek language today, Soliha is derived from the Arabic language and means pure, neat or pious, godly, white-hearted, kind, intelligent, faithful Muslim girl [5]. Forms: Soliha, Solihabonu, Solihabegim. In Uzbe people, when a child is born, intentions such as “may she be a righteous child” and “may she be a faithful girl” be expressed. In the explanatory dictionary of the Uzbek language, the word “solih”, which is the root of this name, is explained as follows: “arabic. –cheerful, good, open hearted; good; useful; right; potential, valid [9]. It is known that Solih as an anthroponym has existed in historical anthroponymy for several centuries, mainly as a name for men. However, according to the statistics of the Ministry of Justice, the number of girls named Soliha has been increasing year by year in the last 10 years. Judging from the meaning of the word, this name is given to girls with the help of an affix “-a” and means “to be a good-natured, good, open-minded, righteous child”. This beautiful name, both meaningful and melodious, attracts the attention of parents who have a daughter and is given to girls with good intentions.

Another popular name for girls is Muslima/Muslimakhon. Muslima means – a Muslim, pious woman, virtuous, believing girl who obeys God. Forms: Muslimakhon, Muslimaoy, Muslimabonu [3]. The word “muslim”, which is the root of this name, is explained as “muslim – arabic. a Muslim who has accepted Islam” [8]. Also, it was noted that “Muslim” is rarely used in the first meaning, i.e. Muslim, and in the second meaning, it is precisely its meaning as a noun, that is, as a male name. If we look at modern anthroponymics, this name has become more active with the help of an affix “-a” for expessing girls. Compared to men, we can notice that it has decreased. The name Muslima is loved by parents who have a daughter and is given to their children with good intentions. According to the information on the “ismlar.com/uz” website, which has become a useful tool for learning the meaning of names, the names Muhammad, Mustafa, Imran, Ali, Omar, Madina, Mubina, Muslima, Imona, Maftuna have the most the searched names for their meanings. So, these names are more interesting to our people. The names Muhammad, Ali, and Umar were among the most common names even before independence, but Madina, Mubina, Muslima, and Imona became active during the years of independence [11].

Another name that has become active in recent years is the anthroponym Yasmina. According to the data of the Ministry of Justice at the end of 2023, this name took the third place. If we look for the essence of the anthroponym, then this name goes back to the name of the flower “Yasmin”, which means the flower of paradise, the name of the flower growing in paradise, fragrant, strong, beautiful flower. Forms: Yasminakhan, Yasmin, Yasminabonu, Yasminaoy, Jasmin [4]. In the explanatory dictionary of the Uzbek language, this word is explained only as the name of a flower, and only the example “Persian – yosuman” is given [10]. We did not find this anthroponym in the dictionary of Uzbek names by E. Begmatov. It is known that this anthroponym in the form of Jasmina has been given to many girls in recent years. This option was not observed in anthroponymic dictionaries either. It can be seen from this that this anthroponym has entered the ranks of modern names and has become more active in Uzbek anthroponymics in the last 10 years. Even, according to statistics, in 2023/2014, it took first place among the female names. One thing surprises us, neither in the dictionary of Uzbek names nor in the Uzbek annotated dictionary did we find the word “jasmin” in the Uzbek language either

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as a flower name or an anthroponym, but our people use this antonym for their daughters. and it is self-evident that the religious motive was the reason for many references to this anthroponym along with the names mentioned above. The content of "Paradise flower" attracted the attention of many parents.

The anthroponym Hadicha, built on the basis of a similar religious motive, is also active in the anthroponymics of today. There are many cases where the anthroponym of Hadicha is written with a hard X sound. But it should actually be written with a guttural H, so that it is orthographically correct. In the dictionary of Uzbek names, it is interpreted in the style of Hadicha, meaning "premature". It is explained that the name of the first wife of Muhammad (peace be upon him) was Hadicha (approx. 555 - 556 - 620 - 621), the mother of Fatima [1]. It is true that in the past this name was given to girls who were born prematurely and had some kind of defect, but today this name is a tradition due to religious motives, that is, it was the name of the wife of Muhammad (peace be upon him).

The anthroponym Imona/ I(y)mona is also leading in the top ten famous names. We all know that the dictionary meaning of the word is "faith". There is a problem with the spelling of the anthroponym, and in the new explanatory dictionary, this word is given in the form of "i(y)mon", that is, in Arabic, trust in God, religious faith [7]. If we analyze the spelling of the word through the spelling dictionary of the Uzbek language, we can see that the word is given side by side in two different versions, in the form of "iymon and imon" [6]. When we looked at the dictionary of names, we saw that it was recorded as a male name in the form of "Imon". It is known that this anthroponym is attributed to girls with the help of the index "-a" and has been used as a name for girls in recent times. So, Imona means trust, belief, worship in Arabic and is one of the main conditions of Islam, which means trust and belief in Allah, Islam and Muhammad. It can be seen that this name is given to girls with the meaning "let she be a girl of faith".

The analysis of modern names shows that the leading religious motive can be felt in the names of both boys and girls. This, of course, shows that the interest of our people in religious knowledge has increased, and the number of people with strong religious knowledge is increasing among our people.

So, a certain period has its own material and spiritual needs. These needs impose their demands on all aspects of society's life. The age also affects the naming habits of the child and forms a reserve of names specific to the period. However, this is not a process completely independent of human influence and conscious intervention. The analysis of modern names specific to each period automatically creates the need to make changes to the dictionary of names. The advanced intelligentsia of the society should be vigilant in such national issues, feel involved in the sometimes inconsistent and sometimes inappropriate processes.

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