



SOME ASPECTS OF INCREASING LEGAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND LEGAL CULTURE IN SOCIETY

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Received: April 6 th 2022 Accepted: May 6 th 2022 Published: June 14 th 2022	The scientific article comparatively studies the scientific and theoretical aspects of raising legal awareness and culture in society, the reforms implemented at its modern stage. Also, in recent years, the activities of the internal affairs bodies in the formation of legal education and culture of the population and the tasks for the future have been analyzed in detail.

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The transition from a democratic state governed by the rule of law in Uzbekistan to a free civil society requires an increase in the legal culture of citizens. Therefore, an important feature of the rule of law is the legal culture. In recent years, large-scale democratic reforms have been carried out in our country. This implies the development of legal awareness and legal culture of citizens. The more highly cultured people in a society are, the less likely it is that their rights and freedoms will be violated if they know and follow the norms of law, laws, and legal literature. Therefore, the Republic of Uzbekistan pays great attention to raising the legal culture of the population. In particular, in the first years of independence, the "National Program for Raising the Legal Culture in Society" was adopted [1]. For twenty-two years, this document has served as the basis for the practice of raising legal culture.

Finally, taking into account the fact that the legal processes in society are radically different from the past and the political and legal processes in social relations are updated, On January 9, 2019, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Sh.M.Mirziyoev adopted the Decree "On radical improvement of the system of raising legal awareness and legal culture in society" and the concept based on it.

According to the concept, the development of legal consciousness and legal culture in society has been identified as an important task in the in-depth study of the scientific basis.

In jurisprudence, the categories of legal consciousness, legal education and legal culture are closely related to each other. These concepts complement each other and are inextricably linked. Legal culture is a product of legal consciousness and legal education.

When A. Saidov, one of our Uzbek jurists, called it legal culture the level of the legal system

established in the society, the level of public awareness of this legal system, the respect of citizens for the law the degree of enforcement of legal norms. intolerance of those who disobeyed the law explained the degree of obedience to the law [2, P.11].

The age-old dream of every state, which has set itself the main goal of building a highly developed rule of law and a just civil society, is to raise the level of legal awareness and legal culture of its people. The social development of any state depends on the legal culture of its citizens. Indeed, a highly developed legal consciousness and legal culture is an integral feature of the rule of law and civil society. A high level of legal consciousness and legal culture is the product of legal education. Legal education plays a key role in shaping the legal consciousness and culture of the population.

The education of legal consciousness is closely linked with the process of raising the spirituality of all citizens, in harmony with the foundations of democratic consciousness, society, human culture. Naturally, the education of legal consciousness begins with the acquisition of moral values, norms in the family and school, in the process of spiritual communication. In the process of observing life, normal events, thinking about domestic and social conflicts related to the norms of law, legal perceptions, views are formed, the feelings of young citizens develop. In particular, "Legal education of young people ensures the proper development of the individual, teaches him to know the duties and responsibilities of the law, to respect the law" [3, P.112]. Fiction and the media play an important role in legal education. Education in the spirit of law, legality is not limited to the provision of legal knowledge, the formation of a positive attitude to the law, the law, but finds its gradual expression in the legal activity of the individual, in his legal culture.



The great thinker Abdullah Avloni did not say in vain that "Education is for us a matter of life or death, salvation or destruction, happiness or disaster". Because "legal consciousness, legal education and legal culture" were inextricably linked with each other and in this logical sequence that complement each other and similar categories in the series are the state of the legal system of society and indicates the condition.

The legal consciousness of the person is formed, first of all, under the influence of legal education. Legal education helps to increase the level of order and discipline, strengthens the sense of duty and enhances the legal culture of the individual.

Legal culture is a separate social phenomenon that can be accepted in the image of the legal status of society and the individual. All problems related to the theory of legal culture need to be studied in detail. At the same time, in one particular case, this or that aspect, which is strictly defined in understanding the different views of culture, prevails. For example, in legal life, in ensuring the formation of enlightenment, when approached from the point of view of increasing the human factor, it is necessary to pay attention, first of all, to the content of legal culture.

In particular, in this regard, a number of tasks have been assigned to law enforcement agencies, which have a role in raising the legal culture among the population.

Analyzing the work of law enforcement agencies on legal advocacy and legal culture, in cooperation with the judiciary to improve the legal culture in society, the population and youth said, "Establishing a spirit of respect for the law in society is a guarantee of building a democratic state governed by the rule of law!" It is noteworthy that meetings, conferences, discussions and roundtables are organized on the basis of the conceptual idea that [4].

It is known that the level of legal culture is determined not by the number of adopted laws, but by their implementation in full. Even the most mature and thorough law will remain insignificant as a value if it does not find its application in social life. The great French thinker S.L. Montesquieu wrote: "When I go to a country, I am interested not in the existence of good laws there, but in how the laws are obeyed, for good laws are everywhere" [5, P.165-165].

Thus, in order to increase the role and importance of law enforcement agencies in raising the legal awareness and culture of the population, to achieve its positive trend, it is important to improve the system of consistent communication of the content and essence of the legislation and state programs of socio-

economic reforms.

At the same time, inculcating in the minds of the younger generation the concepts of law and duty, honesty and purity, as well as moral norms, the organization of legal and educational activities to increase legal literacy among the population in accordance with the history, religion and national values of our people.

It is also important to strengthen the sense of belonging to the country, patriotism, state power by forming in each citizen a sense of pride in the state symbols and strengthening cooperation between government agencies, including law enforcement agencies and civil society institutions, in the implementation of targeted legal advocacy, it would be expedient to improve the system of legal education in the relevant educational institutions, as well as to develop a system of training, retraining and advanced training of legal personnel.

In short, the use of the capabilities of law enforcement agencies in raising the legal awareness and culture of society:

- ✓ **first**, ensures the rule of law;
- ✓ **second**, it brings the law closer to the people and forms a spirit of obedience to the law;
- ✓ **third**, it creates legal immunity against factors that negatively affect the legal education of young people;
- ✓ **fourth**, it increases the value of the law (law);
- ✓ **fifth**, increases the legal literacy of the population;
- ✓ **sixth**, it serves as an effective tool in building a democratic state governed by the rule of law;
- ✓ **seventh**, it prevents a nihilistic (disbelief, disregard) attitude towards law.

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