



THE SPIRITUAL AND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS OF SHAPING INNOVATIVE THINKING AND INCREASING SOCIAL ACTIVITY IN YOUTH

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Annotation: This article discusses issues related to the future of our country's youth, their comprehensive development, fostering a sense of responsibility towards society and nature, and increasing the social and political activity of young people in the country.

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INTRODUCTION

In the process of building New Uzbekistan, one of our main priorities is to focus on the youth, who are the backbone of our nation's future, and to provide them with the necessary conditions and opportunities to fully express their capabilities and potential in all areas. This has become one of the key directions of the state's policy.

In recent years, a completely new system for working with youth has been established in our country, with a focus on ensuring their legal rights and interests, realizing their dreams, ambitions, abilities, and potential, which has become one of the top priorities in the country's policy.

As President Sh.M. Mirziyoyev emphasized, "We need to pay special attention to the active participation of young people in the democratic processes of our country and to increase their political and social potential." [1]

It is well known that the pace of development, achievements, and the prosperity of the people of any country directly depends on the attention given to the education, upbringing, and future of the youth in that country. In this sense, youth issues in Uzbekistan have become one of the key priorities of the state policy.

The government of our country has been implementing wide-ranging activities in the field of youth policy. Over time, a special system has been established to support youth in all aspects, protect their rights and legal interests, and nurture responsible and proactive youth who are capable of taking responsibility for the country's future.

Increasing legal awareness and legal culture in society is one of the most important conditions for ensuring the rule of law and strengthening legality.

A strong legal framework has been established in our country to protect the rights and interests of youth and to create the necessary conditions and opportunities for them. This system is constantly being improved in accordance with modern demands. Specifically, more than 40 legal documents related to youth have been adopted by the parliament, and over 30 international legal documents have been ratified.

However, the insufficient legal knowledge among the population, as well as the almost non-existent use of the opportunity to appeal against illegal decisions of state bodies, has led to violations of citizens' rights and legal interests by officials.

Furthermore, in the era of globalization and scientific-technological development, innovative

methods of enhancing legal awareness and legal culture, advanced and effective tools for propaganda, and the positive experiences of foreign countries in this area are not being utilized sufficiently. To address the challenges facing youth, the government has set the goal of advancing youth policy to a new level and has adopted the "Concept for the Development of Youth Policy in Uzbekistan until 2025," approved by the Cabinet of Ministers on January 18, 2021, Resolution No. 23. [2]

In achieving the great goal of building New Uzbekistan, a key focus of the state policy is on the youth, who are our main support. Providing the necessary conditions and opportunities for them to fully demonstrate their abilities and potential in all areas is a priority of state policy.

In recent years, a completely new system for working with youth has been created in our country, and ensuring their legal rights and interests, fulfilling their dreams and aspirations, and realizing their abilities and potential has become the top priority of state policy.

As noted by our President Sh.M. Mirziyoyev in his speech at the 72nd session of the United Nations General Assembly, "The future of our planet and its prosperity is directly related to how our children grow into human beings, and our main task is to create the necessary conditions for young people to realize their potential and prevent the spread of the 'virus' of violence." He proposed the development of an international legal document on the rights of youth – the UN Convention on Youth Rights, to be developed in light of globalization and rapid development of information and communication technologies.

Therefore, the more attention is given to the comprehensive support of the younger generation, the more their spiritual maturity, physical health, patriotism, and devotion are nurtured, and the more their rights and interests are protected, the more successful the results will be. For this reason, Uzbekistan considers its youth, recognized as an active part of society, not as a "problem," but as a great force ensuring the country's progress and a strategic resource for the state. As a result, today's well-educated, modern-thinking, and decisive youth are becoming an increasingly decisive force in the country's future development.

As the wise say, "The better the education, the happier the people live." To make education perfect, no gaps should be allowed.

Since we live in the 21st century, a time of rapid change and growing complexity, we cannot ignore one of the most significant phenomena of the modern era. That is, countries with substantial human capital, where youth play a significant role, are in a better position to consistently develop, successfully harness innovation potential, and effectively manage their achievements.

Global youth today are facing new challenges such as access to healthcare services, obtaining quality education, finding suitable employment, participating in both internal and external labor migration, food security, proper nutrition, social isolation, and alienation from society. In such a situation, it is critically important to maintain legal mechanisms for the protection of youth rights.

Most importantly, youth are the powerful force that initiates profound changes and leads the way in transformation. They bear the responsibility to realize their potential and build a desirable life for both the current and future generations.

However, from a social standpoint, young people still need the support of the state and society in all areas of life. Especially, there is a need for specific funding aimed at the development of youth, the establishment of modern infrastructure for effective implementation of youth policies, and solving many practical problems in the field of human rights.

Therefore, in achieving the great goal of building New Uzbekistan, the state policy is centered around the youth who are our primary support. Providing the necessary conditions and opportunities for them to fully demonstrate their abilities and potential is a priority.

As our President has stated: "In fulfilling the great tasks ahead of us, we must develop the national ideology, which will be the source of our strength and power. We must understand our national identity, study the rich and ancient history of our homeland, strengthen scientific research in this area, and fully support the activities of scholars in the humanities."

Central Asia is the youngest region in the world, with an average age of 27.6 years. Half of the region's population resides in the Republic of Uzbekistan. In our country, 18.9 million people, or 54% of the population, are under the age of 30. Of these, 9.5 million are men, and 9.4 million are women.

The implementation of strategic tasks aimed at improving the effectiveness of youth policy, both in

the short and long term, will significantly influence the provision of stability, peace, and prosperity in Uzbekistan. More than 830 non-governmental non-profit organizations and public associations are actively working in the country to protect the interests of young people.

For the first time in the history of our country, on December 25, 2020, a forum for the youth of Uzbekistan was held with the participation of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan. More than thirty thousand young people attended the forum, during which the Head of State engaged with the youth, supporting their ideas, proposals, and initiatives.

In just 2021, nearly 6 million enthusiastic and ambitious young people participated in festivals held across the country under the slogan "New Uzbekistan youth, let's unite!", which demonstrated maturity and true patriotism. In particular, on June 30, 2021, President Sh. Mirziyoyev participated in the Forum of Youth and Students of Uzbekistan.

Additionally, on August 12-13, 2021, the "Global Movement for Youth Engagement" conference was held in Tashkent, where the Tashkent Youth Declaration was adopted.

During the "Year of Supporting Youth and Strengthening Public Health," the implementation of new initiatives and ideas proposed at the Youth and Students Forum of Uzbekistan, as well as the fulfillment of tasks set in the State Program, were aimed at ensuring the implementation of the proposals, issues, and solutions raised by the youth. Based on the decree "On Additional Measures to Support Youth and Enhance their Social Activity" (P.F. 6260, July 13, 2021), the Government's program, as well as the regional programs developed by the Cabinet of Ministers, the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, regional, Tashkent city, district, and city authorities, are adopted every year on the eve of Youth Day in Uzbekistan. These programs include comprehensive measures aimed at developing young people's knowledge and professional skills, creating favorable working and living conditions for them, and organizing meaningful leisure activities.

Therefore, the process of social development is increasingly dependent on the youth and their spiritual, intellectual capacity, and political and legal knowledge. Understanding these factors correctly, on January 18, 2021, the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan approved the "Concept of Developing State Policy for Youth in Uzbekistan until 2025," which is about instilling the spirit of love and loyalty to the Motherland in our youth from childhood.

In conclusion, it should be emphasized that the future of our country lies in the hands of the younger generation, and one of our key priorities is to educate them into mature, humane individuals who are responsible to society and nature. The foundation of the ongoing large-scale reforms in our country is built on the life-affirming idea of "From National Revival to National Progress." National progress not only means spiritual growth but also the development of all spheres of life, such as building a democratic society, establishing a rule of law, ensuring peaceful and prosperous living, and achieving economic stability.

Involving the youth, who form a significant part of the population, in the implementation of joint programs in education, science, culture, and sports holds a priority.

We all understand that youth is our invaluable wealth. The fate and future of our country and people are directly tied to how the youth are educated and raised, what conditions and "social lifts" we create for them.

In general, in today's era of growth, the country's consistent economic reforms are considered an integral part of social development. This implies that mechanisms for educating young people with intellectual maturity, creative potential, and modern knowledge and skills, who can take responsibility for the future of our country, should be further developed.

The conditions being created for young people in our country to realize their potential and aspirations will serve in shaping them as well-rounded individuals, forming competitive professionals, and contributing to the progress of the nation and its peace through their innovative ideas and initiatives.

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