

# The Value-Based Foundations of Ideology in the New Uzbekistan

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## Abstract

One of the most pressing issues in the development of society in Uzbekistan is shaping and enriching the spiritual world of individuals, especially the younger generation, raising them based on the ideology of independence, and creating the necessary conditions for them to embrace the rich cultural and spiritual heritage, values, traditions, and customs of the Uzbek people. The progress of any society and its level at a given time and place largely depends on the spiritual development of its citizens, their lifestyle, the fulfillment of their spiritual, material, and social needs. The events that have taken place during the historically short period before and after independence, as well as the social, political, economic, spiritual, educational, and ideological transformations in society, allow us to objectively analyze and understand the realities of Uzbekistan's life under the Soviet totalitarian regime and during the years of independence. As our President has emphasized, the issue of ensuring transparency and openness in society is directly linked to the level of development of methods and approaches used to study public opinion.

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## INTRODUCTION

If history is a science that thoroughly studies the events and processes resulting from human activity in the past, can it be reanalyzed and reinterpreted today in light of the current needs, ideology, and political demands? From a philosophical point of view, it can be said that the past, the present, and the future are interconnected manifestations of reality that are constantly evolving and in motion. History constantly flows from the past to the present, and from there to the future. The present is, in part, a negation of the past, yet it is also a continuation of it. At the same time, the seeds of the future are found in the present, since the future arises from today. Since gaining independence, our people have shown increasing interest in learning about their homeland, language, culture, values, and history — in understanding their national identity. This is a natural process because every human being has a desire to know who their ancestors were, their lineage, and the history of the village or city — in short, the homeland — in which they were born and raised. The great thinker of our time, English philosopher John Bernal, once rightly noted that “*the cultural level of a modern nation is determined by its attitude toward its own history.*” Studying our cultural heritage — the foundation of our civilization — is not only of scientific importance but is also a

key factor in benefiting from the spiritual wealth created by our great scholars, in solving socio-political problems, and in fostering the comprehensive development of individuals. As one of the great minds of our age said, *"Without knowing the past, it is impossible to understand the true meaning of the present and the goals of the future."* Indeed, learning from the experiences of history encourages us to deeply comprehend and interpret the complex socio-political realities of our time, to value our freedom, independence, and progress, and to define and implement grand plans for new stages of development on the bright path of sovereignty. Understanding our rich and diverse history not only broadens one's intellectual horizon but also creates opportunities for raising social consciousness to a higher level. As President Shavkat Mirziyoyev has emphasized, *"Tasks such as fostering an active civic position among the population and establishing democratic principles based on national and universal values in society remain relevant today. At the same time, effective outreach and advocacy efforts aimed at countering internal and external threats to peace and tranquility, the country's stable development, national values, traditions, and humanitarian ideals are of paramount importance"* — a statement that clearly highlights the significance of such efforts in today's era of globalization.[1]

## LITERATURE REVIEW AND METHODOLOGY

In the article titled *"The Value-Based Foundations of Ideology in the New Uzbekistan"*, several key sources are referenced, including Sh.M. Mirziyoyev's *"Strategy of New Uzbekistan"* and *"We Will Build Our Great Future Together with Our Brave and Noble People"*, as well as J.Ya. Yakhshilikov and N.E. Mukhammadiyev's *"National Idea and Ideology"*. In addition, relevant information from newspapers, journals, and online resources has also been utilized and incorporated into the research. These sources form the theoretical and methodological foundation of the study, allowing for a comprehensive analysis of ideological development and value systems in the context of the New Uzbekistan.

## DISCUSSION

As our country steadily ascends the steps of development towards ever-greater heights, the pace of modern life continues to accelerate rapidly, presenting us with numerous new challenges and hardships. Naturally, our spiritual life must also be tempered through these trials, elevated in response, and remain resilient enough to protect and preserve the bright and healthy future of our society and nation from all kinds of threats and storms — regardless of how their forms and appearances may change over time. It is no coincidence that the East has been described as the cradle of ancient culture and world civilization. Our homeland grew up within the embrace of Eastern civilization, reflected its values, and has left a significant mark on global culture. We must always remember this. We are firmly convinced that, despite the complex processes of history and numerous attacks and pressures, the will of our people has only grown stronger, and their spiritual world continues to deepen — even those who cannot accept our progress are now beginning to recognize this truth. For the people are like a grand caravan, proudly and resolutely advancing along a noble path. There have always been, and likely will always be, those who try to divert this caravan from its course or attack it from behind. The proverb, "A caravan is never without danger," was not said in vain. However, no force can turn the people's caravan back. The reason for this is that within the hearts of the people, inherited from generation to generation, lies an indomitable power of cultural and spiritual heritage. In this context, it is crucial to understand the importance of focusing on national and spiritual values in state policy and the key aspects of realizing the nation's identity. Moreover, as a new stage of reforms begins, it is essential to understand the significance of national unity to avoid falling under the influence of fragmentation and chaos. Our President Sh. Mirziyoyev briefly touched on the tasks related to shaping ideological immunity in the hearts and minds of our youth, emphasizing, "...we rely on the national traditions shaped over centuries, and the rich spiritual heritage of our ancestors." Thus, it is necessary to investigate the complex factors and system of tools involved in shaping these elements. Special attention to restoring national spiritual values in state policy has profound philosophical meaning. The key aspects of realizing a nation's identity are as follows: through social consciousness, every people, nation, and ethnic group understands its own identity, its capabilities, its worth, reflects on its honor and dignity, feels national pride and self-esteem,

and deeply understands which path will lead the country to development.[2] Our three-thousand-year history bears testimony to the fact that nobility, humanitarianism, and the pursuit of interethnic harmony are among the highest virtues of our people. The traditions in this regard have been passed down from generation to generation, and “Building the New Uzbekistan is not just a desire or a subjective phenomenon, but an objective necessity based on deep historical foundations. It is the political-legal, social-economic, and spiritual-educational situation in our country that demands this, in line with the centuries-old aspirations of our people, and fully corresponds to its national interests.”

The idea of interethnic harmony refers to the unification of the majority ethnic group in a particular country with the representatives of other ethnic groups and minorities, based on a common goal. It entails mutual respect for each other’s language, religious beliefs, customs, traditions, and national values, promoting equality, cooperation, solidarity, and peaceful coexistence. The idea of interethnic harmony is based on the following constitutional principles:

**Firstly**, the equality of citizens before the law, regardless of their nationality or ethnicity;

**Secondly**, the equal rights and freedoms of citizens regardless of their religious beliefs;

**Thirdly**, the respect for the languages, customs, and traditions of all ethnic groups and nations residing within the country, as well as creating conditions for their development.

The implementation of these principles in our country naturally serves the prosperity and flourishing of all ethnic groups. [3]

As our President Sh.M. Mirziyoyev has emphasized, "As a result of the wide-ranging reforms and constructive work being carried out in our country, the consciousness and worldview of our people are changing. The importance of the life-affirming idea of 'from national revival to national progress' is steadily growing in the creation of a legal state and civil society in our country." These positive indicators are primarily due to the policy being pursued in our country aimed at spiritual growth. [4] Such large-scale reforms being implemented in New Uzbekistan are aimed at ensuring the prioritization of spiritual factors in all areas of public life. This, in turn, necessitates the development of social relations based on national and universal ethical values.

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, over the past five years, the creation of conditions for the all-round support of young people and their development as well-rounded individuals has been achieved. The attention given to the youth is ultimately bearing fruit. This is clearly evidenced by the achievements of our youth at both the international and national levels. As a result of these reforms, there is no doubt that our future will shine brightly in the hands of such youth. This is because today’s youth are the foundation of our tomorrow, New Uzbekistan, and the Third Renaissance. In order to implement these tasks, it is essential to effectively use foreign experiences in preparing qualified specialists and to develop new approaches in educational institutions for organizing training sessions based on these experiences. This is because the process of educational activities is the main field of pedagogical creativity, and organizing and managing it with the right, innovative approach will engage learners in acquiring knowledge, independence, creativity, initiative, teamwork, and the deepening of professional competencies, thus improving the quality of education.

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