YOUTH AND SPIRITUAL SECURITY

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ABSTRACT

This article analyzes the fact that national spiritual security, especially the spiritual security of youth, is becoming the most urgent and global problem today, and offers solutions on this issue.

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1. Introduction

Youth is the future of every country. Achieving his growth into a responsible person who feels responsibility for the future of the country is one of the most important challenges facing the state and society. The state youth policy in the Republic of Uzbekistan is in the constant focus of the head of our state. The President also addressed the youth issue at the General Assembly of UN. This shows the importance of the state youth policy in our country.

Today, the social networks development, the growing information volume threatens the youth spiritual development.

2. Main part

In this regard, it should be noted that today the nation protection, its national spiritual values’ security - is a problem of all mankind. Because today it is difficult to meet any state or nation that does not face spiritual threats all over the world. The fact that no weapon, no large army is required to invade any country today, but is enough to poison the minds of the people of that country, to absorb ideas that are alien to their mentality and national values, has a negative impact on all states and nations.

Moreover, in hodiernal fast-paced world, especially at a time when the global internet network is opening up borders between different states and regions, some destructive forces are using these opportunities as ideological weapons for their own ends. This has a negative impact on the younger generation upbringing, which is the future successor of any nation. Therefore, the issue of educating a person with consciousness and independent thinking is not only a spiritual matter, if necessary, important political significance. It is worrying that today the number of psychological attacks and threats aimed at negatively affecting the spirituality and worldview of young people is growing.

In his speech at the 72nd session in General Assembly of the United Nations, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev once again warned the world community about this and said "today's youth is the largest generation in the history of mankind, numbering 2 billion people. The future of our planet depends on how our children develop into human beings" (2).

As President Shavkat Mirziyoyev rightly acknowledged, “our main task is to create the necessary conditions for young people to show their potential, to prevent the spread of the violence “virus” (2).

So, preserving the younger generation spirituality, ensuring their national spiritual security, educating the world's youth in the spirit of commitment to peace and stability is the noble duty of every person who cares for a peaceful life, a stable world.

When it comes to speak about the security of the nation's spirituality, it is appropriate to begin with the Russian scholar V.I. Mitrokhin's view that "the security concept must include the values of the individual, social groups, the state, society, and civilization in general, and the protection degree of their dignity” (4).

Unfortunately, today we cannot say that the protection level of the values, honor and dignity of universal civilization is satisfactory. This is because while efforts are underway in a number of countries around the world to develop nuclear weapons, there is a relentless effort to organize information attacks in some regions. The spiritual threats aimed at capturing the young people consciousness, especially those who are the owners of tomorrow, are growing day by day. Various methods and techniques are used by some malicious forces in this regard, such as the false information spread, social consciousness manipulation, the national and spiritual values erosion, the values promotion that are completely alien to the mentality. The saddest thing is that all this is leading to the nations tragedy. As a well-known Uzbek scholar Sadulla Otamurodov rightly noted in his book "Globalization and national-spiritual security" "a nation is one of the highest values created by the life and blood of men, and its spiritual death inevitably leads to the physical death of all mankind" (5).

It is inappropriate to ask what is the most popular type of threat to the spirituality of the world's youth today. Because it is no secret that the main area of spiritual threats is the Internet. Naturally, young people are the most used layer of the internet compared to the older generation. In modern society, however, this tool, which is the main network, cannot be abandoned or denied altogether.

Nowadays, in addition to the flow of information on the Internet, which has a positive impact on the worldview of young people, there are also materials based on destructive ideas. Information that has a strong impact on young people on Internet sites can be classified as follows.

The first category of information includes alien, destructive ideas (ideas of religious extremism and terrorism,
nationalism, racism, sadism, etc.).

The second category of information promotes habits and skills typical of the Western way of life, contrary to Uzbek mentality. This is especially evident in the dress, articles, clips, and movies that promote the habits of western youth.

The third category may include pornographic information.

The fourth category includes various offensive information that has not yet been verified and has not been proven.

The fact that such alien ideas and information spread on the Internet are accepted by young people and its consequences are concern to the people of all countries of the world.

So today we live in an era of rapid, ever-updating information exchange, that is, globalization. The process of globalization, along with the development of science and technology, has a significant impact on human spirituality. It is natural for each of us to think about the fate of our moral values, which have been valued by our ancestors for centuries and constitute our national identity, especially today, when the globalization of cultural values is in full swing. Therefore, in globalization, the spiritual heritage and its role in shaping the worldview of young people will continue to grow.

In the words of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, “in the great history, nothing goes unnoticed. It is preserved in the blood of nations, in their historical memory, and is manifested in their practical work. That is why it is powerful. Preservation, study and transmission of historical heritage from generation to generation are one of the most important priorities of our state policy. This is especially important in the current context of globalization, where new threats are emerging, including the threat of "popular culture" and the mood of dependency, the loss of morals and values”(1).

There is a fact that has been proved for years and centuries, and no one will ever be able to defeat a nation that has responded to any difficulties, cruel trials with its high spirituality and enlightenment. Only high knowledge, spirituality and enlightenment can be a shield in dangerous situations for the nation fate, ensuring that the nation lives in harmony with the times.

In this sense, the youth issues are directly related to the development and prosperity of the country, in order to address these important tasks, it is necessary to educate and educate young people on the basis of high spirituality and enlightenment, protect them from various spiritual and ideological threats.

Unfortunately, as many scientists who care about the noble goal of maintaining peace and tranquility on our planet point out the lack of unity and solidarity on a global scale against ideological and other threats is watering down the mill of the forces engaged in this dirty work. This is primarily due to the lack of a single concept and common approach to addressing ideological threats.

As it mentioned in the President Decree of the Republic of Uzbekistan on April 8, 2019 PD№-5465 "On measures to develop the national idea development concept at a new development stage of Uzbekistan", “low level of the complex understanding of geopolitical and ideological processes taking place in the world, insufficient understanding and perception in the fight against various cross-border threats such as terrorism, religious extremism, bigotry, separatism, human trafficking, "mass culture", drug trafficking factor does not allow for the effective use of the national ideological factor”(3). At the same time, we think it is appropriate to point out that the socio-political factor is being forgotten in the elimination of ideological threats. However, it is expedient to strike at any threat, first of all, ideologically.

So, the leading factor in ensuring the national spiritual security of young people is to bring them up in the spirit of the national idea, to form national pride and national honor in our children. So, national pride and national honor are the cornerstones of the national idea. If our sons and daughters are not proud of our national achievements and our connection to humanity in general, they will continue to consider others great. If we do not honor the existing ignominy in ourselves, we will lose the opportunity to develop.

Therefore, in the continuing education system from pre-school to out-of-school education, we need to inculcate the national idea in accordance with the children, schoolchildren, students and listeners age, and a differential pedagogical and psychological program creation, the continuous formation of the national idea and national ideology in their minds, new approaches to the sciences teaching in the "national idea"category as set out in the above decree, including the development and implementation of non-repetitive educational programs that are relevant in content and form for preschool education, general secondary education, secondary special and vocational education, higher education and postgraduate education, in this process, the creation of textbooks, manuals, taking into account the age, spiritual needs, consumption level of pupils and students "(3), that clearly reflect the essence of the national idea and ideology.

Therefore, the experience of human development in the XXI century shows that the security, stability, future of any state depends on the ability to understand the system of innumerable new threats, threats, first of all, its "environmental factors".

3. Conclusion

We have a lot of tasks before us in this regard. While our main goal in the fight against ideological threats is to raise the morale of society, first of all, we must achieve the deep penetration of the national idea into the minds and hearts of citizens. It is also important to form a healthy faith in the population, especially in the younger generation, to promote national and universal values among them. In general, if we continue to work to further increase the knowledge and thinking of citizens, to raise their legal culture, any threats will not endanger us.
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