

IDEOLOGICAL THREATS THAT ENDANGER YOUTH

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Abstract

This article provides information about the emergence of ideological threats to young people, as well as ways to prevent these threats and protect young people in society from them.

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Introduction

The current level of development of modern technologies leads, first of all, to the formation of a global information space in the field of communications. This, in turn, requires the demarcation of borders in the information space of Uzbekistan. Communication devices and Internet resources allow direct communication between people of different geosociologies, and also create opportunities for information and propaganda attacks and contribute to the emergence of uncontrolled cross-border information flows. From threats directed against the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of the Republic of Uzbekistan to moral threats, they can be implemented using information technologies.

Today, the education of the youth of our country is rising to the level of state policy in terms of its relevance and importance. In today's dangerous and tense times, the issue of threats to the spirituality of youth is considered a major threat to national security that will never lose its relevance and requires the implementation of scientific work in this area and the further development of the national legislative framework. "The state's direct intellectual capacity-building activities include educational policy, science development policy, personnel policy, enlightenment support policy, adopted laws, resolutions, programs for the development of the education sector, scientific institutions, and their funding from the state budget"[1].

A state that cannot ensure the spiritually independent development of society cannot ensure security in other spheres of social life, in particular in the political sphere. The development of Uzbekistan depends on the spiritual and ideological independence of the Uzbek people. Maintaining interreligious harmony and interethnic tolerance in ensuring the spiritual cohesion, stability and integrity of the state is extremely important for our state. The loss of spiritual independence inevitably leads to the state's economic, political and military dependence.

When implementing state policy in the field of ensuring ideological and ideological security in our country, it is important to take into account the following in practice;

1. Formation of a state system of protection against the negative influence of external forces on the consciousness of society.
2. Formation of state patriotic content and patriotic mass media in the virtual information space.

3. Scientific study of problems in the direction of protecting the public consciousness from destructive influences, especially the development of means and methods for protecting the thinking of young people from the influence of destructive ideas and ideologies, and strengthening the foundations of protection from dangers in the virtual world through legislation. For example, the development of the law "On the ideological and ideological security of the Republic of Uzbekistan".

LITERATURE ANALYSIS AND METHODOLOGY

The possibility of preserving the nation-state depends on the implementation of a clearly targeted cultural policy aimed at the formation of transnational values and the preservation of national values, the preservation of the attractiveness of its national traditions, the strength of the national mentality, and the degree of involvement in globalization processes. However, the loss of regional ties opens a wide path to the formation of a transnational social space that creates the basis for the emergence of cosmopolitanism. In this regard, the views of the scientist Tashanov are noteworthy: "in order for each sovereign state to remain as the owner of its own civilization, it is necessary to create a system of constant monitoring of the influence of destructive ideologies, to implement specific measures of a social, ideological, political and organizational nature that prevent the widespread spread of destructive ideas" [2]. Indeed, every society striving to preserve its national identity must develop mechanisms for constant monitoring of the impact of external threats and constantly warn the people about these threats. Special mechanisms of national security policy, formed on the basis of the centuries-old historical experience of our country and the achievements of the peoples of the world, have been developed. This is aimed at protecting the national interests of the state, primarily from external threats. In such a situation, internal threats seem to be somewhat ignored. The constant activity of external and internal forces trying to reduce Uzbekistan's geopolitical position in the world creates favorable conditions for the ideological vacuum forming in our society, the weakening of confidence in the national idea, and the weakening of the system of spiritual values, which negatively affects the consciousness of the state and society. This can lead to irreversible consequences in the spiritual sphere of Uzbek society. The development of a new Uzbek society depends on the spiritual level of the population and the acceptance by society of a single national idea, national ideology.

According to research, by the age of 18, a young American citizen has witnessed or committed about 40,000 different murders through virtual games and witnessed about 200,000 cases of violence through various films. It has been found that 25% of teenage girls under the age of 12 have been raped, and the same number of boys are homosexuals[3]. The fact that this statistic has increased several times today makes it easier to understand that the situation is becoming more complicated. What is even more remarkable is that these processes are interpreted not as the destruction of moral values, but as a celebration of human freedom, which indicates that the problem is not understood, and that the public is distracted by interpreting it as a natural process. This situation is becoming a huge threat not only to US citizens, but also to every society where the influence of the globalized and virtual world is increasing. It is not difficult



to understand that it is a threat to the spirituality of Eastern countries, especially those with a long history and rich values, such as our country.

“The fact that activities that are punishable in real life can be carried out freely in the virtual world corrupts a person. Examples of this include the presence of countless pornographic sites on the Internet, the use of words that are derogatory and openly insulting, the concealment of product defects in advertising, and the placement of information harmful to society (in this regard, it is appropriate to mention the existence of sites that provide information about the preparation, sale, and purchase of narcotics)”[4].

RESULTS

Recently, we have come across various names in various printed letters written on the entrance doors and walls of various houses, garages, public buildings, cemetery walls, and multi-storey residential buildings. Today, many people know that these are the names of websites or channels on messengers for obtaining drugs, or the barcodes of connections to them. Writing such notes, buying and selling drugs distributed through these channels, delivering them, and “punishing the courier” if this task is not completed, attract young people to perform illegal tasks, and as a result, we often encounter cases where a large number of young people earn illegal income, use drugs themselves, and are held accountable before the law. The remarkable aspect of these processes is that the connections in them are made through accounts unknown to the owner, in a completely virtual space, without seeing each other in real life, such as hiring, hiring, completing tasks, transferring a specified amount of money.

It should not be forgotten that such processes are actually the work of external forces with malicious intent, aiming to make a quick buck, and to lure young people into the trap of psychotropic drugs and narcotics. The task giver finds the performer through an offer to hire a large sum of money on the Internet. The person who receives this advertisement sends information about his passport data and residence address to the “leader”, and he receives a manual on how to perform this task, and then studies the explained instructions. Within a few days, he begins to perform the assigned task. He places a small amount of the specified narcotic substance at the specified point and takes a picture and sends it to the task giver with the location, thus completing his task. If the supplier does not fulfill the task, the hired “couriers are punished” by finding them and “punishing” them. The consumer receives the specified address and speed through the channel he paid for. The complexity of this process is also due to the fact that the main part of the communication is carried out in a completely virtual world. The most important aspect of this for our topic is that the sent supplier and the punishers of the sent suppliers in this process are attracting young people with economic and moral problems to this crime through various means of deception, and young people, knowing that this is a crime, are falling under the influence of legal nihilism.

DISCUSSION

In 2023, 10,039 cases of illegal drug trafficking were identified. This is 15.5% more than in 2022. The share of young people among those convicted of drug crimes is increasing: for example, in 2018 it was 19.1% (705 out of 3,691 cases), in 2022 it was 25.3%, and in 2023 it



was 28.1%. In Tashkent, 55.5% of these criminal cases fall on young people. This means that every second drug-related crime in the city was committed by young people[5]. This situation indicates the growing legal nihilism among young people in our country. “In recent years, cases of drug distribution (couriering) among young people have been increasing. This is mainly carried out through methods such as recruitment via the Internet and social networks, distribution by the “pawn” method”[6]. This situation indicates that the country is taking measures to address the issues raised in recent years, but this is still not enough.

“According to the survey participants, based on the opinion that information on the Internet that negatively affects young people is available, 33 percent of such materials are pornographic sites. The number of young people who believe that there are video materials on the Internet that are alien to the psyche of the indigenous population and promote a Western lifestyle has doubled: from 15.4 percent in 2017 to 31.4 percent in 2018, and video materials depicting violence and cruelty, murder and suicide have increased from 13.8 percent in 2017 to 23.4 percent in 2018”[7]. The constant increase in these percentages indicates that the ideological and informational resistance strategies in the virtual world of the Internet that exist in our country today are not sufficiently effective.

“The Internet is not called a “spider’s web” for nothing. Because the spider’s web shimmers in sunlight in such a beautiful and diverse variety of colors that a person involuntarily becomes fascinated by it. In fact, in a land devoid of sunlight, there is no trace of its attractiveness. Therefore, sites and groups that threaten the stability of countries, that are full of murder, immorality, fraud, and extremist sentiments, should be compared to the dark form of a spider’s web” [8]. In today’s Internet world, the boundaries of the ideological and ideological struggle are constantly expanding, and the ways and extent of the threat and the methods of limiting it are becoming increasingly complex. In such a situation, the only solution is to raise the spirituality of its users, to form a complete person who respects national and universal human values, to strengthen the resilience of young people in society and their immunity to ideological and ideological influences. One of the important directions of the state in regulating these processes is to manage public opinion and increase mutual trust by increasing the amount of information and information that forms a positive attitude towards the government system among the Internet-using population. In addition, it is necessary to develop interaction between the family, the neighborhood, and educational institutions.

CONCLUSION

“Information-psychological superiority (dominance) is being achieved by more advanced countries in terms of information, actively using the resources of the virtual space of the Internet to exert information influence on the social and technical systems of opponents of the population. New challenges and threats to the national security of Uzbekistan are becoming a very serious problem for the leadership of Uzbekistan to reconsider existing approaches and doctrines for protecting national interests in the global network” [9]. In conclusion, under the influence of globalization, the penetration of Western lifestyles and destructive ideologies alien to our society, replacing national ideas, ideologies and values, is increasing. The process of globalization has become an integral part of today's developed world civilization. Along with



using its opportunities, it is necessary to protect against the threats it poses to national security and ideological stability. That is, the process of globalization, while accelerating the development of the country, poses a serious threat to the internal stability, ideological unity, and cultural identity of society and the state. In particular, today, when our country is implementing liberal democratic reforms and the media is liberalized, the scope of ideological threats through the virtual world is increasing, and the task of protecting our state from such threats is becoming a key factor in national security.

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