The essence of the reforms aimed at modernizing the country and building a strong civil society in the Republic of Uzbekistan is reflected in improving the living standards of the population, a high level of political and legal culture and the level of citizenship. The most important condition for the formation of civil society is the moral and spiritual development of youth in the development of the state and the transition to a new level of socio-economic and political relations. As our President Sh. Sh. Mirziyoyev noted, “I think that we all understand that we have a big and important task to deepen democratic reforms in the country.” Therefore, in order to form a civil society, the state must cancel some of its functions and gradually transfer it to other institutions of society. To do this, it is necessary to create certain conditions and opportunities for the state to create mechanisms for the proper functioning of society’s self-government bodies.

Citizens of Uzbekistan, regardless of their nationality, race, gender, profession, social origin, have equal rights and responsibilities before the law.

Therefore, legal education of citizens is one of the most urgent tasks for raising awareness of their civil rights, protecting them and understanding their responsibility in solving existing problems. This process is not only a source of moral and spiritual maturity of citizens, but also an important factor in increasing their responsibility.

There is a lively discussion among the intellectuals of our republic on the essence, subject matter, concepts and development laws of the "Enlightenment". This is because of the versatility of spirituality, its meaning, role and significance in life. But in most cases it is difficult to find an accurate answer to the question of what spirituality is. They give different, sometimes contradictory, inaccurate, superficial answers and opinions. In general, we see that to this concept, which includes a very deep and comprehensive meaning, each author, based on his

1 Sh. Mirziyoev “Consent of our people is the highest value to our activities” Part 2: “Uzbekistan”, 2018
philosophical approach, political views and beliefs, conscious thinking, gives different descriptions.

It should also be considered as a natural phenomenon. In the scientific literature on this issue, in the daily press, in different views and descriptions, each author has his own vision and style. From this point of view, in recent years, scientific articles, brochures, textbooks, scientific articles and explanations to the concept of “spirituality” and its principles have been published. This is due to the fact that the concept of “Enlightenment” is in a broader sense a social and spiritual phenomenon that embodies ideological, educational, cultural, religious and moral views in society.

In fact, spirituality is the most powerful spiritual and psychological factor that separates a person from all other beings. When a person is the embodiment of nature and all creatures, it is an attribute of his nature, that is, his ability to be the owner of the highest spirituality. We cannot see this possibility in other creatures.

When material things give a person physical nutrition and energy, spirituality gives him spiritual nutrition and strength. Being content with material things is only a matter of conscious and unconscious beings. The pursuit of spirituality is a characteristic of the spirit and consciousness of mankind. Enlightenment is a complex of social phenomenon, such as the mental and spiritual world of a person.

As the enlightenment is a very comprehensive concept, as we have stated above, it is very difficult to express it in one word. Spirituality is more focused on the soul and inner world. In this sense, spirituality is the divine light in the heart of man that does not exist in other beings. Enlightenment is such a magical language that no one can solve it. Therefore, it is difficult to fully explain the concept of “spirituality”.

That is why the construction of a democratic society in Uzbekistan was identified as the main task in the framework of the concept of transition from a strong state to a strong civil society.

As you know, every article of the law gives a person a certain freedom. However, it is important to keep in mind that such a procedure, guidance, or opportunity is not intended to justify the freedom of the individual. Perhaps this legal framework is equally applicable to all. Nevertheless, all members of the public must, in accordance with this principle, exercise their freedom equally².

In addition, the legal democratic state and the civil society that we are building today must be strong. This requires the educating citizens, especially youth, with deep knowledge, understanding of the traditions and moral values of their past, patriotism, truthfulness and selflessness. The education of the ideal person is the most complex and painstaking process. The implementation of this process should bring them national values. This means that if today’s young generation knows their history, culture, national values, language, religion and traditions, only then they will understand the deep true essence of independence.

It is no accident that civil society is also developing based on these national values. Because, “While as long as we are building the legal democratic state and a free civil society, our 21st Century Action Program Spiritual branch should come from that. That is, a free citizen - a conscious, independent individual - should be our main national ideology”³.

Cultural and spiritual values, moral values, traditions, religious and spiritual feelings brought to man from his youth. At this stage, he feels that his family, kinship, neighborhood, nation, country and unity are part of it. As a result, a feeling of national pride and patriotism develops in his mind and heart. In this process, a true civic position is formed in the individual.

Indeed, as the First President I.A. Karimov said, the most important effect of any reform is, first of all, the deepening of the process of revival of the people’s spiritual outlook, the growth of its consciousness and the changes taking place in the country is determined by the conclusion. As these words show, increasing the social and political participation of young people is one of the most important tasks of today.

That is why; each of us must show an active civic position in the implementation of these tasks and always remember the words of our President for our youth: “Our children, our youth are not only our confidence and our future, but they are also our tomorrow's strength”.

The sense of citizenship is formed by “the inherited cultural processes of the individual in the relationship between past and future and the transformation of a unique historical heritage”⁴. One of the main criteria of civil society is a high level of awareness and culture of citizens. From this point of view, there is a great need for those who are active, initiative, enthusiastic and civilized in civil society.

Such a high intellectual potential is inextricably linked with the formation of intellectual freedom. The real economic benefits and opportunities that society has for people, their legal rights, moral and spiritual environment, must coincide with their vision of free, advanced and high ideals.

Studies show that the approach of citizens to social reality in a new, independent and free way of thinking should have a high level of moral and ethical

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³ Speech at the ceremony dedicated to the 15th anniversary of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

character. At the same time, from the point of view of psychologists and sociologists, the development of an emerging civil society often requires the correction of the individual’s consciousness, character and worldview.

Currently, civil society in the country and its system of government - the necessity and responsibility of building democracy are the task of further development of high moral potential, philosophical thinking of every citizen.

In fact, it is necessary to put everything on the scales of reason before a person can solve the tasks before him, to predict the possible consequences of the practical steps that he will take, to presuppose. Education plays an incomparable role in raising civil culture.

Even today, the main goal set before us is to pay more attention to the education of educated, conscious, free of thought, modern worldview, loyal to national and universal values provided for by the national program for the restoration and improvement of civil society and to implement these issues by accepting them as the main task of educational reforms.

In accordance with the Law on Education and the National Program of Personnel Training the new model of education, created and implemented a new educational and training process to achieve this goal.

We should not forget that enlightenment is in the blood of our people and our nation. From ancient times, the notion of "enlightened person" has a broader meaning. According to the traditional oriental view, education is not only knowledge and skills, but also deep spirituality and good morals. When our people are educated and mature, they are exactly what we see.

That is why the whole essence of our national teaching model is connected with our national history and life. Thus, a national model of personnel training was created in Uzbekistan, aimed to educate the generation, which is based on our great history, traditions and at the same time has moral and ethical characteristics that meet modern requirements. Our national program model also consists of this.

One of the most important tasks of our country today is to increase the activity of youth in a country where the foundations of a civil society are being formed, instilling in them a sense of duty and responsibility towards the nation, people and society.

Therefore, at present, at all stages of the education system, classes and training courses aimed at improving the intellectual potential of young people (in the higher education system, a special course called “The formation of Civil culture” was introduced into the part of the competitive disciplines of the educational plan of the Bachelors in pedagogy and psychology) have been established.

The implementation of these efforts, strengthening the skills of practical application of the acquired knowledge, as well as support for young people with an active civic culture in this direction will bring results in the future. After all, the purpose of modern education is to give everyone the opportunity to get new knowledge necessary for their activities, and to introduce them into the life of society.

Therefore, educational (extracurricular work) and educational work should be aimed at increasing the level of intellectual consciousness and personality culture to the realization of the most important principles that meet the interests of a person, society, state, in a word, spiritually-mature people.

In particular, in the construction of civil society, it is important to raise the awareness, culture, sense of genius and responsibility of the citizen, as well as to establish improvement at the current level of demand. Of course, this important issue in the activities of youth is characterized by its relevant aspects and it is necessary to establish effective implementation.

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