

## THE ROLE OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICERS IN THE PATRIOTICAL EDUCATION OF YOUTH

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**Annotation:** This article studies and philosophically analyzes the role and importance of internal affairs officers in the patriotic education of young people.

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From a philosophical point of view, patriotism is not only love for one's homeland, but also a deep, moral commitment to collective identity, historical memory and social responsibility. This is a virtue that must be cultivated, especially among the younger generation, in order to ensure the stability, unity and future of the nation. Law enforcement officers play a crucial role in this regard. As defenders of state power and public order, they embody discipline, duty and loyalty - the core values that correspond to the essence of patriotism. Their communication with young people, whether through educational programs, public relations or personal example, becomes a powerful tool for conveying these values. From a philosophical point of view, youth is seen as the most flexible stage of human development - a period when these values are not only formed, but also assimilated. Therefore, the relationship between young people and law enforcement agencies should be based on mutual respect and trust. When officers demonstrate honesty, courage, and service to society, they become living symbols of national values. In addition, the upbringing of patriotism does not consist of blind loyalty, but includes a critical mind. When law enforcement officers engage with young people, they help them understand the intricacies of law, justice, and civic duty. This forms a generation of citizens who not only respect their nation, but are also ready to actively contribute to its well-being. New Uzbekistan is being formed as a state with a strong spirit of trust, attracting international cooperation and respect. Greater trust is the result of political transformations, economic modernization, openness, and commitment to diplomacy. "The spirit of trust in New Uzbekistan and the principles of striving for cooperation with our country have strengthened in the world"<sup>1</sup>. Thus, the new system of internal affairs bodies of New Uzbekistan is also being updated and improved. The spirituality, patriotism and ideological education of internal affairs officers radically increase the effectiveness of the activities of internal affairs bodies.

In his holiday greetings to the defenders of the Motherland on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev said: "We all know that patriotism is the spiritual foundation of the life of every state and is the most important mobilizing force for the comprehensive development of society. Therefore, we must take specific measures to form a strong immunity in our citizens against harmful influences that are completely alien to us and to strengthen their sense of responsibility for the fate of our Motherland. In this complex task, our young men, who have passed the school of courage

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<sup>1</sup> Янги Ўзбекистон демократик ўзгаришлар, кенг имкониятлар ва амалий ишлар мамлакатига айланмоқда. // Ўзбекистон Республикаси Президенти Шавкат Мирзиёевнинг "Янги Ўзбекистон" газетаси бош муҳаррири Салим Дониёровнинг саволларига жавоблари. – 2021.

and fortitude in the ranks of the army, and loyal service to the Motherland, will serve as a reliable support and fulcrum”<sup>2</sup>, his call has ideological and conceptual significance.

Patriotism is a social natural phenomenon closely related to the Motherland. It is not invented by people. On the contrary, it is a product of social development. Although patriotism is subjective in form, it is objective in content. In this sense, patriotism can be called a law of social development. Because in a social environment where patriotism prevails, there is peace, prosperity, and society develops. “Unity” in society is strengthened. As the ancient Greek philosopher Democritus noted, The idea of strengthening the state requires uniting people, mutual respect, assistance, protection and love, patriotism between them.

Patriotism is a high feeling, it is formed through the motherland, education, social environment, and system of values. In the current era of intensifying conflicts, clashing geopolitical interests, and ideological threats, when the struggle for the possession of human consciousness and consciousness is underway, patriotic education of young people has become an urgent task. To solve this task, it is necessary to pay special attention to the following areas that form the basis of Patriotism:

**firstly**, in order to strengthen the historical memory of young people, to deeply teach them the “new history of Uzbekistan”;

**secondly**, to instill in them a spirit of respect for the spiritual heritage, customs, traditions and rituals of the Uzbek people;

**thirdly**, to promote and encourage the oral and written creativity of the Uzbek people;

**fourthly**, to preserve Mother Nature, to raise ecological culture;

**fifthly**, to fight uncompromisingly against any threats directed against spirituality and morality, that is, to strengthen ideological immunity;

**sixthly**, to turn a worthy contribution to the development of the economy of Uzbekistan into a nationwide movement, to ensure the unity of spirituality and economy;

**seventhly**, to tirelessly search for ways to further strengthen interethnic harmony and religious tolerance, etc.

The “ideological gap” that occurred for a certain period in patriotic education did not fail to affect the employees of the internal affairs bodies. Today, among the employees of the internal affairs bodies, one can find individuals who put their own interests above the interests of the state and the people. The idea of what percentage of such individuals is requires a separate study But one thing is clear - the employees of the internal affairs bodies are legally and morally obliged to remain faithful to their oath under any circumstances and put the interests of the family above their own interests, and the interests

<sup>2</sup> Ўзбекистон Республикаси Президенти, Қуролли Кучлар Олий Бош Қўмондони Шавкат Мирзиёевнинг Ўзбекистон Республикаси Қуролли Кучлари ташкил этилганининг 25 йиллиги муносабати билан Ватан химоячиларига байрам табриги // Халқ сўзи. – 2017. – 13 январь.

of the people above the interests of the family. If among the employees of the internal affairs bodies, adhering to the worldview “life is a forest, I am a hunter”, and trying to get into someone's pocket every day, this should be considered a tragedy. Most importantly, it is absolutely impossible to allow the selfish worldview to become a “norm, a habit”. Because such a worldview does not lead to the development of the country, but to its crisis.

Patriotism is not only a high feeling awakened in the human heart, but also an important factor in ensuring the stability and security of the state. Especially for employees of the internal affairs bodies, this concept has risen to the level of professional obligation, and they selflessly serve to ensure the peace of the country and the security of citizens.

Today, in order to increase the efficiency of the activities of the internal affairs bodies, not only technical, but also the development of spiritual and educational work is important. The patriotic upbringing of employees, the strengthening of their moral and spiritual values, serve to maintain law and order and gain the trust of citizens. Patriotism is a concept that expresses a person's loyal attitude to his country, people, culture and traditions. Historically, this concept has been manifested in various forms in different civilizations and states.

Also, according to the theory of A. Maslow, the highest level of human needs is self-awareness and a sense of responsibility to society, which is considered one of the highest forms of patriotism. In the activities of internal affairs officers, patriotism is not only a feeling, but also a professional virtue. An employee of law enforcement agencies must prioritize the interests of the state in the performance of his official duties, ensure legality and justice.

In short, from a philosophical point of view The role of police officers goes beyond their official duties. They are moral mediators and mentors who can shape the moral structure of society and play an important role in educating young people in the spirit of patriotism.

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