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PATRIOTISM IN NATIONAL ARMY OF UZBEKISTAN AND MILITARY ACADEMY

Abstract: We must build our future on a solid foundation. And this basis is patriotism. No matter how long we discuss things that can be the foundation, the strong moral foundation for our country, we still cannot think of anything else. Patriotism within the military institutions of Uzbekistan, particularly in the National Army and the Military Academy, plays a pivotal role in shaping the values, sense of duty, and allegiance of servicemembers to the nation. This article explores the significance of patriotism in Uzbekistan's defense framework, assessing how training programs, curriculum content, and institutional practices foster national pride and commitment. It evaluates the psychological and sociocultural approaches employed to reinforce patriotism in military personnel and examines how the values instilled impact national defense and unity. Data from academic and government sources, alongside recent policy reforms, provide a foundation for understanding patriotism as an essential component of Uzbekistan's national security strategy.

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Introduction.

In recent years, Uzbekistan has witnessed a strategic shift in its defense policy, focusing on reinforcing patriotism among military personnel as an essential factor for national integrity and security. Within the National Army and the Military Academy, patriotism is actively promoted through comprehensive educational programs and practical training that seek to cultivate a profound sense of national pride and responsibility among soldiers and cadets. This paper provides a scientific analysis of the ways in which patriotism is integrated into military education and training in Uzbekistan, assessing its long-term effects on the country's defense readiness and cohesion.

The concept of patriotism in the military is defined by loyalty to one's country, willingness to defend it, and dedication to national unity. The Military Academy of Uzbekistan emphasizes patriotism by embedding it into every aspect of its curriculum. Training modules focus not only on physical and strategic skills but also on ideological education, wherein cadets are exposed to Uzbekistan's historical narratives, culture, and achievements. By learning about historical events that underscore national resilience, cadets develop a stronger connection to their country's heritage and an understanding of their role in preserving it.

In the years of independence, special attention was paid to strengthening the legislation aimed at the development of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Laws "On Defense", "On General Military Obligation and Military Service" and the Defense Doctrine of the Republic of Uzbekistan were adopted. Adoption of these important documents serves to increase the potential and combat level of our national army. It is worth noting that the Republic of Uzbekistan fully complied with the legal norms of the UN and the requirements of a number of international documents when forming its Armed Forces. In the next stages of the development of our national army, the main attention was paid to strengthening the defense potential of our country, forming a small but well-armed army capable of fulfilling any tasks set by our people and the Supreme Commander-in-Chief. Providing military units and units with modern weapons and military equipment, forming a fast-moving professional army, supporting them materially and morally, and reforms in the field of alternative military service are among them.

Loyalty to the country is very important. Being a nation-state depends on the loyalty of its citizens. Patriotism is essential to loyalty. Patriotism is based on love for the country, which is both a rational loyalty and an emotional bond. Love for the country should develop on a reasonable and reasonable basis. That is why the common values of all citizens are very important. From this point of view, it is necessary for everyone to feel a sense of belonging to the Republic and its values, to be interested in history, not to lose ties with the past, not to come into conflict with others.

At the level of society, patriotism is manifested in the collective mood, feelings, attitude towards one's people, their way of life, history, culture, state, basic value system. An integral part of patriotic education is military-patriotic education aimed at developing readiness for military service as a special type of public service. Military-patriotic education is characterized by special attention, a deep understanding of the place and role of each citizen in serving the Motherland, high personal responsibility to fulfill the requirements of military service, and the belief in the need to form the necessary qualities and skills. Performing military duty in the ranks of the National Armed Forces and other troops, military structures and bodies are among them. The goal of patriotic education is to develop high social activity, civic responsibility, spirituality in the civil society of Uzbekistan, to form citizens with positive values and qualities who are able to manifest them in the creative process for the interests of the Motherland, the state, its vital interests. and it is necessary to ensure its sustainable development.

Multifaceted, systematic, purposeful and coordinated activities of public organizations, educational organizations and youth policy institutions, other subjects of patriotic education on the formation of young people with a high sense of patriotism and a high sense of loyalty. Motherland, willingness to perform civic duty, the most important constitutional obligations to protect the interests of the Motherland, the ability to defend it in an armed manner, knowledge of military history, military service, pride in domestic weapons, glorious military traditions are preserved and improved.

The military presents selflessness in the context of war as "the moral summation of all community participation." In the documents of the internal army, in the documents related to "love of the country", sacrifice for the state, nation, homeland is indicated as a moral duty. In the military, as in the rest of the world community, the martyrdom of soldiers who die in combat is well developed, and any fear a soldier may feel before or during combat is "compassionate and dignified." discriminatory" appears as an unforgivable crime. Self-sacrifice and the obligation to refrain from protecting one's life is justified by the fact that it allows other citizens, in particular, their family members, to live in peace and security. But if you have to die for the country, you have to live for it. After all, people live every moment of their lives so that the country does not die for this country. There are concrete examples of these words, including the words of a soldier who spent sleepless nights guarding a border zone, like a mother sitting with a sick child. Thus, the homeland is compared to the extension of the family.

In the name of this extended family, the Army requires recruits to fully immerse themselves in the new reality of war and the "war on terrorism." The military establishment mobilizes the feelings of conscripts in various ways to develop a sense of patriotism and belonging to the national community. Among these are the demand for self-sacrifice of long-term military servicemen, reference to national history, reference to the code of honor, and above all, raising the feeling of love for the motherland.

On the basis of the Strategy of Actions for the Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2017-2021, along with other aspects of the country's life, decisions were made in accordance with the requirements of the time in the most important areas of the military sphere, and the implemented systematic and strategic complex as a result of the measures, in a short period of time, the combat readiness of our national army and the defense capability of the country as a whole have increased significantly.

Uzbekistan is among the safest countries in the world in the "Global Terrorism Index

- 2019" rating. According to the level of terrorism risk, Uzbekistan increased its position by three places compared to 2018, and in 2019 from 132nd to 135th place.

Rose to the rank of one of the safest countries in the world. 160 countries of the world were ranked according to the level of danger of terrorism. Turkmenistan and Belarus (138th place) were also recognized as the safest countries. Estonia ranks 123rd, Latvia 117th, Lithuania 107th, Azerbaijan 103rd, Georgia 90th, Kyrgyzstan 87th, Kazakhstan 85th, and Tajikistan 50th. The Russian Federation has scored 4.9 points in terms of terrorist threat and occupies the 37th place in the rating.

It is serious to develop the Armed Forces of the Republic of Uzbekistan, to bring an alert spirit to the military teams, to solve the accumulated problems in combat training, supply and other areas, in short, to fundamentally change the image of the army. actions have been taken. Analyzing events happening in the world, news in the field of military and defense, studying best practices, conducting comprehensive training of military personnel based on their specialty, was started. In this process, everyone in our military district took an active part, from a soldier to a commander, from an ordinary employee to an experienced specialist. As a result, we achieved many achievements. In the conditions of the pandemic, our military personnel conscientiously approached their duties and responsibilities and remained faithful to their oath to the Motherland. The infrastructure of field-training areas was completely revised to improve the combat service activity of the troops. Educational places were equipped with the necessary tools and equipment. The educational work in combat conditions has been improved in order to increase the strong mental stress and physical endurance of each specialist in difficult conditions. The most modern information and communication technologies have been put into practice so that military personnel can perform their tasks flawlessly at any time, regardless of the state of movement. During the year "I am the winner!" In combat training exercises, competitions and competitions held under the slogan, intelligence and analytical thinking became important in the management of troops, the confident use of hightech weapons and a new approach to the performance of assigned tasks.

According to the comprehensive program of the Ministry of Defense and the State Committee of the Defense Industry for the provision and modernization of the troops with modern weapons and military equipment for 2018-2021, the troops will receive modern weapons and equipment provided with The effectiveness of social protection measures of the Armed Forces military personnel, their family members and veterans has increased. Military towns have been modernized, outsourcing of front-line support services has been introduced. In order to provide more than 8,000 servicemen with modern, spacious and bright apartments, 275 apartment buildings were built over the past three years, more than 600 jobs were created for spouses of servicemen, 1,900 military pensioners were employed. On the basis of the new defense doctrine of our country, great reforms are being implemented to increase the combat potential of our Armed Forces, to provide them with modern weapons and equipment, and to increase the physical and intellectual training of military personnel.

The material and technical base of the military units and divisions is being strengthened, and training sessions are being held at the training grounds. Adequate conditions are being created to provide housing for servicemen and support their family members. The human factor plays a decisive role in the defense system. Faithful to their oath, well-educated, intelligent, brave and determined soldiers are the powerful force of the army. It is one of them that ensures victory, educates the personal content and follows behind. In modern conditions, it is considered important to develop the Armed Forces and further strengthen the country's defense capabilities, as well as the wide application of modern information and communication technologies and advanced innovations in this regard. From this point of view, improving the activities of command and control bodies at all levels, increasing the level of operational and combat readiness of the troops through the introduction of automated control tools and

complexes, and ensuring information and cyber security remain urgent tasks in the future. Of course, 2020 was a year of serious tests for our country as well as for all countries in the world.

We faced the threat of the coronavirus pandemic, as well as unexpected natural and man-made disasters in Bukhara and Syrdarya regions. In such a tense situation, our Armed Forces adopted the noble call of our grandfather Amir Temur: "It is your true duty to be a medicine for the pain of the nation." We all note with infinite gratitude that they became closer to our people, increased mobilization, and adequately fulfilled the important tasks assigned to them in a short period of time.

Especially, in this process, military doctors and our employees, law enforcement agencies and rescue service personnel showed true bravery and courage, and high professional skills deserve special praise and recognition.

Patriotism within the military directly impacts Uzbekistan's national security by ensuring a committed and motivated defense force. Soldiers with strong patriotic values are more likely to remain resilient in the face of challenges, maintain cohesion within their units, and act with a greater sense of responsibility. National pride also reduces attrition rates, as soldiers are less inclined to abandon their posts or lose motivation when they feel their role has significant meaning.

Additionally, patriotic education can help reduce internal divisions and improve social unity across diverse ethnic and cultural groups within Uzbekistan. By emphasizing a shared national identity, the military helps bridge regional and ethnic differences, fostering unity among all soldiers. This unified front contributes to a more stable and resilient national defense.

The Government of Uzbekistan has supported multiple initiatives to promote patriotism in the military. The Ministry of Defense has recently introduced policies aimed at enhancing patriotic education by expanding resources for military educators, increasing collaboration with academic institutions, and establishing outreach programs to attract young people to military service. The state's commitment to patriotic education reflects its belief that a strong national identity within the military is crucial for Uzbekistan's future security and stability.

Conclusion.

Patriotism in the National Army and Military Academy of Uzbekistan is a foundational value that contributes significantly to national security and unity. Through well-structured educational programs, rituals, and psychological approaches, Uzbekistan's military institutions cultivate a strong sense of duty and pride among servicemembers. These efforts reinforce the commitment of the Uzbek military to protecting national sovereignty and ensure that the defense forces remain resilient and cohesive. Future research could explore longitudinal effects of these patriotic programs and measure their impact on individual performance and national morale.

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