

Aspects of Traditional Chinese Culture Relating to Children's Clothes in Modern Times

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Abstract

This paper focuses on traditional Chinese culture as seen in modern-day China. My reason for undertaking this research on children's clothes is that it is unrelated to politics, conquest, or political events. In Chinese society since ancient times, the prevailing thought was that "The worst possible unhappiness is that there would be no child to perpetuate the family" (Mencius-liloupian). In order to avoid this, all adults want their children to grow up safely, particularly in China, where about 80% of the people are farmers, and where it is expected that children will assist their parents as agricultural laborers. Adults strongly hold this hope and devote their energy to making children's clothes so that their children will grow up healthily and continue ancient Chinese traditions..