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# RAISING THE LEGAL AWARENESS AND LEGAL CULTURE THE REQUIREMENT OF THE TIME

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#### **Abstract**

This article highlights the role of legal awareness and legal culture in building a law - governed state and, above all, improving the legal literacy of rach person's legal immunity

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Based on the age-old traditions, traditions, language, religion, and spirit of our people, legal culture serves to inculcate in our minds the feelings of enlightenment and truth, such as honesty and faith, justice and legality, high respect and attention to people, and patience. That is why it is a vital necessity to raise the legal culture of people, which is directed to selfless work for our independence. To raise the legal culture and legal consciousness of the population, to fundamentally improve legal education and enlightenment, the order of legal knowledge in society, human rights and Establishing a deep respect and respect for free people, a sense of obedience to the law, and the happiness of knowing and strictly following the law is a necessary requirement of today.[1]

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[2]

First of all, it is appropriate to get acquainted with the various definitions of legal consciousness and legal culture given by scientists, among others, Professor Islamov gives the following definition of legal consciousness: , can be defined as a system of legal intuitions, ideas, evaluations, imaginations that express the attitude to obligations, to the desired right and to other legal events".[3] 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" [4] As for the definitions given to legal culture, U. Tajikhanov and A.

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Saidovs define the legal culture in their book entitled Theory of Legal Culture: "Legal culture means the level of the legal system established in society, the level of people's awareness of this legal system, the respect of citizens for the law, the level of enforcement of legal norms, we understand the degree of being intolerant of those who do not follow the law, obedience to the law" [5]

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 unique feature of a legal state. In the conditions of the formation of the market economy, it is considered an important task to increase the legal culture.

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 Oliv Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan adopted the "National Program for Improving Legal Culture in Society". In it, the increase in the level of legal culture of the population depends in many ways on the knowledge of the legislative, executive and judicial authorities, the stimulation of the research of the scientific foundations of legal culture, the organization of socio-legal research [6] norm.uz and other issues. reflected. 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, April 13, 2018 Presidential Decree "On Measures to Fundamentally Improve the Activities of Justice Bodies and Institutions in the Implementation of 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.[7]

Separate public opinion polls are also conducted to determine the level of awareness and participation of the population in legal processes. As an example, in 2017, a public opinion survey on the topic "25th anniversary of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan" was conducted by the Public Opinion Research Center. According to the survey data, the absolute majority of citizens, i.e. 90.5 percent, consider the

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Constitution of Uzbekistan to be "the main document regulating legal relations in the country", in which the formation of a sovereign state and a just society fundamental principles, commitment to the protection and strengthening of human rights, to the ideals of democracy and social justice, to ensuring the peace of citizens and interethnic harmony. 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 in the affirmative.[8] 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, in his speech entitled "Our Parliament should become a school of real democracy, be the initiator and main executor of reforms", critically analyzed the activities of political parties, their parliamentary factions and deputies, and stated the following points: "Improving the working methods of deputies, increasing the legal culture of the population through political parties: "It would be a good idea to introduce a new system that works in the order of "Center - Region -District" [9], because the creation and development of all laws is carried out by 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. Those who did not say that the system works in the order of "Center-Province-District" for nothing, the changes and additions in any policy will reach from the center to the region and then to the district and other remote areas so that the people are informed and convey their opinions who mentioned that such a system should be created taking into account the need. Public participation and activity is important in consistently and widely informing the population about the changes and additions to every law, legal documents in force in our country. It is necessary to effectively use the opportunities of communication technologies, social partnership with state bodies.[10]

In 2019, in order to improve the legal awareness and legal culture of the population, the Presidential Decree "On fundamental improvement of the system of raising legal awareness and legal culture in society" was 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 the society [11]. 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. Currently, under the leadership of the Minister of Justice Ruslanbek Davletov, the legal information system Advice.uz is operating based on the decree, in particular, many citizens of our region have received sufficient answers to their questions using this system several times. In addition, the work of conducting legal propaganda has

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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 Huuqiy information channel of the Telegram messenger. Through this bot, thousands of proposals are received from citizens and are considered and taken into account. This project is a manifestation of the President's words that the people should be the direct creators of laws"[12]. The badge "Excellence of Legal Promotion" was established for the employees of the state bodies and organizations who made a worthy contribution to the improvement of the field of legal promotion - promotion for their services in improving the legal literacy of the population. 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 involvement in 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. dependent.[13]

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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