

Social Sciences On Rural Society

دور الجامعة في تنمية المجتمع الريفي- دراسة في تأثير العلوم الاجتماعية على المجتمع الريفي

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Abstract:

This empirical study tackles the role of the university to develop the rural community throughout teaching and educating students the different techniques of sciences. Therefore, those students will contribute to transfer the acquired knowledge and use it in their real life situations across their different living districts.

Accordingly, the Algerian university, like other universities, has performed its historical role in contributing to free the Algerian citizen, protecting his history, preserving his different values and promoting his language by imposing its use in all the fields of life where the social sciences play an important role in developing the identity, preserving the privacy, achieving the social cohesion and the mental health of the Algerian society, besides its integration, collaboration, stability and tranquility. This is because all the branches of the social knowledge complement and support each other.

Keywords: University - development- rural community

Resume :

Cette étude impériale traite le rôle de l'université dans le développement de la société rurale à travers sa fonction d'éducation et d'apprentissage des étudiants par les différentes sciences et techniques, contribuant ainsi à la transmission de ces connaissances et à leur

application dans les différents domaines de la vie et dans les différents milieux et régions, l'université algérienne comme les autres universités ayant rempli sa fonction historique de contribuer à la libération de l'homme algérien, à la protection de son histoire, à la préservation de ses valeurs différentes, à la promotion de sa langue et à la généralisation de son usage dans tous les aspects de la vie. Toutes les disciplines du savoir sociologique se complètent et se renforcent mutuellement.

Les Mots clés : L'université - société rurale - développement

- Abstract in Arabic:

تتناول هذه الدراسة الإمبريقية دور الجامعة في تنمية المجتمع الريفي من خلال وظيفة تعليم الطلبة وتلقينهم مختلف العلوم والتقنيات، وبذلك يسهم هؤلاء الطلبة في نقل هذه المعارف وتطبيق تلك التقنيات في مختلف مناحي الحياة وفي مختلف الأوساط والأقاليم، والجامعة الجزائرية كغيرها من الجامعات قامت بوظيفتها التاريخية في المساهمة في تحرير الإنسان الجزائري وحماية تاريخه والحفاظ على قيمه المختلفة، والمساهمة في ترقية لغته وتعميم استعمالها في كل جوانب الحياة، حيث تلعب العلوم الاجتماعية دورا هاما في ترقية الهوية والحفاظ على الخصوصية وتحقيق اللحمة الاجتماعية والصحة النفسية للمجتمع الجزائري، والاندماج والتكافل والاستقرار والسكينة. فكل فروع المعرفة الاجتماعية يكمل بعضها البعض وتسد بعضها البعض.

الكلمات المفتاحية: الجامعة - المجتمع الريفي - التنمية

- Introduction:

The number of Algerian university students has increased tremendously as far as it reached around 33.000 students in 2007 in M'ssila only. They are distributed across different branches and fields of scientific and technical knowledge. These students come from different regions and districts. The university houses various students and provides transportation services. It also provides the appropriate supervision for the benefit of the learning process despite of the great challenge since the university is still not ready to receive this huge number of students . It managed to deal with the situation even though it was at the expense of quality and kind. However , it is throughout the students' contact with different modules and programmes as well as its transmission to their families and communities will inevitably contribute to raise the intellectual and cultural capital of families and communities. Therefore, addressed the various graduated university students from different specialties , and who came from the rural areas and districts in order to stand on the

amount of the university contribution in developing the rural community throughout quantitative and how indicators.

The Importance Of Science And Practice:

The importance of this study comes from the crucial role and function of the university, which is considered to be the effective means of society in order to preserve its privacy and to develop its capacities with its own tools and mechanisms (Ismail,1998, p228). It is also an effective instrument in the hands of the government to tame society and bring about the desired changes to achieve its goals , as well as the realization of empowerment requirements to obtain values and loyalties from society, in addition to the stabilization of multi-intellectual , social , political and economic security.

The Problematic Of The Study :

The problematic of the study focuses on the main following question : How do the different branches of science and knowledge contribute the development of society ? Throughout the change in the roles and functions of the university in various times and places.

Inquiries Of The Study :

Under the main problematic , come the following sub-questions :

- 1/ Does Sociology have a role to play in organizing a society ?
- 2/ Does Psychology play a role in promoting and achieving the mental health of the rural community ?
- 3/ Does Economics contribute to improving the standard of living , the diversity of resources and activities of the rural community ?
- 4/ How does the science of politics contribute to loyalty , participation and the promotion of citizenship's values ?
- 5/ How do university degrees contribute to enabling rural women to occupy jobs?

The Fields Of Study :

*The role of the university then and now.

*The role of the social science to improve and orient the university student in his social milieu.

*The jobs of university students.

*The intellectual and cultural capital of rural society.

Hypotheses :

For a good approach , survey and tracking of the study procedures , we formulated the following hypotheses :

- 1/ Sociology plays an important role to organize the rural community .
- 2/ Psychology plays a crucial role in promoting and achieving the mental health of rural societies.
- 3/ Economics contributes to improving the living and promoting the rural community economical system.
- 4/ The university degrees contributed to the integration of women into the labour market and the occupation of various jobs.

The Used Approaches :

We have used a systematic integration throughout the functional constructivism theory where we have considered the rural society as a unity of Sociology , economy and culture(El-Khatib, 2008, p 49) , as well as the spread of cognitive and cultural diffusion, since the university is the right place of science and culture. It spreads all kinds of knowledge , techniques and sciences throughout the university students who contribute to transfer it to families and rural communities within their own behavior , techniques of persuasion and dialogues with their peers , family , and friends.

The Concepts Of The Study :

The Higher Education :

The high levels of education . It contains universities and high institutions that provide Baccalaureate , high diplomas of elementary studies , Master's degrees and PHD of higher studies(Mourssi, 2002, p9) .

The University :

A public institution with higher education and research functions(Mlidjan, 2000, p214) .

The University Student :

In this research a student can be defined as a person who has been attending post-secondary school for up to 03 years or more(La Rousse, 1979, p690) , studying and

conducting lectures at any department of the university (La petit Dictionnaire, 1992), and being able to analyse the social attitudes, and thus, distinguishing him from the members of the society (Fakher, 1982, p75-79).

Knowledge :

It is the result of the hidden blending of information, experience, sensory cognition and governance. There is a means to acquire knowledge. There are other means such as anticipating, guessing, practicing and judging intuitively. Thus, we use the word knowledge to say that we acquire some information that we are able to explain. Consequently, there are some cases where we possess the information (Ahmed, 1973, p183).

Scientific research :

It is a means of query and accurate organized investigations that should be by the researcher in order to discover new information and new relationships , besides of developing , correcting and realizing the information that does exist in reality, provided that the steps of the scientific methodology should be included in that examination and query (AbdErrahmane, 1999, p5).

Science : Is a way to think and search . This definition emphasizes the scientific method of research which a strategy(Houssein, 1982, p4).

The Rural Community :

A community which stands on solidarity. It is characterized by similarity , homogeneity and relative persistence. The differences within this society are very simple between individuals because they almost share the same customs and daily behaviours. It is a united and cohesive society with no obvious differences between its members (Murray, 1982, p4).

Community Development : The process by which citizens and government efforts can be consolidated to improve economic , social and cultural conditions of the local communities and help them to be integrated into the community and contribute as much as possible in its progress.

The Corpus : The corpus of this study is the university students who are distributed across the different specialties of science , coming from the rural regions of the north-western side of the wilaya of M'ssila. Their number reached up to 51 students specialized in Sociology , Psychology , Politics and Economics.

The targeted Sciences And Number Of The Research's words:

Words Sciences	Number	Percentage
Sociology	13	25.49%
Psychology	12	32.52%
Political Science	11	21.56%
Economics	15	29.41%
Total	51	100%

Diagram (01) represents the distribution of the research's words on sciences

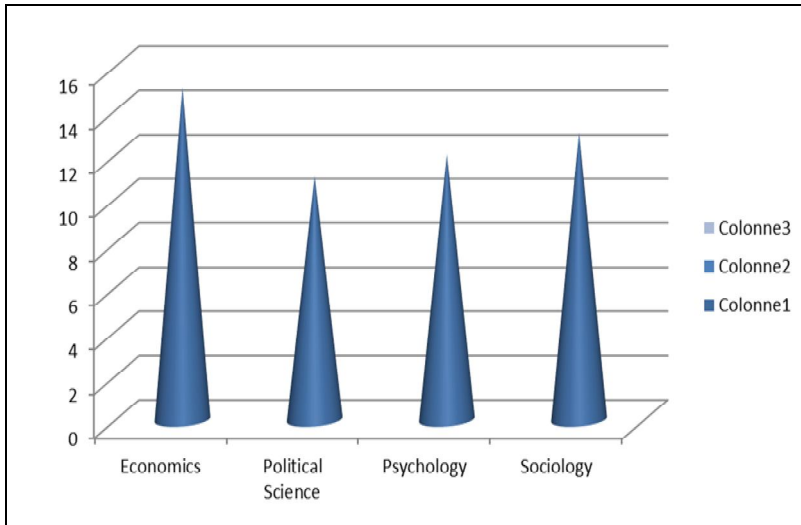


Diagram (01) represents the distribution of the corpus on different scientific specialties

The Traditional Role Of The Algerian University :

Since the foundation of the of the Algerian university . It started to play its traditional roles of educating and teaching as well as transferring knowledge , sciences and experiments from teacher to students throughout modules and programmes which are agreed to be taught by the assembly . Thus , the university was directly indoctrinating knowledge throughout learning by heart relying on memory and transferring direct skills and experiments via modeling from teacher to student.

The Algerian University And The New Roles:

The Algerian university had to be accustomed with the new conditions of globalizing everything in line with new knowledge and new techniques of various westerns centres and universities .Therefore, the university has chosen to get involved in the new university LMD system which enables student to be dynamic , consistent and compatible with his peers in different universities around the globe. However , the challenge of the Algerian university remains in adapting this system to our communities and our own values to ensure the implementation of quality and to avoid wasting time as well as the different resources. The university remains loyal to the old traditions of its curriculums and teaching methods.

Therefore , it has chosen indoctrination and learning by heart rather than creativity, understanding and controlling.

The Intellectual and Cultural Capital Of The Rural Community :

The rural community possesses an inherited intellectual and cultural capital throughout generations of old peoples who have the wisdom and the great experience of life that was taken from their region and their frequent knowledge. These experiences and knowledge are transmitted from generation to generation. However, with the national state-led modernizing acts and the tribal preparations for the rural community that purifies and respects science and knowledge whatever their origins. Consequently , the ego-centric communities started to get better by teaching and educating their children with the new school's curriculums.

The Role Of The University To Spread Developmental Awareness:

The university is an institution which educates the human skills and then , produces a generation capable to adapt with the new professional and practical life. Therefore , the number of educated students belonging to the rural communities has increased. The latters have cascaded their education to their families and communities. As a result , the scientific concepts will , therefore, spread and the rural community will prosper and flourish , showing its education to the others.

The following diagram shows the extent of social knowledge spread throughout civilizd scientific concepts :

Scientific Branches	Degree of concept spread	Indicators of Applicability
Sociology	73	Social relationships
Psychology	63	Guidance to Psychiatry
Economics	64	Diversity and evolution of activities
Political Science	67	Political participation

Diagram (02) represents the degree of concept spread and its indicators.

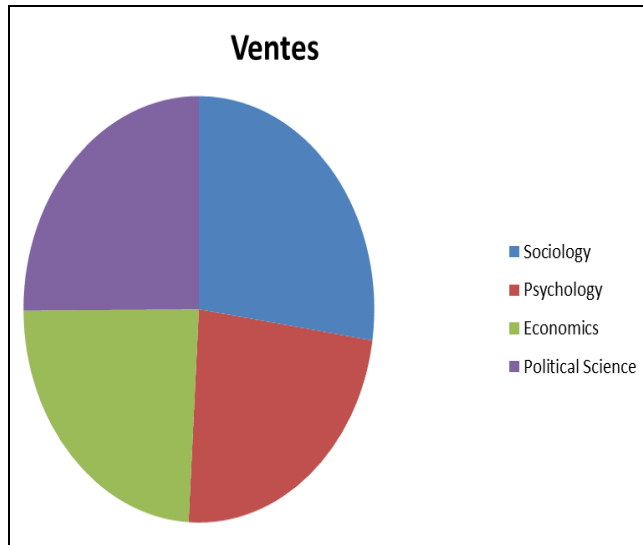


Diagram (02) represents the rank of the specialties according to the response degrees.

The Role Of Sociology In Organizing the Rural Community:

As far as the role of Sociology is concerned , all the researches agreed that it helps to organize and develop the society. In the past , Sociology played an important role to strengthen social cohesion , to activate social relationships and to spread love among peoples . The new role of Sociology is to organize , guide and serve the community in different social care institutions and civil society associations. The graduated Sociology students and the local authorities contributed to spread awareness and to provide many services for disabled and vulnerable persons and even for common peoples. Sociology organizes the community and fulfills its moral and material needs throughout motivating individuals and groups. It urges them to get united and ,therefore, grows their collaborative spirit in order to achieve the desired goals(Rosse, 1955, p3).

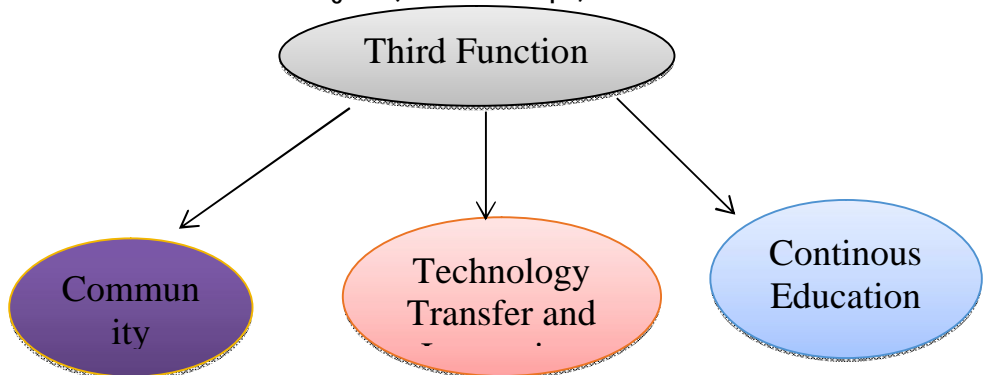


Diagram (01) represents a plan of the University's Third Function

The Role Of Psychology On Mental Health:

Psychology imposed itself as a science with its concepts at the academic and university levels and even at the level of common peoples. No one denies the spread of the psychological concepts among the different members of the society such as : nervous breakdowns and egoism. Aside from giving a great importance to the psychological and emotional sensitivity in different social relationships and everyday situations. Eventually , psychology has become well-known with its specific objectives in the field of medicine().

The Role of Economics To Improve The Livelihood Of Individuals And Groups Of the Rural Community :

Based on recorded interviews and researches , we can say that Economics played an important role in the diversity of commercial , economic and financial activities throughout some created youth projects, thanks to the role of youth work agencies and offices of work which supervises the programmed and the planned projects. Most of these agencies' workers are the graduated students of economic faculty at the university of Mssila .

Among the new activities of the rural community is the spread of poultry-breeding batteries , raising beef cattle , milk production and some chicken batteries of eggs production.

The job's offices have supervised around 12 projects belonging to the graduated students of economy who have played an important role to convince job seekers , especially those who are involved in the programmes and activities of these institutions throughout presenting the important role of economy and providing guidance and counseling.

Traditional resources of Rural Community Members	Numbers and Statistics	Modern Resources And Activities	Numbers And Statistics
Raising Animals	17.5	Chickens and Roosters Batteries	14.7
Planting And Agriculture	16.3	Elaborating the Production of vegetables	12.9
Working on Freight and Passengers cars	14.0	Working on Tractors , harvest-machine and other machines	11.0
The Returns of Renting Lands , Machines and Animals.	12.6	Governmental Wages and Salaries	13.9
Manual Work	10	Governmental Youth Projects and Programmes	13.7
Government Subsidies	08	The Wages of Retired Locals and Foreigners	12.8
Sale of Domestic Animal Products	09	Different Bounties	11.9

This diagram represents the development of the rural community's resources.

The Role Of Political Science To Raise Loyalty And To Set The Local Policies :

The political terms and concepts have spread around the rural communities. Among these concepts , there is the local authority , assemblies , leaderships and the political participation.

We have noticed a desire ,from the elected politicians and representatives , to involve citizens as authority controllers(Mouhssin, 2006, p165).

From the recorded interviews with local authorities workers , we have noticed an efficiency of communication between the rural communities and the political institutions throughout both parties' political campaigns and the various activities of their representatives in mobilizing and obtaining political resources and values. The students graduated from the political departments have been looking for getting involved in different parties. They set up numerous political and social associations . They have also become used in various electoral campaigns of all kinds. According to the researches' responses , we observe the political

movement of parties within the rural community by reaching out to the ideals and elders of the tribes. All this lead to the foundation of the elite which is an inescapable reality for any society(El-Manoufi, 1987, p40). The reforms of any governing system will never be stand without the elite(Bottmore, 1974, p12).

It also notes the transfer of allegiance from the elderly and tribal chiefs to modernization of institutions such as : Town halls , Conservations, National Police and other institutions of all kinds like agricultural directorate , health-care and veterinary services. So that , there have become a direct communication throughout phones or face to face meetings with the representatives of these institutions and administrations.

The Role Of The University Diplomas To Provide Jobs For Women Of The Rural Communities:

The Algerian rural community does not allow women to leave their homes whether for work or for other purposes. However, little by little, this act has become permitted and good, especially with the spread of education among peoples. Thus, this phenomenon has developed thanks to women's who work in different institutions. Moreover, the government has given a priority to apply the compulsory education, especially at primary and elementary stages. However, nowadays, the work of women has become something natural as far as there is a competitive pursuit of jobs. The university has played an important role in this issue, especially when it received female students from all over the globe. What is noticed in this era is the great number of females over males in all different stages of education especially at the university. Relying on this study, we notice a great invasion of women for the rural districts especially in schools and health-care institutions. They work as doctors, midwives, and nurses at hospitals and veterinarian institutions. It is also remarkable that women have started to work in other different sectors such as economy and politics. The rural community welcomed the initiative and gave the permission for girls to go to schools from primary to high schools and even to join universities. The female students started to choose the branches that provide better chances to become teachers such as Literature, History, Sociology, Psychology, Management and Journalism. Furthermore, there is a great number of peoples who prefer to get married with women employees especially with female teachers just because teachers don't have much contacts with men like in other domains.

The Quantitative Indicators of Evaluating The Role Of The University :

The quality of higher education is very important to be an up-to-date and to be able to solve all the problems of all fields. It also contributes to raise the position of the university, institutions and both students and teachers' supervisions. In the past, the Algerian education policy relied on the qualified staff who were responsible for teaching, training and forming. However, this method has been changed by another different approach of quantity and numbers. This has been done just to realize the social security. Therefore, the number of students at the university has tremendously increased, as far as the politicians decided to raise the number of students for up to 2 million in different universities. Over 60 university

and annex centres have been founded. The number of the registered Algerian students reached for up 1.332.000 . Thus, the Algerian university has witnessed a huge number of students, teachers and researchers. All this was thanks to oil revenues and the determination of officials to realize great achievements that boast in front of states. Although this situation was real , important and good, Algeria still has a great challenge which is the quality of education rather than quantity to realize the development.

The How Indicators To Evaluate The Role Of The University:

The how approach in teaching stands on the principle of good teaching and good supervision throughout :

- 1/ Providing good materials , means and human resources.
- 2/ Qualifying the social context to lay the foundations of education in order to motivate it and take care of it.
- 3/Providing the competent teachers with good programmes of development.
- 4/Promoting awareness and encouraging education and achievements throughout creativity and understanding and not only learning by heart.
- 5/ Improving teacher-learner mutual empowerment procedures.
- 6/Providing all science materials of human books and resources.
- 7/ Having contact with various universities and successful research centres.
- 8/ Taking care of human development and modern sciences.
- 9/Taking care of post graduate education , especially Master and Doctorate (PHD).

Conclusions:

- 1-The university plays an important role in developing the rural community throughout the influence of direct contacts and communications via conversations , dialogues or chats that lead to the use of the taught university terms.
- 2-The rural community has its own concepts which have been transferred from generation to generation . A huge number of original concepts and terms which represent the rural community have been formed and preserved throughout stories , idioms and proverbs told by parents , grandparents and wise peoples who represent a recognized knowledge. It has many techniques and curriculums which are still respected by the western sciences.

3-The modernization of institutions and universities has influenced the concepts , terms ,techniques , curriculums and advice. So that , we noticed the use of western science's concepts within the members of the rural community , especially in Sociology , Psychology , Economics and political Sciences.

4- The graduated university students are the source of motivation for the rural community members , since the high school students are always eager to join the university , where as the other category of peoples who didn't have the chance to education , deeply regret the fact of not being able to go to the university. Therefore, they try to do all their best to redalise that throughout educating their children.

5/ The university has succeeded to integrate the Algerian women into the world of job. This can be seen in the huge number of female students at universities in all kinds of specialties. They start to work in all the domains and regions even at the rural regions. Most of Algerian families , nowadays, have a female worker affiliated in the different job's programmes prepared by the Algerian government to get rid of unemployment and decrease the number of jobless peoples.

6/ At the theoretical level, the university has succeeded to establish a strong foundation in education, forming and training throughout a tremendous number of registered and graduated university students. Hence, the government gives more importance to quantity rather than quality.

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