

LEGAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE “VATAN TAYANCHI” MILITARY-PATRIOTIC MOVEMENT FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS IN UZBEKISTAN

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Abstract:

This article examines the legal foundations, organizational structure, and role of the “Vatan Tayanchi” (Support of the Motherland) movement, established in Uzbekistan to promote military-patriotic education among children and adolescents, within the framework of state policy. The study analyzes the movement's objectives, tasks, development fund, and the benefits provided to its members. The research highlights the effectiveness of a comprehensive pedagogical and physical education approach in fostering socially responsible, morally mature, and patriotic youth.

Keywords: VatanTayanchi, children and adolescents, military-patriotic education, state policy, Ministry of Defense, upbringing.

Introduction:

In the contemporary era, a nation's primary resource is its youth. In Uzbekistan, state policy prioritizes comprehensive support for young people, fostering their moral and ethical development, and enhancing their social engagement. The Presidential Decree of 13 July 2021, issued by the President and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, titled “On Additional Measures for Supporting Young People in All Directions and Further Enhancing Their Social Activity” [1], identifies priority tasks in youth policy.

As part of this initiative, an “Additional Programme for Ensuring the Implementation of the Priority Tasks Assigned at the Uzbekistan Youth and Students Forum in the Field of Youth Policy” introduced measures to enhance spiritual, moral, and military-patriotic education and organize meaningful leisure for children. Consequently, the establishment of a children's and adolescents' military-patriotic movement under the Ministry of Defense was proposed.

Literature Review and Methodology:

In line with the Decree, the “Vatan Tayanchi” movement was established in general-education schools by Presidential Decision No. PQ-150 on 2 March 2022 [5]. Its primary goal is to educate youth in the spirit of military patriotism, cultivate spiritual and moral values, and develop a physically and psychologically resilient generation. Core tasks include fostering respect for laws and national traditions, cultivating independent and critical thinking, and raising patriotic youth committed to the welfare of their homeland. The legal framework supporting this movement includes:

The Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan [2], guaranteeing the rights of youth to education, upbringing, and physical health;

The Law on Youth Policy [3], establishing the normative-legal foundation for comprehensive youth support;

The Law on Defence [4], outlining measures to prepare youth for military service and cultivate patriotic spirit;

Presidential Decision No. PQ-150 [5], detailing the movement's establishment, objectives, structure, and activities.

The organizational structure is as follows:

Central Apparatus: Coordinates overall movement activities.

Regional Units: Established in the Republic of Karakalpakstan, regional boards, and Tashkent city to ensure localized implementation.

Guardianship Council: Supervisory and advisory body ensuring accountability and compliance.

Funding is provided through the state budget, sponsorship, and charitable contributions. The movement's legal status, operational guidelines, and financial provisions are codified in the Presidential Decision.

Activities and Pedagogical Approach

1. Military-Patriotic Education: Youth receive instruction in defending the homeland, cultivating national pride, and embracing selflessness. Pedagogical and psychological methods, including interactive sessions, didactic games, and simulation exercises, are employed to develop independent and responsible thinking.

2. Physical Preparedness: A healthy lifestyle is promoted through structured sports and physical activities, integrating military and moral preparedness.

3. National History and Values: Educational programs leverage historical events, national heroes, and prominent personalities to strengthen national identity and cultural awareness.

4. Social Engagement: Participants actively engage in ecological, social, and cultural initiatives, fostering responsibility and societal connection.

Scientific research emphasizes that military-patriotic education is most effective when implemented across preschool, general secondary, vocational, and higher education, promoting moral, social, and patriotic values. Vatan Tayanchi integrates pedagogical and physical training methodologies to achieve these outcomes.

Discussion and Evaluation:

The movement demonstrates the following strengths:

Legal Robustness: Support from Presidential Decree and relevant laws ensures institutional sustainability.

Centralized and Regional Coordination: A tiered governance system allows adaptation to local needs while maintaining national standards.

Integrated Pedagogical Methods: Combining interactive learning, physical training, and moral education develops well-rounded youth.

Social Impact: Participation in civic projects nurtures responsible, socially active, and patriotic citizens.

Research confirms that instilling patriotism and preparing youth physically and morally for homeland defense is a critical contemporary objective. These efforts reinforce social identification, connect youth with national values [7], and elevate the societal and moral role of the Vatan Tayanchi movement.

Conclusion:

The VatanTayanchi movement represents a significant legal, organizational, and pedagogical innovation in Uzbekistan's youth policy. Its impact includes:

Fostering military-patriotic education among youth;

Supporting physical and moral development;

Enhancing social activity and responsibility;

Preserving and transmitting national values and historical memory.

As a result, VatanTayanchi serves as a vital platform for raising well-rounded, morally mature, and patriotic individuals, contributing to the Republic of Uzbekistan's long-term strategic goals.

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