



# LEGAL CULTURE AS A KEY FACTOR IN ENSURING THE RULE OF LAW IN THE STATE

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<p><b>Received:</b> April 6<sup>th</sup> 2023 <b>Accepted:</b> May 6<sup>th</sup> 2023 <b>Published:</b> May 8<sup>th</sup> 2023</p>	<p>Legal culture plays a crucial role in ensuring the rule of law in any state. It encompasses the attitudes, values, and beliefs that shape people's understanding of the law and their relationship with it. A strong legal culture promotes a responsible attitude towards one's actions and respect for the rights of others, encouraging citizens to participate actively in public life. Without a culture of lawfulness, a society cannot function effectively, as people may be more prone to break the law and ignore the rights of others. This article explores the significance of legal culture in maintaining law and order in the state. The author draws attention to the role of legal culture in the formation of citizenship, democracy, and civil society, all of which are vital factors for promoting a lawful society. The article highlights the value of respecting the rights of others and active participation in public life as essential components of legal culture. Moreover, the article emphasizes the importance of high levels of legal culture in reducing crime rates and ensuring the effective operation of law enforcement agencies. It recognises that a society where citizens have a strong legal culture is ultimately more likely to obey the law, cooperate with law enforcement agencies, and contribute to the general maintenance of law and order.</p>

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## INTRODUCTION

Legal culture is a system of values that determines a person's attitude towards law, as well as his/her ability and readiness to observe the rules of society and participate in society.

Legal culture is the body of legal knowledge, skills and abilities that citizens need to make effective use of legal opportunities in society. A high level of legal culture means that people understand their rights and obligations, know how to defend their interests in court, obey the rules and act in accordance with them.

The impact of legal culture on the rule of law in a state can be enormous - if the level of legal culture in society is high, legislation and law enforcement will be more effective, because the population will be more aware of how to follow the laws, as well as how to defend their rights in the courts.

In a country where the level of legal culture is high, citizens can always defend their rights and interests in court using legal options. Their institutions and government go out of their way to help citizens and provide legal assistance. In this way, the residents of

this country feel confident and have confidence in the system used.

## Significance of legal culture in maintaining law and order in the state

A legal culture is a set of knowledge, beliefs and skills that enable citizens to live in accordance with the law and contribute to the rule of law in a state. It plays an important role in strengthening democracy and the rule of law.

In a society where understanding and obeying the law is the norm, citizens have a sense of legal security and confidence in their actions. This strengthens the state because a legal culture prevents violence, unjustified claims to power and preserves peace and order in society.

Moreover, legal culture is a key element in establishing trust between citizens and the state. With faith in justice and the rule of law, people feel more comfortable and secure, which ultimately contributes to the development of the economy, the social sphere and other spheres of society.



A legal culture ensures that the laws work for all citizens of a state. When all people understand and obey the laws, no one can gain an advantage by breaking those laws. This promotes equality and justice and strengthens trust in the justice system and state institutions.

It is therefore a prerequisite for the rule of law in a state. It helps citizens to live in accordance with the law, strengthens democracy and trust in the state and contributes to the development of the economic and social spheres of society.

A legal culture plays a special role in the creation and strengthening of civil society in Uzbekistan. It enables citizens not only to understand their rights and duties but also to take responsibility for their actions.

An important component of legal culture is knowledge of the Constitution and the law and the ability to apply them in practice. There are educational programmes and training programmes aimed at improving the legal culture of citizens in Uzbekistan.

The importance of legal culture manifests itself in the fact that it contributes to the development of civil society. Citizens who have a high level of legal culture tend to be active citizens, they know their rights and are prepared to defend them, and they respect the rights of others.

An example of how a legal culture can lead to the creation and strengthening of civil society in Uzbekistan can be seen in the expansion of citizens' rights to freedom of assembly, freedom of speech and freedom of the media. The government of Uzbekistan is currently working to strengthen the country's legal framework and the development of civil society, which contributes to a more stable, democratic and prosperous society.

A resolution of the Oliy Majlis, dated 29 August 1997, was adopted with a view to creating the conditions for enhancing the legal culture of citizens and improving the legal system in Uzbekistan.

This decision sets out the main objectives of the national programme to enhance a legal culture, namely:

- Educating citizens in a spirit of respect for the law and compliance with its requirements;
- To improve citizens' access to legal and legal information and advice;
- To create conditions for citizen participation in the formation of a legal culture in society;
- Improvement of the legal system and its adaptation to current challenges and tasks;
- Support and development of human rights activities in society.

Measures are envisaged to implement these tasks, including:

- Organization of public events aimed at improving the legal culture;
- Expansion of citizens' access to legal and judicial information through the creation of libraries, bookshops and Internet resources, as well as legal enlightenment activities;
- Strengthening the human rights activities of governmental and non-governmental organizations;
- Introduction of new technologies in legal education and training of citizens.

The resolution on a national programme to enhance legal culture in society is an important element of Uzbekistan's legal system, aimed at enhancing the legal culture of citizens and improving the country's legal system.

**The development of a legal culture is a key factor in reducing crime and ensuring the proper functioning of the judiciary and law enforcement.**

Legal culture is the body of knowledge, skills and abilities related to understanding the law, the principles of justice and civic responsibility. The higher the level of legal culture in a society, the less likely it is that laws will be broken and crime will increase. The level of legal culture also affects the work of the judiciary and law enforcement agencies, as the greater the awareness of citizens of justice and law enforcement issues, the more effectively these agencies operate.

In this context, it is particularly important to raise the legal awareness of the population. Various activities can be organised for this purpose: lessons on law in schools, training on citizens' rights and obligations in the workplace, etc. It is also necessary to organise public cultural events at which the problems of justice and law enforcement can be discussed.

In addition, a legal culture must be promoted and improved at the state level. It is particularly important that the laws are clear and understandable to every citizen and do not contradict one another. Also, the law enforcement authorities must work effectively and responsibly so the public can see that law-breakers do not go unpunished.

The development of a legal culture is one of the most effective ways of reducing crime in Uzbekistan. Since 1991, when Uzbekistan became an independent state, the government has worked hard to develop the rule of law and justice. During this time, numerous laws have been passed and reforms implemented that have helped maintain the rule of law and reduce crime.



**IN CONCLUSION**, society needs a legal culture for several reasons:

1. A legal culture helps to ensure justice in society. A better understanding of the rights and responsibilities of each member of society is the main basis for justice.
2. Legal culture promotes civic culture. Education based on legal standards promotes civic awareness and responsibility, trust in the state and respect for the law.
3. A legal culture contributes to overcoming corruption. People with legal culture are more inclined to be law-abiding and have a negative attitude towards corruption.
4. Legal culture is an important part of education and personal development. Knowledge and understanding of rights helps citizens participate in political and public life and claim and defend their rights and freedoms.

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