

POLITICAL CULTURE IS A FACTOR OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

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The requirement of a democratic society for citizens of the country to be active in political processes, directly or indirectly participate in government, have their own vision of socio-political events, changes and updates, as well as be able to confidently express their opinions. Whether a democratic society and its members represent passive or active resistance depends on this requirement; it all depends on the level and state of political culture.

The term "political culture" was introduced into scientific circulation in the XVIII century by the German philosopher Johann Herder. In fact, the phenomenon of political culture has also been analyzed in the works of Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Montesquieu, Marx, Spencer, Weber and other thinkers. In modern philosophy and cultural studies, the essence of the concept of "political culture" has been widely studied, there are more than forty definitions of it.

The following points follow from the generalization of various points of view:

a). political culture is a subjective sphere underlying political activity and giving it content, representing a set of individual views and goals of participants in a given political system;

B). political culture is a set of views concerning the interaction of government and citizens;

V). political culture is one of the manifestations of universal culture, an attribute of all subjects of political relations, showing the dialectical unity of culture and politics.

G). Political culture is a set of political knowledge, values, and behaviors through which a subject interacts with the state and enters into political activity.

It is obvious that the most important aspects of the relationship between the individual and the state find their expression in political culture. Also, the conducted research on the theory of political culture helped clarify the essence of a number of problems. For example, why the institutions of the same form of government manifest themselves differently in different countries, answers were given to questions such as: It was thoroughly investigated that different values, traditions, people's mentality and other aspects play an important role in this. "National mentality, established stereotypes, myths, biological and geographical factors play an important role in the phenomenon of political culture" [2:92].

With the rise of political culture, political knowledge becomes important, thanks to which a person becomes aware of power and politics, the state structure, as well as the forms and methods of participation in its management.

And when applying political knowledge in political activity, a person develops the ability to compare various facts, evaluate them, and draw conclusions.

Thus, criteria such as the amount of political knowledge, competence in the use of political knowledge, the need to participate in the political life of society, awareness of political and civic responsibilities, awareness of political institutions of society, the principles of their work, are criteria indicating the degree of formation of a political culture of an individual.

The essence of a person as a subject of politics is determined by his political activity in accordance with his political socialization and political culture. Political activity is the participation of an individual in various aspects of the political life of society. Political activity is an opportunity for a person to express himself in all respects. Only in a democratic society can one freely express one's desires, goals, interests, and fully realize one's abilities. But if the intention is impartial, of course. After all, political behavior with a destructive purpose is also constantly encountered.

Political activity is the purposeful activity of a person in political life. The ultimate goal of a person's political activity is to further improve his social status, well-being, expand the range of his freedoms, increase his dignity, and democratize society through the realization of human capabilities[3:52].

Political activity in society manifests itself in different ways. It is known that different people participate in politics in different ways:

some only read newspapers, some participate in elections, and others are active in politics. Through political activism, citizens try to influence the political decision-making process. The political activity of an individual is especially evident in the discussion of documents that are important for the social development of the country, in the activities of public organizations, and in the process of elections at various levels.

Therefore, political activity is also a criterion indicating the level of development of society. While members of society are not politically active, the social reforms carried out in the country are also not yielding the expected results. In the era of democratic transformations, they strive to take a direct and active part in the political and public life of our country " [4].

A person's political activity, as well as the effectiveness of this activity, depend on his political maturity. Ideological and political ideals, political beliefs and views, political principles and norms collectively generate political maturity of the individual. The political maturity of a personality finds its expression in its conscious attitude to society and the social system. The political maturity of a personality is manifested in its life position, that is, in its practical activity, in the unity of work with the word.

Thus, political culture is the most important criterion of a person's political maturity and expresses stable aspects of political activity and political consciousness. Thanks to political reforms, the socio-political activity of our citizens has increased in recent years, the weight of those who freely comment on political events taking place in our country and the world is growing, and freely express their opinions. This indicates the growth of their political culture. Being politically cultured means being a conscious and active citizen of society.

Obviously, the more such citizens there are, the higher the effect of political reforms will be.

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