



THE IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL REFORMS IN ENSURING HUMAN INTERESTS IN THE CONTEXT OF NATIONAL REVIVAL

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Abstract. This article reflects the principles of comprehensive development and progress in the construction of the state and society, the implementation of reforms in the social sphere in our country in the context of national progress and the provision of human interests.

Key words: National progress, human, democracy, rule of law, civil society, human interests, freedom, prosperity, social values, economy, spirituality, development.

INTRODUCTION

The Republic of Uzbekistan is taking confident steps on the path of national development, the establishment of a democratic state governed by the rule of law, and the formation of a civil society. To achieve these goals, social values such as national identity, national prosperity, the protection of human interests, freedoms, and well-being have been clearly and definitively outlined. Indeed, it is no secret today that during this historically short period of national progress, our country has entered an era of comprehensive development in the social, economic, political, and spiritual spheres, as well as in state and social construction.

The historically short period of national development in our country has become a time of multifaceted progress in state and societal construction, economics, spirituality, social life, legislation, judicial and legal systems, foreign policy, and the creation of a stable environment. According to the international community, Uzbekistan is successfully implementing a model of deep societal reform, economic liberalization, and gradual democratization and modernization, even amid global challenges such as pandemics and financial-economic crises.

President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev emphasized: "From the first days of the pandemic, we set ourselves the goal of becoming stronger and more powerful as we overcame these difficulties. By the grace of the Almighty, and thanks to the unity and selfless work of our people, we are bravely overcoming these tough trials. The rapid and large-scale reforms being carried out in our country have ushered in a new era – the era of New Uzbekistan. Today, there is every reason to say that within a historically short time, a completely new political, socio-economic, scientific-educational, and cultural environment has emerged in our country."

During the phase of national development, the ideas related to building a legal democratic state, a civil society, an economy based on free entrepreneurship, creating a prosperous and comfortable life for our people, and securing a worthy place for our country on the international stage, have served as a solid foundation for forward-looking progress. The life-affirming reforms taking place in Uzbekistan are of great significance as they reflect the historical, spiritual, social, and political conditions of our country's development, our current prosperous

days and bright future, and the realization of the creative spirit and immense potential of our people.

Ensuring human rights, interests, and well-being in society, as well as meeting vital needs, is enshrined in the Constitution and the legal framework of our country. Article 14 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan states:

"The state shall carry out its activities based on the principles of social justice and legality, striving for the well-being of individuals and society."

Moreover, the supremacy of human interests and the guarantees for well-being in Uzbekistan's social policy are reflected in the laws and regulatory documents adopted for the purpose of social protection of the population.

Democratic reforms and large-scale modernization of the country are actively continuing in Uzbekistan. In this process, ensuring sustainable development in society, improving socio-political life and public administration, and especially fully guaranteeing human interests, freedoms, needs, and well-being — clearly defined in the Constitution — have gained profound importance. This also includes the broader implementation of parliamentary governance, multiparty systems, and political pluralism in public life.

Today, the fundamental changes in social policy, transformations in the economy, improvement and beautification of our cities and villages, as well as the rising standard of living and well-being of our people clearly prove the correctness of these principles. As our President emphasizes:

"We will continue to pay serious attention to consistently improving the income and living standards of our people. You are all well aware that a new unique system has been created in our country to solve social problems. The 'Iron Notebook', 'Women's Notebook', 'Youth Notebook', 'Compassion Notebook', and the 'Mahalla-based' working methods are being introduced precisely for this purpose. The large-scale programs adopted as part of reforms are aimed at improving the social environment and increasing the well-being of the population in our society."

The human being is the most important subject and the main driving force in the development of social relations and the progress of society. Their social essence and supreme value are reflected in the following quote:

"The human being is the main value in society, a social being who, in the process of historical development, has acquired various traits, qualities, and characteristics, reflecting moral and ethical aspects in their identity. At the same time, they are a universal social entity with the capacity to engage in social interactions, communicate with others, work, create material and cultural wealth, and express thoughts, feelings, and ideas through language. Just as a person cannot live without society, society cannot exist without the individual."

In Uzbekistan's social policy, the implementation of fundamental reforms aimed at improving the standard of living, reforming state and public institutions, and fully liberalizing the economy lays the groundwork for realizing the principles of national development. As noted by A. Saitkasimov:

"Social justice is an essential social reality connected to ensuring human well-being, respecting rights and dignity, and the comprehensive elevation of the individual. Social justice is an idea that has evolved and improved over centuries, embodying the most important values for

humanity. Today, in the process of building civil society, the phenomenon of social justice has attained its most complete form."

The full realization of the rights that our people have dreamed of for years, and the fulfillment of their interests and needs, is clear evidence of the high level of social stability and progress in our society. At the same time, in this process, the participation of our state in international organizations and the global community reflects one of the key directions of building a humane society in line with universal principles during its modern democratic development.

As scholars in our country emphasize: "The focus of reforms on valuing the human being as the highest value is aligned with the strategic tasks of our nation. In essence, all changes in this regard are associated with elevating human dignity. A society built on these values, by its nature, corresponds to international standards and the principles of universal values, and creates the opportunity for their national expression. Furthermore, it reflects the common goals and aspirations of all nationalities, ethnic groups, individuals, and social strata living in our country."

As a result of these reforms, profound changes and progress have begun to emerge in the social and political spheres of our country. Ensuring the full realization of the individual's social interests has become a matter of survival, and guaranteeing human dignity and social status at the highest level is considered a vital humanitarian principle. The benefits and support that social policy provides to individuals serve as an essential element in raising the individual's status in society and play a key role in the practical realization of the life-giving principle of "individual-society-state."

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