

Issues of Further Stabilization of Women's Activities in the New Uzbekistan

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Abstract:

This article highlights efforts to enhance the socio-economic and political activity of women and girls in New Uzbekistan. It focuses on creating opportunities for women to realize their potential across various fields and sectors, providing comprehensive support for motherhood and childhood, and advancing the Family Institute. The discussion also explores the role of knowledge, mentality, and mindfulness in empowering women.

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National Values and Their Role. The national values of any people are intricately tied to their history, spirituality, culture, unique traditions, and customs. Values are described as "a collection of natural and social blessings, phenomena, and processes that serve the interests and goals of nations, ethnic groups, and social classes, appreciated and respected by them."

National values represent the distinctive attributes of a nation's ethnic characteristics and cultural uniqueness. These values, rooted in a nation's history, lifestyle, spirituality, and culture, have gained increasing attention in Uzbekistan. Characteristics such as respect for one's homeland, loyalty to ancestors, reverence for elders, and modesty form the foundation of these values.

The ongoing "Action Strategy" in Uzbekistan represents a new phase of reforms. It emphasizes moral, social, and economic support for families and individuals. State officials, as part of this strategy, conduct door-to-door outreach to address the needs of citizens, providing both material and moral support.

The spiritual and cultural dimensions of national values emphasize qualities such as kindness, wisdom, generosity, integrity, education, tolerance, and purity of character.

Women's Role in Society. The active participation of women in societal and governmental affairs significantly influences the success of reforms. Women's empowerment correlates with changes in their consciousness, ambitions, beliefs, and attitudes. Without altering societal mentalities, understanding and increasing the efficiency of reforms becomes challenging.

Women's social integration and shifts in their mentality hold vital importance, particularly during a period of rapid global change when women's issues have become a global concern. Despite their significant contributions to the workforce, women's political and economic rights, along with gender equality, remain unresolved in many parts of the world.

In this context, the **Fourth World Conference on Women** in Beijing (1995) adopted the "Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action," addressing 12 key areas such as poverty, education, health, violence, and women's economic and political participation. This declaration continues to serve as a framework for advancing women's rights globally.

In Uzbekistan, significant progress has been made. Presidential Decree No. PF-87 (March 7, 2022) introduced the **"National Program for Enhancing Women's Participation in All Spheres of Economic, Political, and Social Life (2022–2026)."** Key priorities of the program include:

- Enhancing legal frameworks for protecting women's interests;
- Ensuring equal rights and opportunities for women and men;
- Strengthening labor rights for women;
- Protecting women from violence and harassment;
- Supporting women in correctional facilities and specialized education institutions;
- Combating human trafficking and supporting women working abroad;
- Promoting women's employment and entrepreneurship;
- Increasing women's involvement in decision-making processes;
- Expanding access to education and science for women;
- Encouraging sports participation and cultural engagement among women;
- Supporting elderly women socially and economically.

Challenges and Opportunities. Despite progress, challenges such as domestic violence, economic hardships, and family disputes persist. In some cases, cultural norms hinder women's social integration and limit their opportunities for self-expression. Addressing these barriers requires targeted efforts from both society and government.

Parental attitudes play a critical role in shaping girls' futures, alongside providing equal access to higher education. Educated women are more likely to contribute to raising a responsible, well-rounded generation. Uzbekistan has taken steps to support women through initiatives such as **"Women's Entrepreneurship Centers"** and preferential credit programs for female entrepreneurs.

Recognizing the societal importance of women, awards such as the **"Zulfiya State Prize"** have been established to honor outstanding young women excelling in education, science, arts, and public service.

The growing inclusion of women in socio-economic and cultural reforms demonstrates their increasing empowerment and transformation within society. Their contributions to these processes highlight the broader evolution of societal values in Uzbekistan.

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