

## THE YOUTH AND THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS. YOUTH POLICY IN UZBEKISTAN

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**Abstract:** This article explores the achievements of the youth in Uzbekistan and the significance of youth policies in fostering their development. The analysis highlights the various initiatives implemented by the Uzbek government to empower and support young people in areas such as education, employment, entrepreneurship, and civic engagement. The article emphasizes the transformative impact of these policies on the lives of youth, while also acknowledging the challenges that remain. By examining the successes and areas for improvement, this article aims to provide insights into the importance of youth-focused policies and their role in shaping the future of Uzbekistan.

**Keywords:** Youth, achievements, youth policy, Uzbekistan, education, employment, entrepreneurship, civic engagement, empowerment

The youth population constitutes a vital asset for any nation's progress, and Uzbekistan recognizes the significance of investing in its young citizens. Over the years, Uzbekistan has implemented comprehensive youth policies aimed at harnessing the potential of its youth and providing them with opportunities for growth and development. This article delves into the multifaceted aspects of youth policies in Uzbekistan, shedding light on the achievements made thus far and the impact they have had on the lives of young people. In today's world, where the world is changing rapidly and various new threats and dangers threaten the stability and sustainable development of nations, it is more important than ever to focus on spirituality and enlightenment, moral education, education and improvement of youth. The changes taking place today in Uzbek society contribute to the formation of new priority values in all spheres of life and activity, including education. The above views of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev were not in vain. The future of any society, its development and prosperity depends on the youth. Because young people are the future of society. Today we all know that more than 30% of the population of more than 36 million people in our country are young people aged 14 to 30. It is this layer that is the decisive force in the social, political, economic and spiritual spheres of society. And training them is more important than ever.

The main findings and results We can see the relevance of this issue in the fact that it has always been in the center of attention of the leaders of our country. For example, one of the first laws signed by the first President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Islam Karimov, was the Law "On the Fundamentals of the State Youth Policy" dated November 20, 1991 of the Republic of Uzbekistan. This issue was raised by President Shavkat Mirziyoyev not only in our country, but also in the international arena. In his speech at the 72nd session of the UN General Assembly, Shavkat Mirziyoyev proposed the development of an international convention on the rights of youth. The need for this convention has been recognized by the international community and work on its draft is now well underway. The social group of youth manifests itself as a social class and layer with a complex manifestation in the social life of modern society. In sociology, youth is usually divided into the following socio-psychological groups:

a) High school graduates who have begun to join the ranks of workers;

b) Young people aged 16 to 19 working in various sectors of the economy;

c) Between the ages of 20 and 24;

d) From 25 to 30 years old -young intelligentsia, that is, groups of intellectuals.

Young people are the most active part of the population and actively influence the dynamics of the social structure of society. The economic thinking of the youth of Uzbekistan is entrepreneurship, active participation in the socio-political philosophy of society and the state, a sense of citizenship and responsibility. In fact, everyone must first understand himself so that he can correctly formulate his goal, determine the ways to achieve it and begin to understand the meaning of life. In this regard, a harmoniously developed generation is of particular importance. If we take into account that the fierce struggle for the human heart and consciousness in the world is intensifying in various forms and scales, it is not difficult to understand that raising a harmoniously developed generation builds the foundation of our future, improving successors. Therefore, the formation of consciousness and worldview of young people in accordance with the principles of protecting our national interests will provide a logical continuation of the ongoing work to protect our national development. New relations in society led to democratic changes in the system of education. In particular, from the first days of independence, one of the most important tasks of the state was the education of young people, as well as all-round people capable of bearing the burden of time. All conditions have been created for young people to receive a comprehensive education, acquire a profession and find a worthy place in society in accordance with modern requirements. The education of young people is one of the strategically important issues, and a good example of this is the definition of years in our country in accordance with this process and the adoption of appropriate state programs. For example, 2008 is the year of youth, 2010 is the year of harmoniously developed generation. It can be seen that the idea of educating a harmoniously developed generation is concentrated in the power that ensures the implementation of state policy.

During the years of independence, a number of measures have been taken in our country to implement the state youth policy. In 1997 -the “Umid” Foundation, in 2001 the Youth Union of Uzbekistan, and in 2018 -the “El-Yurt Umidi” Foundation. These organizations and foundations play an important role in realizing the dreams and aspirations of young people, in implementing the state youth policy. In today’s rapidly changing world, the problem of modern education is becoming more important than ever. On September 25, 2018, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev established close cooperation with our compatriots living abroad and carrying out professional activities, especially with scientists, specialists and talented youth with great scientific potential, as well as for training specialists under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan abroad and communicating with compatriots in order to provide personnel for the comprehensive and rapid development of Uzbekistan, competitive and highly qualified specialists in the world labor market in the leading foreign educational institutions and in Uzbekistan. Decree PF-5545 “On the organization of the El-Yurt Umidi Foundation” was adopted. According to the decree, the “El-Yurt Umidi” Foundation under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan was established to train specialists abroad and communicate with compatriots, and its main tasks and priorities are

a) establish contacts with our compatriots who have valuable scientific and practical experience in prestigious scientific, educational and medical institutions abroad, in promising sectors of the economy, especially in the production and application of the latest materials and innovative technologies;

b) creation and maintenance of an electronic register (database) of citizens with valuable scientific and practical experience, cataloged by countries of the world and specialties, which can be used by personnel services of state bodies and searched on the Internet;

c) the formation of a positive image of Uzbekistan among citizens working in the field of education, healthcare and the economy, the collection, generalization and dissemination of their ideas and opinions on the development of the economic and social spheres in the Republic of Uzbekistan, and also the creation of an effective system for the preparation and dissemination, etc

In short, firstly, the education of young people is always at the center of public policy, and research on this issue will never lose its relevance, and secondly, the development of practical proposals and recommendations for orientation of young people to scientific activities; thirdly, further improvement of social services focused on youth. At present, the problems of forming the spiritual, moral and physical health of the younger generation, educating a new type of citizens, true patriots, independently thinking, actively acting, possessing intellectual potential and moral principles, are acquiring a special role. Therefore, the most important goal of modern education, especially higher education, is education, social and pedagogical support for the formation and development of a highly moral, responsible, creative, initiative, competent citizen, a future specialist. Youth is the most important labor and economic potential of society, on which its progressive development depends. Therefore, the policy of any state should be built in such a way as to ensure the most effective upbringing, full-fledged education, and successful specialization. Among the most important events, it should be noted the adoption of the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On State Youth Policy” dated September 14, 2016, the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated June 30, 2020 “On measures to radically reform and raise the state youth policy in the Republic of Uzbekistan to a new level”, which the tasks arising from this law are defined, as well as the announcement of June 30 as “Youth Day”. The Concept for the Development of the State Youth Policy in Uzbekistan until 2025 and the Road Map for its implementation were adopted. In the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis, a Commission on Youth Issues has been established, Youth Parliaments have been formed under the chambers of the Oliy Majlis. To encourage young people who have achieved high results and achievements in various fields, the state award “Mard ugloni” and the medal “Kelajak bunyodkori” have been established. On June 27, 2018, the President signed the Decree “On the State Program “Youth is our future”, which became an important document aimed at improving the efficiency of work in this area, on the basis of which the foundation “Youth is our future” was created. Its main funds were intended to implement cutting-edge ideas, business and entrepreneurship initiatives,

New start-ups and projects through the provision of soft loans and leasing. President Sh. Mirziyoyev put forward 5 initiatives for the systematic implementation of actions in the social and spiritual and educational fields, which marked the beginning of a new stage in the upbringing and education of young people. These are:

- 1) Increasing the interest of young people in music, drawing, literature, theater and other forms of art;
- 2) Physical training of youth, creation of the necessary conditions for the manifestation of their abilities;
- 3) Organization of effective use of computer technologies and the Internet by the population and youth;
- 4) Organization of systematic work to improve the spirituality of young people, the wide promotion of reading books;
- 5) ensuring the employment of women.

Thus, on the way to education for young people and becoming full-fledged people, to create modern, advanced innovative conditions, Uzbekistan is making every effort and opportunity. For from how much attention will be increased to the comprehensive support of youth, to the upbringing of a spiritually developed and physically healthy young generation in the spirit of patriotism and dedication, to the protection of its rights and interests, depends on how high the return from it will be. It is for this reason that Uzbekistan considers the youth layer, which is recognized as an active layer of society, not as a “problem”, but as a huge force capable of ensuring the country’s prosperity, as a strategic resource of the state.

The youth policies implemented in Uzbekistan have yielded significant achievements in various areas, including education, employment, entrepreneurship, and civic engagement. The government's commitment to investing in the youth population has resulted in positive outcomes, empowering young people to become active contributors to society and the economy. However, challenges such as ensuring equal opportunities for all youth, addressing regional disparities, and adapting to evolving needs remain. It is crucial for Uzbekistan to continue prioritizing youth-centric policies and implementing targeted strategies to overcome these challenges and unlock the full potential of its youth population.

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