



LEGAL EDUCATION IN PREVENTING CRIME AMONG TODAY'S YOUTH

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Received: 8 th February 2025 Accepted: 7 th March 2025	The role of legal education in preventing crimes among today's youth is incomparable. Through legal education, young people understand their rights and duties and try to avoid negative behavior. This process develops the legal culture of young people and educates them as socially responsible and disciplined citizens. Legal education also helps prevent crimes and social problems, and protects young people from negative influences.

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INTRODUCTION. Legal education is of great importance in preventing crime among young people. Legal education is essential in modern society to form a legal culture, prevent crime, and ensure social stability. Young people, especially in a new environment and in a period when they are exposed to various social influences, need to have legal knowledge. This knowledge will help them form legal behavior in society, and also provide a basis for understanding laws and their observance.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION. Expanding legal education among young people is an effective tool in combating offenses and crime. Legal knowledge prevents young people from going down bad paths, encourages them to take legal responsibility. With the help of legal education, young people understand the consequences of crime and choose the right path.

Firstly, the relevance of scientific work is also evidenced by the normative legal document "United Nations Guiding Principles on the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency," adopted by the UN in 1980 specifically with the aim of preventing juvenile delinquency. The adoption of a separate normative legal document on this issue by the UN proves that this issue is one of the most pressing issues in the world. We can also cite as an example the various events that are taking place in the world today in the field of youth participation.

Secondly, in our country, certain measures are being continuously developed to educate young people in a spirit of patriotism, respect for our national traditions and values, to raise a spiritually mature and physically healthy generation, and to protect their rights and interests. In order to radically improve the activities in this area, in order to bring the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On State Youth Policy" adopted on September 14, 2016 into line with the requirements of today, all parties must be mature, independent-minded,

capable of taking responsibility for the future of our country, proactive, and mobilize their potential in the interests of the people. created a solid legal foundation for the education of young people and the realization of their intellectual and creative potential.

Thirdly, it should be noted that the Strategy of Actions on Five Priority Areas of Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan for 2017-2021 identifies a number of new and important tasks related to increasing the activity of youth in reforms aimed at building a democratic state and developing civil society. In particular, the fact that the 2nd direction of the Action Strategy is dedicated to ensuring the rule of law and further reforming the judicial system, and in accordance with paragraph 2.4, "improving the system of combating crime and preventing offenses" is defined as the main task, also determines the basis of the system for increasing the efficiency of this sector.

Fourth, in his speeches on June 30, 2017, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev discussed in detail how the state youth policy is being implemented in our country, what problems there are in this area, how we need to solve them, and what role youth organizations should play in this regard. In particular, the President, explaining his speeches in detail, said, "It is known that the education of the younger generation has always been important and relevant. However, in the 21st century in which we live, this issue is truly becoming a matter of life and death. "The more perfect the education, the happier the people will live," say wise men. In order for education to be perfect, it is necessary to create a gap in this issue. "It is absolutely unacceptable," he emphasized, and June 30 was declared "Youth Day" in our country. It was now determined that achieving significant positive developments in this area will require great effort and responsibility.



Fifth, today, 45 percent of the population of our country is made up of minors. That is, the vast majority of the country's population is young people, especially minors. For this reason, all the reforms in our country today raise questions about how youth and state policy regarding youth are being implemented, what problems exist in this area, how they should be solved, and what role youth organizations should play in this regard. As a result of the constant occurrence of shortcomings in this area, the number of young people who are unorganized, that is, who do not work, do not study, do not have a specific occupation, and are exposed to negative influences is increasing, and the number of those who commit crimes among young people, join religious extremist movements, and terrorist groups is increasing. "The fact that in 2016, nearly 1 million 740 thousand offenses, 23 thousand 440 crimes were committed involving young people, and more than 8 thousand divorces were recorded among young families should cause serious concern for all of us," the president said.

Therefore, it is worth noting that, in addition to identifying the cause and perpetrators of a crime after it has been committed, strengthening crime prevention is a requirement of today. Our President is also paying special attention to this issue.

It is stipulated that minors who have committed crimes or whose behavioral deviations pose a potential social danger will be placed under internal supervision of secondary schools. Such students include students who do not attend classes at educational institutions without good reasons and do not attend regularly, those who have committed administrative offenses, children from troubled families, children with difficult upbringing, students who have brought or attempted to bring sharp objects into educational institutions, and adults who have committed socially dangerous actions. minors. In general education schools, a child who has committed or is likely to commit a crime in individual work is at the center of all preventive measures. The responsible employee who carries out individual preventive measures with students may be a class teacher, youth leader, school psychologist, or one (if necessary, several) experienced teachers. Students are placed under internal school supervision for periods of three, six, nine months, and one year, which may be extended as long as positive changes in the student's behavior occur.

Responsible employees monitor the child's attendance and development indicators, conduct interviews with him, provide advice and assistance to the child in various areas, regularly communicate with

the child's family, involve the child in a group of interests, and more.

In the field of crime prevention, improving the legal culture of individuals, increasing legal literacy, and educating law-abiding citizens are of great importance.

Social work in the education system is becoming increasingly important in socialization and personality formation. The ability of society to provide a comprehensive education to all children is an indicator of the social health of society and a necessary condition for its stable development. In the changing conditions of modern society, only solid education allows a person to ensure his existence and perform social, everyday, professional, labor and social functions. A person who is deprived of the opportunity to receive a full (primary, secondary, vocational) education today may join the ranks of those who cannot provide for themselves tomorrow and become a dependent of society.

Pedagogy, including social pedagogy, is necessary to study the causes and sources of delinquency among minors in general education schools and to create such a prevention program that would ensure a reduction in crime.

In the process of organizing the prevention of deviant behavior, the task of the social educator is to create an atmosphere of genuine cooperation and partnership in relations with minors. In their voluntary behavior, the principle of helping and the principle of offering help are equally applicable.

Prevention of crime and delinquency among minors has become a key priority of state structures and public organizations in the fight against crime. Of course, one of the most important tasks facing our society today is to study the ways in which delinquency develops among young people and to increase the effectiveness of their prevention.

CONCLUSION. Indeed, today in our country the necessary conditions have been created for the younger generation to grow up loyal to the homeland, spiritually mature, and physically strong, and this situation has a positive impact on preventing juvenile delinquency. In today's rapidly developing world, the physical, intellectual, and spiritual well-being of the young generation depends on the level of protection of their rights in society. The attention paid to their education and activities is a factor in the new achievements of our country. Preventive measures play an important role in the legal education system, as they serve as an effective means of preventing crimes. Legal education can help to form respect for the law and a sense of responsibility among young people, and at the same time, improve the legal culture in society. The integration of preventive



measures into the educational process requires the use of modern methods, technologies and international experience. In Uzbekistan, this approach requires improving the skills of teachers, improving infrastructure, and expanding practical programs. As a result, preventive measures in the legal education system will not only help reduce crime, but also help build a safe and just society.

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