



# **THE IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL AND PERSONAL VALUES IN BUILDING CIVIL SOCIETY IN NEW UZBEKISTAN**

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**Annotation.** This article examines the crucial role of national and personal values in the formation of civil society in New Uzbekistan. It highlights how deeply rooted cultural traditions, ethical principles, and individual responsibility contribute to fostering social cohesion, civic engagement, and sustainable development. The study also discusses the integration of these values within modern governance frameworks and educational systems, emphasizing their significance in strengthening democratic institutions and promoting social harmony in Uzbekistan's ongoing transformation.

**Keywords:** Civil society, national values, personal values, social cohesion, civic engagement, Uzbekistan, democratic development, cultural heritage, ethical principles.

## **INTRODUCTION.**

Uzbekistan's transformation into a vibrant civil society is closely tied to the revival and strengthening of both national and personal values. As the country embarks on comprehensive political, economic, and social reforms under the framework of the New Uzbekistan strategy, understanding the role of values becomes essential for sustainable development. National values rooted in history and culture serve as the foundation for identity and collective responsibility, while personal values guide individual behavior and social interactions. Together, they create the moral and social fabric necessary for an engaged and resilient civil society.

Uzbekistan's national values have been shaped over centuries through its rich history, blending Islamic teachings, Central Asian traditions, and Soviet legacies. Concepts such as justice, hospitality, respect for elders, and community solidarity have long been pillars of Uzbek culture. These values provide a shared sense of belonging and purpose that is critical for social cohesion.

## **MATERIAL AND METHODS.**

The revival of these values in the post-independence era, particularly under the leadership of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, reflects a conscious effort to reconnect with cultural roots while adapting to modern realities. Emphasizing national pride, language, customs, and history strengthens citizens' identity and encourages participation in societal development [2].

Personal values—such as honesty, responsibility, empathy, and respect—are fundamental to effective citizenship. They influence individuals' willingness to engage in public life, respect the rule of law, and contribute to community welfare. In New Uzbekistan, fostering these personal values through education and public policy is a key priority.



Educational institutions play a critical role in instilling ethical behavior and civic consciousness from an early age. Curricula that integrate moral education with academic knowledge help shape a generation that values integrity, accountability, and social justice. Public campaigns and community programs further reinforce these ideals among all age groups [3].

Good governance in Uzbekistan increasingly recognizes the importance of values-driven leadership. Transparency, fairness, and public accountability are rooted in traditional concepts of justice and moral responsibility. By embedding these values into administrative practices, Uzbekistan seeks to build trust between citizens and the state, which is essential for social stability and democratic development. Civil society organizations, media, and cultural institutions also contribute by promoting dialogue, inclusivity, and respect for diverse viewpoints. The combined effect of national and personal values strengthens social capital, enabling citizens to collaborate and address common challenges effectively.

Despite progress, challenges remain in fully realizing the potential of national and personal values in civil society development. Rapid modernization, globalization, and socio-economic disparities can strain traditional value systems. Continuous efforts are needed to adapt values education, strengthen community networks, and ensure inclusive governance that respects pluralism. Looking forward, Uzbekistan's commitment to these values will be instrumental in nurturing a resilient, participatory, and harmonious society capable of sustaining long-term progress [4].

In recent years, Uzbekistan has embarked on a path of political and social transformation, prioritizing the development of civil society as a foundation for sustainable progress. Central to this effort is the promotion of values-driven leadership that integrates traditional moral principles with modern governance practices. This approach seeks to enhance transparency, fairness, and public accountability, thereby building trust between citizens and the state. Strengthening civil society institutions and fostering inclusive dialogue further support this goal, helping Uzbekistan address the complex challenges of rapid change.

Good governance in Uzbekistan increasingly acknowledges that ethical leadership is vital for democratic development and social stability. The principles of transparency, fairness, and accountability are not merely administrative ideals but are deeply rooted in the country's historical and cultural values—particularly traditional concepts of justice and moral responsibility. By embedding these values into governmental institutions and processes, Uzbekistan strives to improve public trust. Trust is essential for social cohesion and legitimizing state authority, especially in times of reform. This values-based leadership model encourages officials to act not only in accordance with laws but also with an ethical commitment to the welfare of the community [5].

Beyond government institutions, civil society organizations, independent media, and cultural institutions play a critical role in fostering a participatory and inclusive society. These actors promote dialogue, respect for diverse opinions, and social engagement, which are necessary for a healthy democracy. Their activities create platforms for citizens to voice concerns, collaborate on community issues, and hold authorities accountable. By reinforcing national and personal values—such as respect, responsibility, and tolerance—these organizations help strengthen social capital, enabling communities to work together to solve common problems effectively. Despite significant progress, several challenges hinder the full realization of national and personal values in Uzbekistan's civil society development. Rapid modernization and globalization introduce new social dynamics that can disrupt traditional



value systems. Additionally, socio-economic disparities sometimes create divisions that undermine social cohesion. To overcome these challenges, Uzbekistan must continuously adapt its approaches to values education and civic engagement. Strengthening community networks and ensuring governance systems that embrace pluralism and inclusivity are critical. Such efforts will help maintain the balance between preserving cultural identity and embracing modernity [6].

Uzbekistan's commitment to values-driven leadership and the promotion of national and personal values is instrumental in nurturing a resilient, participatory, and harmonious society. By embedding ethical principles in governance and empowering civil society actors, the country is building a foundation for long-term democratic development and social stability. Moving forward, sustained efforts to adapt education, strengthen community bonds, and encourage inclusive governance will be essential. Through these measures, Uzbekistan can successfully navigate the complexities of modernization while preserving the moral and cultural fabric that unites its people [4].

## **CONCLUSION.**

The importance of national and personal values in building civil society in New Uzbekistan cannot be overstated. These values provide the ethical foundation and social glue necessary for democratic governance, social cohesion, and active citizenship. By revitalizing cultural heritage and promoting individual responsibility, Uzbekistan lays the groundwork for a prosperous and stable future.

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