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The Principle Of The Rule Of Law And Increasing The Legal Activity Of Young People

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Abstract. This article explores the crucial role of legal activism in fostering social stability and the active participation of young people in the realization of the rule of law within a legal state. It highlights how law serves as the foundational regulatory framework that ensures the protection of individual rights and societal stability. The article discusses the importance of legal awareness among young people and their proactive involvement in societal processes, including state and public affairs, as a means to strengthen social cohesion and contribute to the overall development of the state. It also emphasizes the need for systemic support in promoting youth legal engagement, such as through state initiatives and programs that create opportunities for young people to engage in legal processes and contribute to societal progress. The article outlines key tasks to enhance youth legal activism, including continuous social integration, governmental and organizational support, and addressing negative factors that hinder legal participation. Ultimately, it stresses the need to develop a strong legal culture among youth to ensure a stable and prosperous future for both individuals and society as a whole.

Keywords: society, state, Constitution, law, rule of law, law, rule of law, youth, legal involvement, legal activism.

The primacy of law in any society plays a crucial role in safeguarding individual rights and interests. As a regulatory framework, law governs all aspects of societal life and holds a central position in upholding and implementing human rights. The rule of law operates as a systemic principle within the state, performing essential functions to ensure the stability of social relations. Furthermore, the key attributes of law in social life are integral to shaping the structured and predictable interaction between individuals, society, and the state.

The principle of the rule of law not only shapes the foundational principles of a state's progress within national contexts but also elevates its stature on the international stage. This is because the rule of law prioritizes the human factor in society, and its effective implementation aligns with the concept of a legal state. In today's society, it is evident that the principle of the legal state has been formally established as a constitutional norm. This principle is explicitly reflected in the newly revised Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, where it is articulated as follows: "Uzbekistan is a sovereign, democratic, legal, social and secular state with a republican form of government"[1;5].



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The significance of an individual's legal participation, responsibility, and engagement in realizing the principle of the rule of law within a legal state is becoming increasingly critical. In the context of today's modern environment, the role and impact of legal activism in personal and societal life, as well as in social and spiritual development, are steadily growing. Legal activism holds social importance as it contributes to fostering stability in societal relations. These social relations, which are based on interpersonal and intergroup interactions, tend to remain stable when individuals exhibit a high level of legal and political engagement.

Youth legal activism is seen as a process involving youth, the social systems associated with them, and society as a whole. In the decree of the president of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On improving the effectiveness of State Youth Policy and supporting the activities of the Youth Union of Uzbekistan": "In reforms for the construction of a Democratic state and the development of a civil society, an initiative with high morale, independent thinking, a strict life position, a wide worldview and deep knowledge, ambitious, capable of mobilizing all the energy, knowledge and potential for the benefit of the country, mobilizing responsibility for the prospects of the country, expanding the youth ranks"[2;].

Promoting the legal engagement of young people in interpersonal relations is highly beneficial for enhancing their role in fostering stable connections, encouraging participation in mutual assistance, and providing legal support. In the context of upholding the rule of law within society, the level of an individual's legal security, the consistent application of legal norms, and the practical realization of human interests through tangible relationships hold significant importance.

The criterion of the rule of law is closely connected to the high level of legal awareness among young people. Through their legal knowledge and active participation, young people work towards maintaining social stability in the face of internal and external challenges. A deep understanding of and adherence to laws, rules, and norms by young people is a crucial factor in ensuring social stability. Furthermore, the awareness of individual rights and the ability to follow legal rules are also key elements in promoting social harmony.

Legal experience that emerges through legal activity positively influences the social identity of young people. It is one of the key features that ensures a deep connection with legal and social processes among youth. This experience plays a significant role in shaping their social profile and reinforcing their involvement in societal matters. "The most important and urgent task facing us is to educate young people with high spirituality, independent thinking, who are well-versed in modern knowledge and professions, to instill in them a sense of respect for national and universal values, and to form ideological immunity in the hearts and minds of our children. In implementing these tasks, we rely on the rich spiritual heritage left by our ancestors"[3;], – деб таъкидлайди Ўзбекистон Республикаси Президенти Шавкат Мирзиёев.

The high level of legal activism among young people is a crucial process in solving any social issue. In finding solutions to social problems, setting legal aspects and norms, as well as searching for ways to implement them, is part of the legal creativity of young people. Their concern for ensuring the implementation of legal norms in all systems of society and their mutual supervision of the flawless execution of laws in social practice is also an essential task. The legal activism of young people is demonstrated in their participation in various social structures or in assisting the activities of these structures.



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Youth activism is a systemic quality that is an important aspect of social reality, especially in the realization of individual legal rights and the fulfillment of obligations. R. Turdibaeva provides the following definition regarding the legal activism of youth: "The level of legal literacy, respect for the law, the ability to implement and apply legal norms, intolerance towards violations, the level of legal activity and initiative"[4;52]. Хуқуқий фаолликнинг рўёбга чиқишида хуқуқнинг қонунийлик, адолат ва бурчлилик тамойиллари муҳим рол ўйнайди.

It is crucial to make proper use of the legal activism of each generation of youth in a timely manner, while also supporting it materially, socially, and morally. Youth need to enhance their legal activism, especially in areas with specific challenges such as environmental protection, public utilities, construction, social services, and the fight against crime, to contribute to the stable development of these systems. Additionally, it is important and necessary for young people to personally participate in measures taken by the state to address legal violations encountered in social life. These legal activism processes are further complemented by the social and legal creativity and various initiatives of young people.

In our country, young people under the age of 30 make up nearly 20 million, or 55% of the population. Every year, 600,000 young people enter the labor market, and this number is expected to reach 1 million in the next 10 years. To ensure the social benefits of young people, 9,500 proactive and initiative-driven youth leaders have been appointed in the neighborhoods. Through this system, more than 100 opportunities have been created for young people. The "New Uzbekistan Youth Initiatives" fund and electronic platform have been established. The fund has been allocated 100 million dollars, which will be used to provide favorable and, if necessary, interest-free financial support for talented young people's best ideas, startups, and projects.

Legal activism is also reflected in young people's active participation in state and public affairs. Moreover, in various social and legal contexts, it is important for young people to demonstrate a proactive and legal attitude. In these processes, their desire to actively engage in the legal sphere plays a crucial role. Acting within the framework of national interests and always being ready to contribute to the state's and society's affairs are indicators of young people's effective participation in social and legal processes.

In the legal activism of young people, their organizational qualities play a significant role. Legal activism develops through their ability to organize legal and moral events in a timely and effective manner. Understanding the legal and social status of each process being organized, determining its directions accordingly, developing organizational foundations, and clarifying the procedures for its implementation all reflect the legal and organizational activism of young people. As N. Strelytsov points out, "Legal activity includes all types of legal behavior of a person based on initiative. The main tool that supports and regulates such activity is law"[5;124].

In conclusion, the process of increasing the legal activism of young people and ensuring social stability through this requires addressing the following important tasks:

a) Constantly encouraging the integration and socialization of young people with the existing social environment in shaping and developing their legal activism.

b) Establishing continuous support and guidance from self-governing bodies, government, and public organizations in enhancing legal activism.



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c) Preventing negative factors such as dependency and passivity, as well as factors that hinder participation in legal relationships, which negatively influence young people's legal activism.

d) Improving the effectiveness of educational, moral, and advocacy work in increasing young people's legal activism and social responsibility, thereby ensuring societal stability.

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