



POLITICAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND ITS PERCEPTION

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Received: 4 th July 2023 Accepted: 7 th August 2023 Published: 8 th September 2023	In the development of a democratic state, the level of spiritual and spiritual world and political awareness of citizens is of great importance. Therefore, improving the political consciousness of citizens, further activating their participation in democratic processes, is considered one of the priority tasks. Because a citizen with a formed political consciousness has a high political faith, who understands the country's peace, social development, interests and needs of his nation and is able to maintain national harmony and national cohesion. This article describes the formation of the political consciousness of citizens, its characteristics, and its reaction to the political events taking place in society. Also, the connection of political consciousness with social practice and the relationship to social-political processes in society are summarized on a scientific and creative basis.

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INTRODUCTION

A citizen's political consciousness is a social-psychological concept, and his perception of himself as a member of a certain society leads to the combination of his personal interest with the interests of other people, especially his close relatives, neighbors, brothers, the holy homeland, the people. After all, it means that the interest of the people, the interest of the country should be formed in the mind of every citizen as the greatest and highest value. That is, faith - faith, loyalty to the holy land, does not allow them to turn back from their chosen path.

It should be noted that when the citizens' political consciousness rises, actively participates in the implementation of democratic reforms and achieves positive changes, the process of liberalization accelerates. Because, in a democratic free society, feelings such as civic consciousness and self-awareness become one of the priority tasks. That is, the rise and political improvement of this society depends on citizens who have such qualities.

Political consciousness is directly connected with social and political practice. He quickly reacts to conflicts and disagreements that arise in society. The formation of political consciousness is considered one of the complex processes, and it first of all depends on the existence of social and political conditions and democratic political procedures in the society. If such relations are not formed in society, or if they are not improved on the basis of democratic political values, then political consciousness is not formed either. In particular, the

administrative - command or authoritarian system in society does not create an opportunity for the formation and rise of political consciousness. The existence of such situations causes citizens to distance themselves from the authorities and become indifferent to political processes.

The existence of a democratic political system in society and its improvement is an important condition for the formation of the political consciousness of citizens. Such a political system in society creates the necessary opportunities for the rise of human political consciousness and activity. The more the political system of society is based on democratic values, the more active the participation of citizens in political life will be.

The power of democratic values is manifested not by the acceptance of laws written on paper, but by the political activity and high consciousness of people who are the main factor in its implementation. The success of radical reforms in society is largely a matter of political consciousness. The German political scientist Max Weber did not for nothing say that industrial capital is created not by the increase of new money, but by the "flow of new spirit".

Political consciousness is the sum of various political emotions, views, concepts and ideas of citizens, through which they react to the political events happening in the society. It is also a collective expression of political views in the human mind, reflecting the political interests of citizens and their relationship to the political authorities.



Political consciousness is the perception of political stability. People are not just satisfied with the existing political reality, they always seek to know, understand and change this reality. People's knowledge, views, and ideas about this political entity constitute their political consciousness. Political consciousness is a system of evaluating the understanding, imagination, and knowledge of the political sphere by a certain individual, group, and strata. "Political consciousness is the sum of people's knowledge, imagination, professions, beliefs about the political system, political life and political relations, and their assessment of the political system they live in." [1.]

Political consciousness is a social phenomenon that affects the formation and development of behavior, behavior and character of an individual and socio-political associations in society.

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The level of political consciousness of citizens - their political thinking, political perception, has its own position in political processes, and is one of the processes that depend on their self-awareness and social activity. In a democratic society, a citizen does not participate in the political life of the country just for the sake of formality, on the contrary, he takes an active part in the life of the society, pursues the interests of his homeland, people and family, and expresses his attitude to social and political processes in a conscious manner. It should be recognized that when the citizens in the society can clearly see their goals, aspirations, destiny, and their prospects in the state policy, they sincerely follow and rely on it. He perceives it as a social phenomenon related to his destiny, as a supreme value. As a result, the state policy and the interests and interests of citizens are combined and become an inexorable force aimed at a single goal.

Citizens are never uniform in their level of political consciousness. They have a passive or active level of political consciousness, and therefore their participation in the political life of society is also different. Political consciousness requires citizens to be politically self-aware, to be able to think and perceive politically, to have their own position in political processes, and to carry out political activities suitable for the development of society. The presence of such positive qualities in

citizens indicates that they have their value in the society.

Politics is never a static or inactive social phenomenon. Its essence is manifested in political struggles, political activities, and the application of political knowledge to practical life. Politics is an integral unity of political consciousness and political action. The development of society also depends on its political relations. Political behavior is manifested in the form of political relations. So, all this is based on the mentality of the citizen and the level of consciousness.

Political consciousness is primarily based on economic factors in the society, its economic development, material well-being of citizens. It is one of the most important means of the development of the society's economy, a prosperous life of citizens, and the formation of political consciousness. The more the society achieves economic progress, the more opportunities are created for the introduction of democratic administration methods. Because citizens who have achieved a prosperous life under the influence of democratic and economic reforms deeply feel its value and support and preserve it.

The formation of the political consciousness of citizens and the democratic improvement of society are largely based on the rule of law. A deep understanding of the role of the constitution and laws in the life of society depends on the level of political awareness of citizens. A citizen who has acquired political consciousness and thinking deeply understands his rights and duties to the people, state and society. In a society where the law is a priority, the rights and freedom of citizens are ensured, and an opportunity is created for them to lead a prosperous life. Because a person achieves his dreams relying on the law. In other words, laws are a set of wishes and dreams of citizens.

The formation of political consciousness largely depends on the spiritual and educational development of society. The reason is that a society that has not achieved spiritual and educational progress cannot form a person as a political subject. An unenlightened, spiritually, poor, uneducated citizen is far from politics, political consciousness is not formed in him, he makes many mistakes in life.

Life experiences show that the spiritual and educational level of the society, in addition to raising the political consciousness and culture of the citizens, also affects their patience, kindness, faith, choosing a just and rational way in various political processes. The increase of educated, politically mature citizens in the society leads to the expansion of democratic views, the renewal



of the society's thinking and the improvement of citizens' political consciousness.

The role of mass media in the formation and rise of political consciousness is also important. In general, it is impossible to imagine political improvement, the widespread introduction of democratic principles into life without mass media. In Uzbekistan, the mass media, considered the fourth branch of power, functions as a powerful tool for forming public opinion and is based on knowing the opinions and desires of citizens and supporting them in practice. It is impossible to implement democratic reforms and ensure the practical participation of the population in political and social life without ensuring the freedom of information, without turning the mass media into a forum where people can freely express their thoughts and ideas, their reactions to the happenings.

When conducting research in the field of political culture, issues related to political consciousness are also deeply studied. Because political culture cannot be imagined without political consciousness. Political consciousness rises to the level of political culture, relying on its existing - legal, spiritual, economic, aesthetic, religious and other components. Broadly speaking, political consciousness is inextricably linked with the political system and constitutes its subjective foundation, so to speak, its "human foundation". [3.]

The role of political parties, non-governmental and public organizations is also important in the rise of political consciousness, democratization of society. Because political parties fight for power within the framework of the law for the development of society. The level of political awareness of citizens plays a major role in such processes. If public organizations pursue their goals with clear ideas and goals, citizens will definitely support them if they strive to do things that are in the interest of the people.

In conclusion, political consciousness is an active, lively, creative reflection of political existence. Self-awareness of the political system of the society takes place through it. Political consciousness reflects political reality as it is, as a whole and as a whole. Political consciousness is formed on the basis of certain social - political, economic, spiritual and educational factors and conditions. These factors contribute to the development of a person's political activity, the discovery of his potential qualities as a political subject.

Sadulla Otamuratov, a political scientist and philosopher, writes: "Political consciousness arises as a reflection of the political interests of a person. Political consciousness is interconnected with all forms of consciousness (individual consciousness, social

consciousness, theoretical consciousness, national consciousness, aesthetic consciousness, etc.) and develops together with them. [4.]

Democratic reforms implemented in Uzbekistan are important because they take into account not only their political, but also spiritual and cultural aspects, as well as the mood, behavior, attitude to events, behavior, in a word, the spiritual world of every citizen. This is the foundation and foundation of large-scale reforms. Therefore, the citizens of Uzbekistan support, protect and preserve the reforms being implemented. Such processes lead to the convergence of state policy and people's views, as well as political ideas existing in society and the dreams and desires of citizens.

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