



RAISING LEGAL AWARENESS AND LEGAL CULTURE IN YOUTH SHOULD BE OUR PRIORITY GOAL!

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Abstract

This article highlights the importance of legal consciousness and legal culture in building a legal state, and for this, first of all, the issues of improving the legal immunity and legal literacy of each person.

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Introduction

Raising the legal culture and legal awareness of the population, fundamentally improving legal education and enlightenment, the order of legal knowledge in society, deep respect and respect for human rights and freedoms, the feeling of obedience to the law, knowledge of laws and adherence to them. Determining the happiness of action has become a necessary requirement of today.

In the process of building a legal democratic state and a just civil society, the main and important task is to form the legal consciousness and legal culture of every citizen. A necessary condition for building a legal state is the unconditional implementation of laws. Uniform and unconditional implementation of laws depends on the attitude of each person to his duty and feeling of responsibility.

First of all, it is appropriate to get acquainted with the various definitions of legal consciousness and legal culture given by scientists, for example, Professor Islamov gives the following definition of legal consciousness: , it can be defined as a system of legal intuitions, ideas, evaluations, imaginations that express the attitude to the desired right and other legal events". According to Professor Dmitriev's definition: "Legal consciousness is the sum of views, ideas, imaginations of people and their various units and the whole society in relation to the actual law and legal events." the level of the legal system, the level of people's awareness of this legal system, citizens' respect for the law, and the implementation of legal norms.





So, to conclude from the above, being fully aware of the adopted laws, any regulatory legal documents, changes in the field of law, legal awareness as a result of studying and understanding and following them is a legal forms culture. A high level of legal culture is a characteristic of a legal state.

High legal awareness and legal activity of citizens is the foundation of the rule of law and legal state in an enlightened society. Formation of legal awareness of citizens, prevention of violations, and fight against crime is a necessary requirement. In fact, foreign ideas, views, and illegal actions that enter a person with legal immunity from the outside will not have their effect. As a result of socialization, individuals understand the existence of laws such as goodness and justice, human dignity and its protection, and freedom and slavery. Legal literacy and legal maturity will help them to understand "what is good and what is bad".

After gaining independence in our country, great attention has been paid to increasing the legal consciousness and legal culture of the population. For example, on August 29, 1997, the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan adopted the "National Program for Improving Legal Culture in Society". It reflects the fact that increasing the level of legal culture of the population depends in many ways on the knowledge of the legislative, executive and judicial authorities, encouraging the research of the scientific foundations of legal culture, organizing socio-legal research and other issues. However, due to the change of times and the level of thinking of citizens, the task of updating this national program is being set. In addition, the Presidential decree of February 7, 2017 "On the strategy of actions for the further development of the Republic of Uzbekistan", adopted on September 7, 2017 "On the distribution of legal information and ensuring its use" on" law, Presidential decree of April 13, 2018 "On measures to fundamentally improve the activities of justice bodies and institutions in the implementation of the state legal policy", January 9, 2019 "Legal awareness in society and it is possible to see the adoption of the Presidential Decree "On Fundamental Improvement of the System of Raising Legal Culture" and other regulatory and legal documents.

In order to determine the participation of the population in the laws and legal processes and the level of their awareness, separate public opinion polls are also held. According to the survey data, the absolute majority of citizens, i.e. 90.5 percent, approve of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

It is considered to be "the main document regulating legal relations in the country", in which the fundamental principles of the formation of a sovereign state and a just society, commitment to the protection and strengthening of human rights, the ideals of democracy and social justice, ensuring the peace of citizens and international





harmony are strengthened. The absolute majority of citizens - 86.3 percent - expressed the opinion that the basic law not only meets the modern requirements of the time, but is also designed for the future. In this survey, the level of awareness of the population about their civil rights was determined. To the question "Do you know your civil rights?", the absolute majority of citizens - 92.6 percent - voted affirmatively. The fact that such social polls are held frequently will greatly help to study the opinion of the population and to eliminate the shortcomings that exist in them.

President Shavkat Mirziyoyev critically analyzed the activities of political parties, their parliamentary factions and deputies in his speech entitled "Our parliament should become a school of real democracy, be the initiator and main executor of reforms" and stated the following points: In order to improve the culture of the country, through political parties, they expressed the opinion that: "It would be a good idea to introduce a new system that works in the order of the center - region - district", because the creation and development of all laws is carried out by the deputies. It is necessary and necessary for them to create laws based on the interests of the people and the needs of the people, studying all the suggestions and recommendations, deficiencies among the people.

In 2022, in order to improve the legal awareness and legal culture of the population, a number of Presidential Decrees "On the radical improvement of the system of raising legal awareness and legal culture in society" were adopted. In this decree, it is considered one of the most important conditions for ensuring the rule of law and strengthening legality in order to improve legal consciousness and legal culture in society.

It should be mentioned here that the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan is a coordinating state body in the field of raising legal awareness and legal culture in society. According to the decree, the legal information system Advice.uz is operating under the leadership of the Ministry of Justice. In addition, the work of conducting legal propaganda has been somewhat improved. Explanatory work is being carried out by qualified lawyers in neighborhoods and localities. In order to involve a wide segment of the population in the activity of law-making, a special "Invitation to Legislation" bot has been launched on the Legal Information channel of the Telegram messenger. Through this bot, thousands of proposals are received from citizens and are considered and taken into account. Establishment of "Legal Propagator" and "Right Defender" badges for the services rendered in improving the legal literacy of the population to the employees of state bodies and organizations who made a worthy contribution to the improvement of the field of legal propaganda.





Also, the scope of television shows on systematic and analytical coverage of legal topics and education of the population in the spirit of respect for the law is expanding. The formation of a democratic legal state in Uzbekistan requires increasing the legal culture of society, officials, and citizens. Therefore, an important sign of a legal state is legal culture. Today, issues of raising the legal consciousness and legal culture of the population have become a priority of state policy. The development of our country and the success of reforms largely depend on the level of legal consciousness and legal culture of the population. A person's political and legal activity, his true civic attitude, and his sense of belonging to democratic reforms are important factors in achieving the great goals set by our country. In the strategy of actions, "raising the legal culture and legal consciousness of the population, and in this regard, organizing effective and effective governance of state structures with institutions of civil society and mass media are effective and priority tasks. The level of legal culture is determined not by the number of laws adopted, but by the enforcement of these laws at all levels. In this important work, it is of particular importance to educate citizens' deep respect for laws and regulations. A very important aspect in this is to provide information to the public about the activities of the state government and administrative agencies, and to further improve the mechanisms for informing the public about the decisions made by the state authorities, primarily about human rights and freedoms, and the legal interests of citizens. depends

In the speech of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev at the solemn ceremony dedicated to the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the issue of the legal consciousness and legal culture of the population was particularly touched upon. if the legal knowledge, consciousness and culture of our citizens are not sufficient, it will be difficult to achieve the expected results.

The wise words of legal scholars several centuries ago that "Understanding the law develops a sense of responsibility" will never lose their relevance. In other words, respect for the constitution and laws, legal consciousness and legal culture should become the way of life and activity of every citizen and every official. We must continue our work on raising legal awareness and legal culture. We need to start legal education from the pre-school education system, and the first skills in this regard should be instilled in the hearts of our children for life. Our Constitution should become a real life code that is deeply rooted in the mind and heart of every citizen and fully guarantees their rights and freedoms. A science-based program for improving legal culture should be prepared for each field and direction, all stages of education. First of all, it is necessary to seriously approach the study of the Constitution. I believe that it is necessary to create textbooks such as "Constitutional Alphabet",





"Constitutional Lessons", "Basics of the Constitution" for general education schools. Special importance should be attached to their political, legal and moral level in the preparation of teachers who teach these subjects. "Also, creating interesting shows, serials, feature films, theater works about the celebration of justice in life and the restoration of legal rights is of great educational importance," they said. And again, in the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers "On the approval of the concept of continuous spiritual education and measures for its implementation", young people have loyalty to the motherland, entrepreneurship, willpower, ideological immunity, kindness, responsibility, tolerance. , it was mentioned that important qualities such as legal culture, innovative thinking, hard work should be formed step by step starting from childhood.

This implies the development of legal consciousness and legal culture of citizens. The higher the legal culture of people in the society, the more they know the norms of law, the more they read the laws and local literature and follow them, the less the violation of rights. A comprehensive systematic system of educating citizens who have a strong will, who know their rights and respect the law, who can apply their legal knowledge in everyday life, who have an active civil position and who have a tolerant attitude towards crime. is being created. First of all, education begins at the doorstep of the family, so every parent has a great responsibility. The proverb "A bird does what it sees in its nest" is not said in vain. How the family members follow the laws and established norms in their daily life, the young generation sees such a situation and adapts to it. These include watching the news of daily political, social, and economic life, fully participating in elections, and regular participation in community gatherings.

There are a number of important factors that determine the legal development of the state and society, we will list several aspects of this:

First, the socio-political activity of the members of the developed society and the citizens of the state should be high;

Secondly, the level of legal consciousness, legal culture, and legal literacy should be high;

Thirdly, it is required that they have a sense of belonging to the reforms in that society. To be honest, when it comes to legal consciousness, legal culture, most of us understand only the level of knowledge of laws or ignorance of them. In fact, this is a very broad concept, which we have listed above includes three important factors that determine the development of the state and society. A person with a high legal culture is obedient to the laws, always obeys them and respects the laws. Such people do not act contrary to the rules established by the law, on the contrary, they encourage others





to do the same. A socially and politically active citizen has a conscious attitude to the happenings in the society, feels his involvement in the reforms, and lives feeling his responsibility to the state and society. Most importantly, he tries to make a practical contribution to the country's development.

The formation of legal culture in the society determines the role of young people in the socio-political life of the country, their participation and responsibility in the management of goals, the change in the sense of belonging to the news, the level of their activity in the process of making decisions for the development of the society and the legal state.

Legal ideology plays the main decisive role in the development of legal consciousness and adoption of legal norms in society, because legal ideology greatly helps to strengthen and develop the existence of legal infrastructure in society, its response to demand, and the regulation of various social relations between people. Respect for the law is one of the main requirements of the legal society and the effective functioning of political and legal systems. The current state of development of the society and the state requires comprehensive improvement of the legal culture and legal literacy of all participants in legal relations. Legal culture, as a set of legal knowledge, legal beliefs and consistent practical activities, ensures the successful solution of the tasks facing the society and the state.

One of the signs of legal literacy is legal advocacy.

Measures are being taken to introduce modern and effective methods of legal promotion and raising the legal awareness of citizens, to convey to them the essence and importance of laws and other normative legal documents, and to improve the legal literacy of the population.

In legal propaganda work:

- Proper use of information resources.
- 100% use of electronic government portals, explaining and teaching them to young people, working with legal documents on My. Gov. Uz, Lex.Uz, Adliya mobile, etc. networks.
- Legal literature in information-resource centers and information-library funds is carefully studied by lawyers and delivered to the public in various forms and explained;

Another aspect of civilizing the people in the field of law is to increase the number and quality of personnel with higher legal education. To do this, increase the number of educational institutions providing higher legal education and train highly qualified legal personnel. At this point, let us recall the thoughts of Abu Nasr Farabi. The famous philosopher said that every official should study the laws in depth, be a





personal example in observing them, be able to widely promote the laws among the population, make proposals for their improvement, and if it is permissible, write laws. put forward.

Based on these criteria, the President, in his decrees of 2019, in the minds of citizens, strengthened the vital idea that "establishing the spirit of respect for laws in society is the guarantee of building a democratic legal state!" the formation of a system of consistent delivery of the content and essence of state programs was defined as one of the primary tasks.

Therefore, today a legitimate question arises as to whether we all and all the time follow these rules. After all, the norms of the law live and come true only if they are absorbed in the minds of people and act through them. The law is the will of the people.

Based on the above, we would like to make the following suggestions:

Firstly, in order to further improve the legal consciousness and legal culture of the population, to regularly hold roundtable discussions and educational seminars or scientific-practical conferences in this direction;

Secondly, in general secondary education, secondary special vocational education, in family education, there are many exams in the field of law. Now to organize such auditions not only in educational institutions, but also among neighborhoods under the name "Leader of Legal Culture". Conduct competitions and screenings among the regions for those who are selected from among the neighborhoods;

Thirdly, I believe that it is necessary to create Constitution Squares in public places and to provide them with modern propaganda tools that reflect the Constitution and laws, to bring pictures that improve the legal consciousness of the population and increase their legal culture;

Fourthly, increasing legal literacy in educational institutions is the most urgent issue, therefore, starting from the primary education system in general schools, taking into account the age of children and students, the Constitution and the Constitution are aimed at forming the characteristics of legal consciousness and legal culture. organizing classes and textbooks on studying human rights, raising the level of legal knowledge and literacy of young people;

In short, legal consciousness and legal culture is a gradual process. The rise of legal culture led to the development of the sense of obedience to the law. Currently, this issue is being raised to the level of state policy, for this purpose, it is important to further improve the legal consciousness, legal culture, education, and legal literacy of citizens, to increase the interest of young people in the field of law, and to raise them as a legally mature and competent generation. is one of the goals and objectives.





Citizens who know their rights in the society and obey the laws are the foundation of the legal state.

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