

## Concept of national and universal values, their essence and genesis issues

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**Abstract:** *The article deals with the genesis of national and universal values in today's crucial world, its concept, carefulness, moral and spiritual influence on the youth and place in the development of the nation, as well as the importance in the education of the perfect generation, which is associated with the value of man.*

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The last decade of the 20th century has entered world history as a period of fundamental changes in the social outlook and geopolitical structure of the world community. The world has entered a new period. If the peculiarities of this period, *on the one hand*, are the strengthening of the processes of rapprochement of states and peoples, as well as the strengthening of cooperation, the creation of a common

political and economic space, the transition to new common international norms, rules and templates, *on the other hand* - the collapse of the socialist camp, totalitarian regime, the emergence in their place of new independent states. Fundamental reforms continue in one sixth of the Earth's part. The problems of state building and social and economic reforms in the new independent states have gone beyond the borders of the regions, and have acquired a global status, in the same way, that is, after gaining independence by Uzbekistan it was necessary to determine its future and ways of development, to develop strategic objectives and mechanisms for their implementation. Without a clear definition, it is impossible to maintain and strengthen independence. Because the lack of a scientifically grounded concept of the main goals and ways of their implementation could undoubtedly lead to dispersion of the society.

Naturally, in such a difficult time for Uzbekistan it was very important and relevant to choose a peculiar way of development and independence, to develop its own criteria for the construction of a new society. In turn, the ability to cope with such a task - the social and economic situation in Uzbekistan, the relations that have arisen between people, their worldview, in particular, national and universal values demanded it.

At the same time, the foundations of Uzbekistan's social and economic development should also be based on the way of life and traditions of the people of Uzbekistan, along with the study of the centuries-old experience of developed countries and the mastering of their useful parts. Therefore, from the very first days of its independence, Uzbekistan, *"without abandoning all the fruitful experience taken from the world and local practice, began to choose the path of its socio-economic and political-legal*

*development"*<sup>1</sup>. Of course, at the stage of the country's life, when there was a question of life and death, it was necessary to develop a management system corresponding to the new conditions of solving the problems associated with the transition to a new level of development of society, to create the economic foundations of a new society, as well as to create a system of national ideas uniting all strata of the population around a single strategic goal. In this way, a unique way of development of Uzbekistan, as well as its national and universal values, began to be formed.

As the initiator and leader of the country's independence, First President Islam Karimov came up with his creative and enduring, scientifically-theoretical and practically grounded conclusions. In his works, he emphasized the use of some of the optimal legacies and practices of the former Soviet Union, taking into account the convenient geopolitical location of the

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<sup>1</sup> Karimov I.A. Uzbekistan's own path of independence and prosperity. "Uzbekistan", 1992. P.10

republic, attention to the issues of social and psychological and moral consciousness of the people, radical changes in the attitude towards the Islamic religion in determining the policy of Uzbekistan, productive use of the rich material, cultural, production potential and personnel of the republic. These conclusions were constantly replenished by Islam Karimov, and gradually, step by step, were enriched with new rules and guidelines. In this regard, the statement of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Sh.M.Mirziyoyev: *"The leader of our country, along with the solution of problems of strategic importance in the political, economic and social aspects, paid great attention to the multifaceted problems aimed at a fundamental change in the consciousness and outlook of our citizens, the life of society"*<sup>2</sup>. was a legal assessment of the time.

Because no society can present prospects of its development strategy without developing and strengthening national and universal values. In Eastern countries, especially in our multi-ethnic Uzbekistan, long-standing national and universal values have served as a source of powerful spirituality for it. Despite the strong ideological pressure exerted on the people, in the recent past, the people of Uzbekistan have preserved their historical and cultural values, as well as unique traditions and customs passed down from generation to generation, and have remained faithful to universal values. "We believe," said First President Islam Karimov, *"that the restoration of national values is an interconnected, natural process that consists of increasing the sense of self-consciousness and returning the people to their cultural sources and roots"*<sup>3</sup>. It means that it is impossible to study the national and universal principles

<sup>2</sup> Mirziyoyev S.M. "We will persistently continue our way to national progress and raise it to a new level. T. "Uzbekistan, 2017. p.8

<sup>3</sup> Karimov I.A. "Uzbekistan on the threshold of the XXI century: threats to security. conditions and guarantees of progress" - T., "Uzbekistan" 1997. p.137

of creating a democratic society in Uzbekistan without taking into account the values of each nation, with separate division and study.

It is known from the history that the peoples of Central Asia originally made an unforgettable contribution to the treasury of the consciousness of mankind, as well as the development of science and culture. Valuable reasoning set forth in the unique works created by our ancestors, as well as works relating to all areas of science and culture still enrich the spiritual world of the peoples of the planet and serve their perfection, which is to be admired and proud of. Preserving the rich and diverse heritage and national values left to us by our ancestors, their creative enrichment with modern achievements of science and technology, formation of the consciousness and outlook of the future generation on the basis of national and universal values, increase of their creative activity is the main guarantee of

strengthening independence. *"The most pressing and important task for today,"* said First President Islam Karimov, *"is to improve the members of our society, especially the younger generation, to awaken in their souls a sense of love and devotion to the national and national ideology, love for their homeland, upbringing them in the spirit of self-consciousness, national and universal values."*<sup>4</sup>

Of course, if the main goal of the national idea in the Republic of Uzbekistan is to build a great state, the doctrine of the First President of the country on the formation of the national doctrine deserves special attention. Who, apart from the head of state, can properly guide the development of the national idea? It should be emphasized that he is the author of not only reforms, but also the author of the model of national state independence, the new Uzbek statehood.

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<sup>4</sup> Karimov I.A. "Call to Vigilance". T., "Uzbekistan". 1999. p.16

It is well known that if the head of state has a deep understanding of the precise assessment of the situation, the right finding of a solution, the impact on people's minds and energy with a view to mobilizing forces for the implementation of the national idea, changing the course of events and political processes depending on the need, and modeling the socio-economic development of the country, he will objectively become the main and basic ideologist of this state.

As a result, on the basis of his analysis and conclusions, conditions are created for the assessment of the overall macroeconomic, social and political development of the country with the development of the same strategic idea. The role of the head of state in the formation of the national idea is also determined by the process of reflection of national interests. Reflection of national interests is a complex of interests of an individual, some social strata and groups, as well as society. For their correct understanding and definition, there should

be practical experience in the practice of state management and its participation in international relations. The head of state not only protects national interests, but also gives them a concrete form. This form should be based on the national interests and create an impression of them as a single system.

Expressed in a concrete form, formed and justified with the help of the state manifests itself as a factor in the development of appropriate actions and guidance. In other words, there is a need for ideological security for its transformation into "practice". National interests are considered from the top of the pyramid of state management in the process of interpreting the strategic needs of national development.

One of the important factors in the formation of national ideology is knowledge of the practice of strategic development of the country. We would like to say that the publication of the President's works on the development of the national idea is becoming very useful, and is

becoming a source of our thinking. This process was developing at a rapid pace at the end of the 20th and beginning of the 21st centuries.

As we know from the world practice, the national ideology should develop and be practical. Otherwise, it is not surprising that it will become just a pure statement?

Especially the improvement of national ideology at the second stage of strengthening of independence (2001-2010) moved forward the management of society, called on the people to unite, fight for the future of the Motherland despite the extremist views. At the same time, the special role of national ideology and leadership should certainly be mentioned<sup>5</sup>.

**No people can look with respect at the values of other nations without understanding their own self, their own national culture and national values. The strength and might of independent**

**Uzbekistan lies in the devotion of our people to universal values.**

At specific stages of society's development, the attitude towards social phenomena and events is manifested in various ways. In particular, at both stages of independence, such notions as "values", "national revival", "national consciousness" and "national pride" have become commonplace. Of course, this is not an easy thing to do. For independence also represents national revival. And it cannot be imagined without these concepts. However, it should be emphasized that during the years of the regime and the policy of repression an attempt was made to ban not only their use, but also the exclusion of these concepts from the dictionary? As proof of this, we can cite the fact that the Uzbek-Russian Dictionary of 40,000 words published in Moscow in 1959 by the State Publishing House of Foreign and National Dictionaries and the Uzbek-Russian

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<sup>5</sup> Normatov K. National ideology teaching. "National Revival". May 13, 2006

Dictionary of 50,000 words published in 1988 by the Chief Publishing House of the Uzbek Economic Community (**UzSE**) did not include such concepts as "value", "national consciousness", "national revival" and "national pride".

*So, how do you comment on that?*

If there are currently 262 countries in the world, about 200 of them are on the path to democratic development. It is recognized by the world society that democracy has been established in these states as a national and universal value. It is by the present time that the recognition of democracy by the world community as the most acceptable form of development of the way of life of mankind provides for the study of democracy as a national and universal value.

Therefore, the role of national and universal values in the development of democracy and the construction of a civil state is invaluable. Since Uzbekistan gained independence, the achievement of great success in the moral and spiritual sphere in a short period of history has been

linked to the viability of the "Uzbek model" developed by the first President, Islam Karimov. The "Uzbek model" is based on the **great spiritual heritage**, i.e. customs, traditions and values left by our ancestors, in addressing the existing problems and new challenges that arise in the transition period.

In our opinion, the fact that the theoretical concept of building a democratic society is based on national and universal values that manifest themselves in the following is the basis of our theoretical concept:

- we are committed to the universal values;
- strengthening and development of the spiritual heritage of our people;
- free manifestation of the people's capabilities;
- patriotism.

The source of strength and power of the people of Uzbekistan lies in their devotion to national and universal values.

At a time when the world is changing rapidly and there are various threats and risks to the stability and

sustainable development of peoples, it is more important than ever to pay attention to spirituality and education, moral upbringing, mastering of knowledge, striving for perfection. It is difficult to enslave people with great spirituality, and to keep them under the oppression of eternal tyranny. In order for spirituality to improve, it is necessary to strengthen independence in order to penetrate the soul. A great state with a bright future is created on the basis of great social and economic reforms and great spirituality. A **democratic state governed** by the rule of law is created by achieving the spiritual perfection of each individual and the entire nation. In this regard, great attention is paid to spirituality and education in our state. Under the influence of this reasonable policy, our people are aware of their "I" and begin to understand their tasks before the history. In this regard, it is especially important to reveal the meaning and essence of concepts related to national

values. In particular, the **value** (art. value - value, importance; precious things; national wealth<sup>6</sup>) is a set of material-economic, cultural-educational, ideological, political, legal, religious, national, social factors, which are valued by people and which are important and useful for people in their natural and social life. All things that matter to man and humanity, such as freedom, justice, education, spirituality, truth, kindness, material and spiritual wealth.

**National values** are the features that have important and serious significance for the history of the people, their way of life, future, material and spiritual wealth.

Of course, it is known that **universal values** are accepted equally by all nations (e.g., equality, harmony, humanism, kindness, peacefulness, etc.). With the constant improvement of the **quality of human life**, the issue of human value becomes more topical. An important factor of respect for a person is guaranteed by his

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<sup>6</sup> Uzbek explanation dictionary.–T., 2008.–p.207

or her equal evaluation regardless of national, religious, or linguistic affiliation. A person's reverence should be constantly shining like a green light in his or her consciousness! The saying **"If you honor another person, you will honor yourself"** should be rooted in the consciousness of each person. In this sense, "it is clear that reverence of other people's nations will bring boundless honor and glory to these people. No people can be accused of backwardness, spiritual weakness<sup>7</sup>. Article 13 of our main law states that: *Democracy in the Republic of Uzbekistan is based on universal principles, according to which the highest value is the human being, his life, freedom, honor, dignity and other inalienable rights*<sup>8</sup>, which is the highest assessment.

The sources, which reflect the scientific heritage of Central Asian thinkers, contain many valuable statements and sayings about spiritual traits that were valued by the Turkic peoples. Zahiriddin

Muhammad Bobur's work **"Boburnoma"** reflects many spiritual and educational qualities inherent to Uzbeks. These are spiritual traits such as *faith and conviction, prudence, love for family, honesty, ambition, love of children for parents, brothers, sisters, relatives, absence of abuse of other people's good, observance of religious values, literacy, generosity, kindness, courage, justice, humanity, shyness, hard work, and straightforwardness*.

The current national spirituality and values of the people of Uzbekistan are the continuation of the national spirituality of the past, which includes such spiritual and moral qualities as friendliness, hospitality, humanity, humanism, spiritual clarity, entrepreneurship, generosity, politeness and cleanliness, shyness, courage, devotion to the Motherland and the people, sincerity, love for one's family, honesty, truthfulness, piety, consistency, tolerance, balance, respect for parents and elders,

<sup>7</sup> Turaev Sh. National Idea and Spirituality-T., 2015. p.27

<sup>8</sup> Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan-T., 2017. p.7

piety, diligence, respect for the past, respect for independence, integrity, patriotism. Abdullah Avloniy and other scholars of enlightenment in the late XIX and early XX centuries sadly wrote that it is possible to get rid of the spiritual decline of the reigning in Turkestan only by strengthening the educational work and increasing the spirituality of the people. **“Education, - wrote Abdullah Avloniy, - for us it is either a matter of life and death, salvation or catastrophe, happiness or death”**. Elected President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev at a solemn meeting dedicated to the 24th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, in which he delivered a speech entitled "Ensuring the priority of law and human interests is a guarantee of prosperity of the homeland and the well-being of the people," he said: When we talk about bringing up the younger generation, I would like us all to follow the next sayings of our great ancestor Abdurauf Fitrat, especially those who are just starting

their lives. That is what he said: **"The people's aspiration to a certain goal, their wealth, happiness and respect, the fact that they will be conquerors or the weak and poor, will carry the burden of misfortune, will be left unattended, and will be a slave to strangers and will obey them, depending on the education they received from their parents as children"**.

All the above qualities can be attributed to the values of the people of Uzbekistan. And they are consistent with universal values.