



**THE ROLE AND IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS
IN RAISING THE SENSE OF SPIRITUAL TOLERANCE AMONG YOUNG
PEOPLE**

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Abstract

This article talks about the role and importance of social and political institutions in raising the moral tolerance of youth.

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Educating young people in a spiritual and educational spirit, making them modern-thinking, socially active and having high civic responsibility cannot be achieved without the constant activity of civil society institutions, in other words, socio-political institutions. State authorities are among the main institutions in the provision of state policy on youth, as this process takes priority in state policy. However, the policy of the state in the field of social and moral stability, the activity of young people in this direction is ensured as a result of the activities of civil society institutions. In society, all political parties, self-government bodies, non-governmental non-profit organizations and public associations are operating in accordance with their regulations and programs, representing the spiritual worldview and interests of the youth in society.

As a result of this activity, conditions were created for the active participation of young people in community management, social, legal and spiritual processes, as a result of which the socio-political activity and social culture of young people are increasing. In this democratic process, the wide participation of young people in the activities of civil society institutions in Uzbekistan and their civic responsibility is increasing year by year according to the point of view of space and time.

Political parties have a great role in ensuring the moral tolerance of young people. Each of the political parties operating in our country has its own constitution, ideas, programs and ideology, as well as different related social strata. Although the political parties in our country have different ideological views and ideological orientations, they are united by common national interests and joint efforts for the development of society. Therefore, the ideas of political parties represent the social, political and spiritual wishes of the youth in the society.

Also, in the field of activity of the Movement of Entrepreneurs and Businessmen - the Liberal Democratic Party of Uzbekistan, there are relevant goals of educating young people as conscious, socially active and morally responsible individuals, which is of particular importance in ensuring social and moral stability in society. In particular, in the program of the



Movement of Entrepreneurs and Businessmen - the Liberal Democratic Party of Uzbekistan, the following task is defined: "Civil society cannot be built without increasing the political and social activity of the population. Only a conscious and active person can overcome all difficulties and contribute to the prosperity of independent Uzbekistan and become a full-fledged member of the international community."¹

In the ideological direction of the National Democratic Party of Uzbekistan, in order to realize the phenomenon of tolerance in the spirituality of young people, the tasks of instilling such qualities as loyalty to the motherland, humanitarianism, serving the nation with responsibility are set in their minds. As stated in the Party Charter, "the main goals of the party are:

- Creating favorable conditions for increasing the sense of national identity, forming and strengthening the feeling of national pride, loyalty and love for the Motherland among the citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

- To unite the patriots of the country in their ranks, to mobilize their intellectual and creative potential in the interests of Uzbekistan and to increase its international reputation;

- To educate young people in the spirit of preserving our national independence, national traditions and customs, to help guide them to the profession they are interested in and to contribute to protecting them from the negative effects of "mass culture" that is harmful to the minds of young people, supporting their practical actions for the development of the Motherland support".²

Also, in the program of the People's Democratic Party of Uzbekistan, the goals related to the education of citizens, especially young people, based on the feelings of national and religious tolerance are expressed. The following tasks are defined in the party program: "The People's Democratic Party of Uzbekistan is the foundation of its ideology and political activity to protect and strengthen the independence of Uzbekistan, to ensure the prosperity of our Motherland, to achieve civil and inter-ethnic harmony, social stability and the well-being of every family and the entire nation knows that."³

The members of the 5 political parties operating in Uzbekistan today, based on the party's programs of action, have the social ability to influence the formation and improvement of the spiritual potential of young people in the working communities, in particular, the feelings of humanity and tolerance in them. If we take into account that realization of spiritual tolerance of young people is the main component of formation of their socio-spiritual activity, political parties play an important role in socializing young people to society and increasing civic responsibility. Also, political parties feel a constant need to ensure the interaction of the youth layer with their ideological relations. Because political parties, along with accepting young people into their electorate, simultaneously increase their moral potential.

The position of political parties in the country as the main factor in ensuring the moral tolerance of young people in the society can be shown on the basis of the following:

¹ Political parties in Uzbekistan. Regional Policy Foundation. Tashkent, 2007. -p.116.

² Charter of the Democratic Party of National Revival of Uzbekistan.

<https://mt.uz/storage/dasturs/September2021/TYtHc51wGwgKGF3r5HNO.pdf>.

³ Program of the People's Democratic Party of Uzbekistan. // Political parties in Uzbekistan. Regional Policy Foundation, Tashkent, 2007. -p.200.



- the responsibility and initiatives of the party organizations, which are considered to be an active socio-political network of the society, are important in educating the moral tolerance of young people, the spirit of humanity in them, they implement their ideological programs in this direction and serve to ensure the moral stability of the society;
- because political parties represent the spiritual interests of the youth, young people become members of them and with the help of party activities, an opportunity is created for them to increase their social views and moral responsibility;
- in the conditions of the multi-party system, young people directly participate in the activities of primary party organizations, are influenced by one or another political party and start their social activities based on its charter and program of action, which increases their moral responsibility;
- young people participate in the activities of political parties or election processes, this process increases the scope of communication between young people with the population and the public, encourages them to fight for human well-being and increases the level of socialization;
- during their membership in political parties, young people are influenced by educational speeches, articles and other socially meaningful materials in newspapers or other mass media of the party, which positively affects their moral potential and the atmosphere of tolerance.

According to scientists, "Political parties contribute to ensuring and protecting the harmonious balance of the interests of society members, ensuring justice as a healthy alternative force in the state systems in the political and social sphere and expanding people's participation in democratic processes." Different political parties are responsible for security, stability and not deviating from the chosen political path by harmonizing the activities of political groups at the level of national interests.⁴

Political parties play an important role in the development of the moral potential and tolerance of young people. In its place, the growth of the spiritual image of young people is manifested as a factor of ensuring social prosperity in society. Because young people who have satisfied their socio-spiritual interests through political parties now play an important role in eliminating threats to the social stability and moral security of the society, forming common interests and common goals in social life.

Also, political parties are a means of encouraging young people to increase their moral responsibility and unite their social aspirations to a single goal.

Along with political parties, non-governmental non-commercial organizations (NGOs) also play an important role in ensuring moral stability of young people in society, forming patriotism, humanity and tolerance in them. Non-governmental non-profit organizations include trade unions, women, youth, children, scientists, educators, creatives, entrepreneurs, consumers, disabled people, thousands of people from different strata of the population, social groups and organizations and foundations that protect the interests of society.

Although non-governmental non-commercial organizations acquire a social position based on their nature, they cannot stand outside of the spiritual and educational reforms implemented in society. They influence the spiritual activity of young people with their social activities and practical work. They are distinguished by their active participation in spiritual and educational

⁴ Ergashev I. and others. Political science. Text of lectures. -Tashkent: O'AJBNT, 2000. -p. 93.



changes in the lives of young people and in ensuring the moral stability of society. The Law on Non-Governmental Non-Profit Organizations states that "a voluntary association of citizens united in accordance with the procedure established by law on the basis of common interests to satisfy spiritual or other immaterial needs is recognized as a public association."⁵ As can be seen from this statement, NGOs also carry out activities aimed at meeting the spiritual needs of people.

An important direction of NGO activity is participation in ensuring social and moral stability of society. This process helps NGOs to preserve spiritual values in their activities, to express the spiritual interests of their members, to actively participate in spiritual and spiritual reforms implemented in the country and to realize pluralism and transparency in society. Importantly, NGOs require young people to participate in the vital expression of the nation's interests and aspirations. This situation has a positive effect on strengthening the moral stability of society. An important public structure that participates in the realization of the social, political, economic and spiritual potential of the youth is the Youth Union.

The Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On improving the effectiveness of the state policy on youth and supporting the activities of the Youth Union of Uzbekistan" contains provisions on the education of the youth union in society in the spirit of patriotism, self-sacrifice and tolerance. Including,

- "Protecting the rights, freedoms and legal interests of young people, educating them in the spirit of respect for national and universal values, loyalty to the ideas of independence in mind and heart, understanding of national identity, love for the Motherland and belonging to its destiny, determination and development of self-sacrifice, protection from various ideological threats;
- To increase youth activity in reforms related to the building of a democratic state and the development of civil society, a highly moral, independent-thinking, decisive life position, an enterprising, ambitious person with a broad worldview and deep knowledge, who mobilizes all his energy, knowledge and potential for the benefit of the country, expanding the ranks of young people who are able to take responsibility for their future;
- Educating, creating a reserve of educated, enterprising, business-minded, honest and dedicated young leaders who will actively participate in the reforms implemented in the country and serve the interests of the people faithfully and recommend them to the responsible positions of the state and economic management bodies.⁶

The public institution "Spirituality and Enlightenment" is a public institution that has been effectively contributing to the provision of spiritual security and social stability in society for many years. In its activities, this center has been implementing measures related to the formation and development of society and human spirituality, the development of humaneness and tolerance in interpersonal relations in social life, the education of citizens in an enlightened

⁵ Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Non-Governmental Non-Commercial Organizations". April 14, 1999. №713. <https://lex.uz/acts/11360>.

⁶ Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On improving the effectiveness of the state policy on youth and supporting the activities of the Youth Union of Uzbekistan". July 5, 2017. №5106. <https://lex.uz/docs/3255680?ONDATE=19.01.2018%2000>.



spirit and the organization of national and religious tolerance work. Of course, this activity has a significant positive effect on the spiritual maturity, educational potential and social outlook of citizens.

According to the decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On further improvement of the activity and efficiency of the public center "Spirituality and Enlightenment", "cultivation of high moral qualities in society, formation of national ideology, respect for young people's rich cultural heritage, historical traditions, universal values, love for the Motherland, loyalty to the ideals of independence" education in the spirit is the decisive factor of all reforms implemented in our country. It was emphasized that the main goal of our policy in the field of spirituality should be to ensure people's deep understanding of their identity, the value of independence, the expansion and improvement of national thinking, and the awakening of the spirit of historical freedom and independence.⁷

Spiritual and educational activity has a positive effect on raising the socio-spiritual mood of young people in all aspects of society, civil harmony, responsibility for social work, helping others, working for the stability of the country and forming the characteristics of civic activity in this regard. From the very beginning, spiritual and educational work and reforms in this regard have been raised to the priority of state policy in our society.

Ensuring the implementation of these reforms in practice requires the education of young people who are conscious, high-minded, strong-willed, who can combine their interests with the interests of the society and who have a high moral culture. A sociological study was conducted to determine the state of the measures for conducting spiritual and educational promotion activities among young people.

To the question "Do you think that spiritual and educational promotion work is being carried out sufficiently among the local population?", 31 percent of the respondents answered that the spiritual and educational promotion work among the local population is not sufficient, 34 percent of the participants said that the promotion work is at a low level, answered that. So, 65 percent of the respondents answered this question negatively. The fact that 6 percent of the participants answered that it is difficult to say, means that they are not interested in the spiritual and educational sphere, they do not participate.

"Participants answered that in only 29 percent of cases, the propaganda was sufficient."⁸ According to the results of this sociological research, it can be concluded that today it is necessary to strengthen spiritual and educational promotion activities. Spirituality is a spiritual quality embodied in a person's mind, thinking, feelings, skills, potential, power, knowledge and faith and it is one of the main criteria that determines the social and educational maturity of every youth. After all, the stability of social, economic and political relations is ensured only in a society that provides spiritual development of young people.

According to R.Jumayev, "another aspect of high spirituality is that knowledge and skills are combined with human values and human ethics. Unfortunately, even at the present time, some

⁷ Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On further improvement of the activity and efficiency of the community center of spirituality and enlightenment". September 9, 1996. PF-1559. <https://lex.uz/docs/635435>.

⁸ Information and analysis materials of the Regional Research Center "Istiqbol". MTM, JDPU, 2021.



citizens in the society still live in spiritual poverty. If spiritual poverty prevails in a society, such a society is doomed to destruction."⁹

In today's modern conditions, it is becoming clear to the public that many young people have problems at the spiritual and moral level. The low moral level of many young people, the shallowness of their social consciousness, lack of will and their obsession with foreign mass culture are becoming a threat to the spiritual life of the society.

Their retreat from our national traditions, alienation from values, disrespect for customs, blind imitation of Western culture, egocentrism, arrogance and individualism are the situations that attract the attention of the public. These situations will be eliminated through strong spiritual propaganda, national education and deep teaching of social sciences and as a result, moral stability will be ensured in the society.

Today, young people often prefer to use modern multimedia devices, mobile phones, play computer games and "travel" on the Internet, leaving aside the textbooks provided by the school, let alone going to the library and reading art books. For example, it is observed that young people go to Internet cafes, play games that promote war and barbarism, enter programs that do not correspond to spirituality on sites such as "*Odnoklassniki*", *facebook*, *twitter*, *skype* and play games such as *warcraft*, *world of thanks*, on mobile phones and computers. The fact that young people spend more time in entertainment places, coffee shops, teahouses and other crowded places in inappropriate situations lowers their moral level.

Western looks can also be found in the dressing culture of young people. Among the youth today, it has become a habit to dress in various ways that show most of their body. In this case, the shortcomings of the family, parents, siblings, neighbors, neighborhood, community, socio-spiritual and educational institutions are observed.

Dressing in such a way in an educational institution or workplace can be seen by other employees or the public and has a negative effect on the moral environment. There is a concept of "someone's child" in our people, together with the public, it is necessary to increase the responsibility of the family in this regard. Or many educational institutions do not have a uniform standard of dress. That is why it would be appropriate for parents to recommend clothes within the scope of morality to their children.

The question arises as to what are the social roots of the erosion of the spiritual culture of the youth, the loss of the feelings of humanity and tolerance. Are these situations due to lack of education? Or abuse all the freedoms given to the youth?

Nowadays, all young people have the right to use their full potential. In the process of education, in public, spiritual-educational and social institutions, the growing respect and attention of young people towards adults, teachers and coaches and their attitudes are turning to the negative side, which damages the morally stable environment.

Youth period is a period of instability in psycho-emotional moods, susceptibility to different ideas. We should try to prevent young minds from being taken over by various threats and harmful ideas that are contrary to moral education. For this, we need to use the considerable potential and experience of spiritual devotees, teachers and trainers, elders and the public. We need to deeply inculcate the feelings of patriotism, humanity, compassion and tolerance in the

⁹ Jumaev R. and others. Person and society. -Tashkent: Teacher, 2005. -p. 126-127.



minds of young people. In the life of young people, it is necessary to constantly create values that are beneficial for the stability of the spiritual life of society, otherwise there is an increase in situations that can have a negative impact on development.

In the sociological research conducted to study the level of the phenomenon of tolerance among young people, the question "What do you think is the level of spiritual and educational work being carried out today to form and improve the sense of tolerance among young people?" was asked. In this survey, 39% of participating young people said, "Spiritual-educational activities are at an adequate level", 38% said, "Spiritual-educational activities are at an average level", 19% said, "Spiritual-educational activities are at a low level", "It is difficult for me to say something about it." ", they answered in 4% cases. So, it can be seen from these answers that young people did not highly appreciate the level of spiritual and educational work in the formation of the sense of tolerance of young people in the society.

Therefore, we should increase the effectiveness of spiritual and educational propaganda among young people. We must propagate the essence of spirituality and its constructive principles among young people in such criteria that young people not only understand it, but also form the ability to constantly apply it in social life.

Centers of spirituality and enlightenment and other organizations with a propaganda function should achieve the manifestation of creative and creative moods of young people for the development of society in the propaganda meetings. Educational, public, social, legal, religious institutions and mass media should show special dedication in carrying out these works.

We believe that in order to increase the spiritual culture of young people, to develop the feelings of humanity and tolerance in their minds, to increase the social activity and moral responsibility of young people, it is necessary to conduct various activities in the following directions by spiritual and educational institutions in neighborhoods and labor communities:

- organization of events and debates among educational institutions and youth organizations on the topic of "Society stability - a guarantee of further development of Uzbekistan" in order to form an active social attitude towards the spiritual and educational reforms implemented in the country, social stability among young people;
- holding round-table discussions on such topics as "We must fight for peace and stability", "National and religious tolerance - a factor of spiritual stability" with the participation of representatives of spiritual and educational institutions, non-governmental non-profit organizations and public associations, creative intellectuals and youth associations;
- the importance of ensuring moral security and social stability in the implementation of democratic reforms in our country, preparing and publishing a series of educational and methodological manuals, popular publications, reference books dedicated to increasing the socio-spiritual activity and civic responsibility of young people in this regard;
- Conducting scientific and practical seminars on the topics "Actual problems of public opinion research in Uzbekistan", "Importance of public opinion research in ensuring the stability of society", "Formation of social and spiritual image of young people".



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