

Research Topic

The growth of the church's role in fulfilling the state's social and educational tasks and responsibility from the change of regime (1989) to present day

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Ongoing research:

Public policy reasons and consequences of the current expansion of denominational maintained public schools in Hungary

Abstract

The importance of church schools in public education began to increase after the change of government in 2010. This research looks for the causes and consequences of the expansion of religious schools, examining the social, political and administrative environment surrounding the school. We assume that the reasons for the expansion are to be found in the weak points of public education rather than in religious commitment to religious education. We are looking for the reasons why a significant number of parents choose a religious school, especially considering that the 2022 census showed a strong decline in religiosity.

Keywords: Church schools, free school choice, religiosity, school maintaining, pedagogical added value, service neutrality

Background (earlier results) of this research:

Publications in English:

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San Diego (CA), Amerikai Egyesült Államok : World Council for Curriculum and Instruction (2016) 523 p. pp. 271-282. , 12 p.

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Changes in religious and social interests of Hungarian youth in the light of research results after 2000 and the 2022 census data

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Abstract

In many areas and age groups – especially in the case of urban youth, research suggests this – the classic role of religiosity, which means the responsibility taken for the common good and community, and the social sensitivity manifested in the accompanying active, concrete helping work, has faded worldwide. In contrast, the search for meaning, the “religious in its own way” that promises the individual importance and security, and is composed of many elements, is significant. In our study, using a small-scale questionnaire research, we try to investigate to what extent and in what form these changes experienced worldwide are present among Hungarian youth, and how, as the title of our study shows, we can interpret the religious interest of Hungarian youth based on the results of the 2022 census.

Keywords

Youth, Religious in its own way („Somethingism”), Social sensitivity, Volunteering, Community, Life purpose and life value