

# Youth and Socio-Moral Issues as the Basis of Spiritual and Educational Policy

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## **Abstract:**

in this article, the author briefly examines state policy in the direction of spiritual and moral education in Uzbekistan from the first period of independence to the present day. As for the education of youth, he focuses on the main factors in the formation of an enlightened society of New Uzbekistan and gives his practical recommendations for its development.

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After gaining independence in the Republic of Uzbekistan, which marked a unique path of economic development of the country, at the same time great importance was attached to raising the moral level of citizens and forming the moral education of youth based on national values. The first President of Uzbekistan I.A. Karimov stated that the development of society is assessed not only by economic and social well-being, but also by spiritual maturity. First President I.A. Karimov, who drew attention to the need to know history, first of all, in order to be spiritual, expressed the opinion in his work: "A nation that does not know its history and forgets its past has no future." Also, giving a definition of spirituality, "Spirituality is an incomparable force that calls a person to spiritual purification, spiritual growth, strengthens a person's inner world, strengthens his will, complements his faith and beliefs, awakens his conscience, all his views." is a criterion" [1], by the concept of spirituality he meant national history, ideological, educational, religious and moral views of society. Based on these views, a system of education and upbringing of mature people was formed.

Of course, in the modern era, when spiritual threats and negative manifestations of popular culture, information attacks and Internet threats are growing, as well as global problems such as migration, wars and conflicts, terrorism, extremism, the human world and countries are organizing measures

against them, forcing do it. Ideological and ideological threats, especially those aimed at the human mind and heart, call on any country to be vigilant and encourage it to be on guard.

In 2017, after the adoption of five priority directions for the development of Uzbekistan - the Action Strategy, state policy aimed at the spiritual and moral education and enlightenment of our citizens and youth was consistently continued by the President of our country Shavkat Mirziyoyev. In 2019, he launched five important initiatives aimed at realizing the talents and abilities of youth and developing their spirituality. Also ensure the implementation of the decision of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On additional measures to increase the effectiveness of spiritual and educational work” dated May 3, 2019 No. PQ-4307, stimulate youth. In order to educate active citizens with a broad view of independent life, on December 31, 2019, Cabinet of Ministers Resolution No. 1059 “On approval of the concept of continuous spiritual education and measures for its implementation” was adopted. The concept includes the development of scientifically based indicators for assessing spiritual and moral education, the development and implementation of educational methods, starting from the period of pregnancy, based on the principles of gradualism and continuity, the effective use of advanced achievements of domestic and modern pedagogy in the system of continuous education, together with students to regularly improve knowledge and skills teachers, to create an effective mechanism for cooperation between the family, educational institutions and the environment, as well as the media and other social structures, based on the principles of gradual development and continuity of spiritual education, tasks were set.

The chapter “Spiritual Development” of the “Strategy of the New Uzbekistan” by President Shavkat Mirziyoyev examines the prospects for the spiritual renewal of the New Uzbekistan and building an enlightened society and the development of a strategy for the spiritual development of Uzbekistan for 2022-2032. it needs to go out and make it a component of public policy. In order to make the new Uzbekistan a mature spiritual society, a country where free and happy people live, the task of human development, both physically and spiritually, has been declared. Based on the concept of “New Uzbekistan - an enlightened society” and the principle “Towards the Third Renaissance”, transforming schools into centers of spirituality and education and using interactive methods of education, family, strengthening school and neighborhood cooperation, turning spirituality and education into the work of conscience of all layers society, organizing this area on a scientific basis, increasing the efficiency of scientific and methodological research, analysis of the area, collection and preparation of news, as well as in such issues of dissemination as the widespread use of opportunities. The electronic portal “oyina.uz” is of greatest importance.

Particular importance is attached to the following factors in the formation of an enlightened society of the new Uzbekistan:

- organization of legal education activities to form a legal culture among the population in harmony with the teaching of the rich history, scientific and cultural heritage, national and religious values of our people;
- bringing to the attention of the general public the priority directions of state policy, the essence of large-scale reforms, the importance of adopted legislative documents and government programs;
- implementation of activities aimed at strengthening the feeling of love for the Motherland, involvement in its fate, loyalty to the profession among students and teachers, strengthening educational processes and spiritual and educational work;
- implementation of a continuous monitoring system aimed at increasing the effectiveness of scientific and methodological research in this direction, strengthening the stability of the social and spiritual environment.

- he recognizes the great power of spirituality for the state and nation, and that knowledge lies at its basis.

On January 19, 2021, under the chairmanship of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev, at a video conference held in Uzbekistan, economic and social reforms were considered on issues of radical improvement of the system of spiritual and educational work, strengthening cooperation of state and public organizations in this regard, defines spirituality in accordance with: “If the body of life of society is the economy, then its soul and spirit is spirituality. Having decided to build a new Uzbekistan, we rely on two strong pillars. The first is a strong economy based on market principles. The second is a strong spirituality based on the rich heritage of our ancestors and national values”[5], he emphasized that spirituality underlies strong economic development. At the meeting, the president criticized the fact that time requires an analysis of the social and spiritual environment on a scientific basis, and spiritual and educational work in our society does not give the expected results.

Based on the priority objectives of state policy, the President in his speeches has repeatedly confirmed Uzbekistan’s commitment to universal human values and national spiritual heritage. In this direction, he set the tasks of a scientific approach and the task of determining the approach and modern methods of new spiritual education through scientific research.

In addition, proof of how important the sphere of spirituality and enlightenment is is the extended meeting of the Republican Council of Spirituality and Enlightenment, held by President Sh. Mirziyoyev on December 22, 2023. At this meeting, the head of our state noted that the state’s financial resources allocated to support the social sphere increased by 5.6 times compared to the previous year 2016, amounting to 134 trillion soums. Citing an example from history, he acknowledged the development of spirituality and enlightenment, paying attention to education along with the development of science, raising patriotic youth educated in the spirit of national values. At this meeting, importance was attached to the development of national values, the development of theatrical art, the activities of a cultural center, the organization of a stage hall, library, cinema hall and club premises, the study and development of the art of theater. status and charity on a scientific basis, cultural studies and the creation of an institute of intangible cultural heritage, the creation of schools that continue traditions such as maqom, great singing, bakshik, atlas and adras, pottery and jewelry making are among the priority tasks aimed at further spiritual development - educational sphere. The President emphasized that spirituality should prevail in public life, and stressed that it should be ten steps ahead of other areas, becoming a new force, a new movement. Only in this way will we be able to raise highly moral and well-rounded youth in society and will be able to guarantee the stability of tomorrow.

In conclusion, it should be noted that Abdullah Avlani’s upbringing was carried out in a family with his parents, with a teacher at school and with university teachers (madrassas), and the state is also responsible for this, as he mentioned. will be one of the main tasks in his “Turkish Guliston Yohud Ahlok”. While paying great attention to physical education, mental education and moral education in the education of the younger generation, this sequence and coherence are interconnected, and together with them, the acquisition of a number of qualities is the reason for the maturity of a person, as a religious person who loves his country, recognized its education.

Hussein Waiz Koshifi, who in his time paid great attention to spiritual and moral education, mentions forty moral virtues in his famous work “Akhlaiqi Muhsini”. He emphasizes that these qualities should be instilled in human education to produce a person of perfect morals. He says that the head of state and his children must be moral, that they must be educated on the basis of moral virtues, from their servants to citizens, and must follow them. Placing great emphasis on the virtues of faith, justice, law, politics, counsel, good manners, love and kindness, trust and religion, fidelity and covenant, attitude, enthusiasm, pursuing good and avoiding evil is of paramount importance in

our lives. time and people. This helps a lot in rationally solving the social problems encountered in life. These qualities form the basis of a person's spiritual and moral growth and have found their basis in the fundamental principles of the policy pursued today by the leadership of our country.

Based on the state policy for the development of the spiritual and educational sphere in our country, I would like to give some additional recommendations for the development of this sphere:

1. In addition to the principle of family, neighborhood and educational institutions, it is necessary to form moral consciousness and culture by increasing the control and responsibility of the state, harmonize public control, and materially stimulate its activities;
2. It is important to form a comprehensive moral culture in our country by publishing literature and brochures in the area of public moral education;
3. It is necessary to improve the culture of reading among the people, to create a system of constant promotion of reading in cities, regions and villages;
4. Regardless of whether any subject is taught in the higher education system, except in educational institutions, it is necessary to take a 5-minute educational lesson on this subject and through it, introduce the social benefits of the subject into the minds of students. ;
5. By creating ethical principles for each profession in higher educational institutions, it is necessary to educate students in the direction of observing the ethical principles of this profession;
6. To use modern educational means in social studies courses in higher and secondary specialized educational institutions, to educate students in morality, integrity, responsibility and patriotism through teaching social sciences, it is necessary to create a "scientific environment". in social studies classes;
7. It is useful to develop and implement modern methods of spiritual and moral education along with intellectual potential, as well as introduce an assessment system based on a certain criterion of morality of students and students during the lesson.

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