

**THE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY OF NEW UZBEKISTAN: ON THE PATH TO
ENSURING THE PROSPERITY AND SECURITY OF A WELL-ROUNDED
GENERATION**

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Annotation: The article analyzes the issues of ensuring the welfare and security of youth within the framework of the development strategy of New Uzbekistan.

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Introduction. On September 14, 2016, the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan on "State Policy Regarding Youth" was adopted. On June 30, 2017, the Union of Youth of Uzbekistan was established, with its main goal being to support and implement all the initiatives of youth. In turn, upon the President's proposal, the law "On Establishing Youth Day in the Republic of Uzbekistan" was passed, declaring June 30 as "Youth Day."

Today, the state policy regarding youth, which is consistently being implemented, plays a crucial role in creating the necessary conditions for youth to receive education, grow, and demonstrate their knowledge and abilities at the level required by the demands of the time. Specifically, it aims to raise independent thinkers, individuals who respect both national and universal values, possess firm life beliefs and views, are inoculated with the "vaccine of integrity," and are capable of resisting harmful influences alien to our national mentality.

In his speech at the 72nd session of the UN General Assembly, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev said: "The future of our planet, its prosperity, is connected to how our children develop as individuals. Our main task is to create the necessary conditions for youth to realize their potential" [1]. In fact, attention to youth is attention to the future. From this perspective, on December 26, 2020, in his address to the youth of our country at the first-ever Youth Forum of Uzbekistan, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev stated: "I highly value you as Uzbekistan's greatest wealth, its priceless treasure. As you all know, we have set ourselves grand goals. We have embarked on the creation of the Third Renaissance in our Motherland." We consider family, preschool education, school, higher education, and scientific-cultural institutions to be the most important pillars of the

We consider these areas as the key pillars of the future Renaissance. Therefore, we are consistently implementing profound reforms in these sectors. I am confident that patriotic and dedicated youth like you will play an active role in shaping the new foundation for our country's development, contributing significantly to it. Based on my own experience, my advice to you is this: cherish knowledge, strive for learning! Don't waste even a second of your time! Youth is the most invaluable period of life. Never forget that knowledge and wisdom are treasures that cannot be destroyed by fire, drowned in water, or taken away from you by anyone! This call to action encourages young people to strive for new heights and strengthens their determination to pursue knowledge.

These words reflect one of the most important and prioritized directions of the policy being implemented under the leadership of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev — to raise a well-rounded generation and ensure the continuous care for the young people who are growing and developing.

Analysis: The new stage of development began in December 2016 when President Shavkat Mirziyoyev emphasized, "We must organize our activities based on the slogan 'Our Great Future Begins Today,' and we must use all our strength and potential to ensure the prosperous life of our people" [3]. These words were spoken during his speech at the ceremonial event dedicated to the 25th

anniversary of the Constitution of Uzbekistan on December 7, 2017.

It is important to acknowledge that the development strategies of New Uzbekistan particularly reflect the country's social policy. Today, all sectors are being organized with entirely new mechanisms, or, in other words, based on a people-centered model. Priority has been given to ensuring the social security of the country. The implementation of the programs aimed at reforming the social sector, which is a highly important direction of the state policy in Uzbekistan, is being carried out step by step. Social sectors are being transformed to ensure the well-being of the people. In particular, efforts to positively change the situation in the education and upbringing sectors, which have been causing the most protests among people, have intensified.

Today, the fundamental political and theoretical essence of creating comprehensive, important, and urgent legal foundations that are being systematically implemented across all sectors of our country's life is detailed in the books, programmatic speeches, and addresses of the President of Uzbekistan. One of these fundamental works is the book "The Strategy of New Uzbekistan," which was prepared in August 2021 by Shavkat Mirziyoyev and published by the "Uzbekistan" publishing house. The book was printed in 464 pages by the "SoLogRask" LLC printing house.

In this work, considering the uncertainties occurring in the world and the difficult and troubling situations that are emerging, it reflects the growing global conflicts of interest, the increasing desire of major countries to dominate the world, and emphasizes Uzbekistan's independent approach. The book clearly outlines the country's pursuit of joining the list of the 50 most developed, economically stable, competitive, and democratic countries in the world. The book provides a clear vision of how the modern democratic face of Uzbekistan is being formed and outlines the strategic path determined by the people of Uzbekistan to elevate the country to a new stage of development.

On November 6, 2021, the head of state delivered a speech about the key priorities for the next five years, and in doing so, emphasized the principle of continuity of the New Uzbekistan strategy, saying, "From the Strategy of Actions to the Strategy of Development." This conceptual idea now guarantees the establishment and strengthening of a social, legal, democratic state that will protect and provide patronage for its citizens, both within the country and abroad. The work of the leader, which expresses the ideas and scientific-theoretical views aimed at building the New Uzbekistan and restoring the foundation of the Third Renaissance, was published in 2022 under the title "Development Strategy of New Uzbekistan," in 440 pages. [5] The President of the Republic of Uzbekistan In July 2024, Shavkat Mirziyoyev's new book titled "Modern Times and New Uzbekistan" was published by the "Uzbekistan" publishing house.

The second chapter of the work, titled "New Uzbekistan – A Social State," is dedicated to analyzing the vast work being done in the social sector in our country and the results of these efforts. The author demonstrates through real-life examples how important reforms in education, upbringing, science, culture, social protection, particularly the fight against poverty, healthcare, and sports, have become an integral part of efforts aimed at elevating the value of human dignity, ensuring rights and freedoms, and securing vital interests in Uzbekistan, and how these reforms are yielding concrete results.

The development strategies of New Uzbekistan particularly focus on realizing human potential to its fullest. President Shavkat Mirziyoyev emphasizes, "The main goal of this policy is to create broad opportunities and conditions for every citizen to realize their strength, capabilities, and potential" [6].

The reason for this is that today, Uzbek youth are gaining recognition not only in the republic but also globally, for their intellect, determination, intellectual potential, and drive for the future. They are actively engaging in various fields such as education, cultural enlightenment, social and legal rights, and sports-health. They are initiating important and commendable new ideas, and participating actively in projects aimed at fostering free thinking, creativity, and social activism.

What is particularly exciting is that today in Uzbekistan, a new generation is emerging that perceives the world in a new way and considers their own destiny inseparable from that of their people and homeland. They are equally embracing both the spiritual heritage of their ancestors and universal human values, as well as intellectual discoveries. Therefore, with a heart filled with national pride and a love for their homeland, they are becoming knowledgeable individuals with a strong sense of responsibility. Wise, entrepreneurial youth are the main force that determines the potential and future of any country.

Young people, who acquire knowledge in various educational institutions and selflessly work in all spheres of social life, contribute significantly to the reforms and constructive efforts being carried out in our homeland.

Currently, considering that young people under the age of 18 make up about 40% of the total population, and those under the age of 30 represent more than 64%, this indicator itself shows that the future of Uzbekistan is in the hands of the youth. Especially at a time when the number of young people is decreasing in many countries in comparison to the elderly, world nations look to our youth with admiration.

For this reason, one of the key directions of the state's policy is specifically focused on youth. This is not without reason, as the more attention is given to supporting, educating, and protecting the rights and interests of the younger generation—raising them to be morally mature, physically healthy, patriotic, and devoted citizens—the greater the benefits will be. From this perspective, today's highly educated, modern-thinking youth with a strong life position are becoming an increasingly decisive force in the development of our country.

The views of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev regarding youth policy have already been reflected in a number of legislative acts in a short period. Under the initiative and direct leadership of our president, the legal framework aimed at supporting youth has been significantly improved, and a new legal framework has been formed to ensure its implementation and strengthen it further.

The fact that the rights and interests of the younger generation have been explicitly strengthened in our updated Constitution undoubtedly enhances the legal guarantees in this area. This allows us to further expand the foundation and elevate our practical work to a new level.

Over the past 7 years, with the aim of developing the younger generation in all aspects, more than 50 legal documents have been adopted, including 3 laws, more than 30 decrees and resolutions by our President, and decisions by the Cabinet of More than forty decisions have been adopted by the Ministers. Among them, laws such as "On State Youth Policy," "On the Day of Youth of the Republic of Uzbekistan," and "On Protecting Children from Harmful Information" can be mentioned as examples.

In the short period, a completely new vertical management system was created for working with youth.

A position of youth leader has been introduced in every neighborhood across the country, with young men and women who have organizational skills and initiative being selected for the role.

Through this system in the neighborhoods, over 100 opportunities have been created for the youth.

The "Youth Register" and "Youth Balance" systems have been implemented, and over the past two years, nearly 798 thousand youth have received almost 1 trillion Uzbek soums in support. This includes the payment of tuition fees for 53 thousand students from needy families [7].

As history testifies, the essence of the two great periods of Renaissance on the land of Uzbekistan is rooted in science, and the foundation of the New Uzbekistan, boldly stepping toward the Third Renaissance, will also be built on science and knowledge. As our President expressed, in order to lay the foundation for the Third Renaissance, we need modern knowledge, and once again knowledge, education, and once again education. High-quality teachers, mentors, professors, and true

intellectuals are needed to determine the future of today and tomorrow, and the fate of our youth.

Furthermore, the issues of developing the four interconnected elements of the Third Renaissance, namely preschool education, schools, higher education, and science, should be constitutionally strengthened, and science and knowledge will play a decisive role in this.

It should be noted that the number of higher education institutions in the Republic has almost tripled to 211, and the coverage rate has increased from 9% to 42%. This is opening new opportunities for our youth in mastering modern science and professional fields.

In 2022-2024, more than 250,000 young people were allocated over 6 trillion sums in preferential loans [7].

Across the country, 210 "Youth Industrial and Entrepreneurial Zones" have been established, and 2,500 projects worth 4 trillion sums have been implemented. As a result, the number of young entrepreneurs has doubled, exceeding 200,000 [7].

The wide-scale efforts being carried out in Uzbekistan in the field of youth policy are being recognized worldwide. Last year, based on the Youth Development Index, Uzbekistan was recognized as one of the fastest-growing countries in terms of youth policy.

Furthermore, Uzbekistan is one of the 10 countries chosen by the United Nations for exemplary implementation of the "Youth Strategy – 2030."

In 2022, the city of Bukhara was declared the Capital of Turkic World Youth, and in 2024, the grand city of Tashkent was declared the first Youth Capital in the Commonwealth of Independent States region.

The "World Youth Festival," held for the first time in our country from June 26-30, 2023, is also a reflection of the high trust and attention given to Uzbekistan. More than 700 young people from 92 countries, over 20 prestigious international organizations, and leaders and officials from ministries and agencies of foreign states participated in this event.

Most importantly, the number of friends and partners of our youth worldwide is increasing, and opportunities for acquiring knowledge, mastering professions, participating in global communication and exchange are expanding.

Another important aspect is the need to highlight the initiatives of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev in improving youth policy in New Uzbekistan based on the demands of the times. The constant attention of our state leadership to the development of youth is especially evident in the education reforms.

The transfer of students from foreign educational institutions to our own universities, the testing processes, and the ability to apply to five higher education institutions simultaneously are some of the key examples of this. An example of this is the opportunity created to test knowledge for entry. Certainly, these are the days our youth have been dreaming about for many years.

Our President declared 2024 as the "Year of Youth and Business Support." The state program [8] prioritizes early prevention of juvenile delinquency, strengthening their worldview, and educating them in the spirit of patriotism as the primary task of law enforcement agencies.

On January 12, 2023, at an extended meeting of the Security Council, the Head of State specifically addressed youth issues, assigning tasks to connect 4 million youth with 6 law enforcement and monitoring agencies in the country, to work with them systematically. This will create an opportunity to establish a targeted approach to preventing violations of the law, crime prevention, spending free time meaningfully, and raising legal awareness and legal culture.

Conclusion and Recommendations: It is worth noting that, firstly, we must all support the policy being implemented under the leadership of our President and contribute our worthy share for this beloved homeland, which is sacred to all of us.

Secondly, youth must unite as one body and one soul for the benefit of the nation and be a strong and trustworthy wing for the leader of our country in achieving high goals, turning the call of the heart into action.

Thirdly, youth should act as leaders who can provide friendly assistance for their peers to fully express their intellect and energy and occupy a worthy place in society. Fourth, it is advisable for the youth to be active in developing a system of social services for young people, which helps peers in difficult life situations by providing various forms of social assistance, including psychological, medical, legal advice, and others. They should also assist in learning foreign languages, mastering modern information technologies, organizing meaningful leisure time, and supporting career choice and job placement.

Fifth, our youth must not only be well-versed in the Constitution and laws and take full advantage of their rights, but also be accustomed to fulfilling their duties and obligations. In this regard, they should assist in increasing legal literacy among their peers, contribute with the most important ideas for the development of all social sectors, and show initiative in implementing them.

Sixth, it is essential to approach events and issues around us with deep thinking and caution, and make it our daily task to analyze them in all aspects. Youth should be able to speak out against any information attacks that threaten the peace and security of New Uzbekistan and take uncompromising action against drug trafficking, human trafficking, crime, and terrorism in any form, as well as take targeted preventive measures against these issues.

In summary, youth in New Uzbekistan should be called upon to be creative and active in various fields, such as healthy and free thinking, proposing new initiatives, and engaging in cultural, social, legal, military patriotism, and sports-health promotion activities. Moreover, they should develop and implement the most suitable projects in these areas to make life better.

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