

## Military-Patriotic Education of Youth

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**ABSTRACT:** The author considers the development of patriotic qualities among young people. Attention is paid to working with university students to educate them in the spirit of patriotism, respect for national traditions and values.

**KEYWORD:** patriotism, personality, patriotic education, formation, development, devotion to the motherland.

In modern, tough socio-economic conditions, preparing young people for life is, first of all, the formation of their purposefulness, independence, and self-confidence.

At present, there is a need to study the issues of the consolidating power of patriotism, the increasing strengthening of its influence on the cultural development of the individual, the formation of youth, university students under its influence as active builders of a new, democratic state and reliable defenders. At the same time, the analysis of scientific literature [4, 5, 6, 7, and 8] shows that today, in the interests of the formation and development of military-patriotic education among students, the possibilities of the cultural approach are not fully used.

It is impossible to educate a future warrior, citizen-patriot without developing in him a feeling of love for his native city, region, without cultivating in him spirituality, love and respect for his loved ones, feelings of honor, dignity, nobility and responsibility. As the President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev noted in his speech at the Youth Forum in Tashkent that "Young people should learn from their ancestors and strive to create miracles in life." The feeling of patriotism is multifaceted in content. This is love for one's native places, and pride in one's people, and a sense of one's inseparability with the whole world around, and a desire to preserve and increase the wealth of one's Motherland.

In the book "Strategy of New Uzbekistan", the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces Shavkat Mirziyoyev gives a truly scientific interpretation of the concept of military-patriotic education of youth and reveals the deep spiritual meaning of patriotism in the conditions of building a new Uzbekistan.

According to the leader of the country, the idea of forming a state with a great future is only possible for a strong young generation brought up in the spirit of high moral qualities and deep patriotism. In achieving this historical task lies an internal source of high morale - the national idea.

In Uzbekistan, the status of patriotism has been given the status of a "national idea" [2]. Now patriotism is seen as "love for the Motherland, devotion to one's Fatherland, the desire to serve its

interests and readiness, up to self-sacrifice, to protect it" [4]. In the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers dated February 23, 2018 No. 140 approved the Concept of educating youth in a military-patriotic spirit, as well as the Program of measures for its implementation. The concept has been developed on the basis of priority areas and principles of the state youth policy and defines urgent tasks in the modern period of globalization, in the conditions of intensive development of information and communication technologies.

The purpose of military-patriotic education is to form persistent, conscious, convinced patriots, devoted to the ideals of national independence, distinguished by high intellectual, mental, physical and combat qualities necessary to protect the state. Under these conditions, the establishment in the public consciousness of our people, especially the younger generation, of the idea of deep patriotism, pride in our Motherland, readiness to defend it has been and remains one of the most important tasks of the high spirituality of society and a priority of state policy.

Military-patriotic education undoubtedly has great potential, but practical training in techniques and the active use of the latest military equipment further enhances the tasks of military training of young people in modern conditions. In order to educate the youth of the military-patriotic spirit in Uzbekistan, schools called "Timurilar Maktabi" have been established in all regions.

Such education is an important means of showing love and deep respect for the national army. It causes a desire to study military affairs, improve the general educational and political level of knowledge, temper oneself physically, choose a military profession, prepare for active military service in the Armed Forces of the country, be fully prepared to protect it from outside threats, to strengthen the defense capability of the state. Such education has become the most important basis for the advance preparation of young people for military service in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On universal military duty and military service."

More than 60 percent of the country's population is young citizens under 30 years old. The young men and women of the new Uzbekistan work in all areas make a worthy contribution to strengthening the economic and military power, and make up the absolute majority of the Armed Forces of the state. The interest in military service among young girls especially increased, they began to enter such departments of military service as the police, the National Guard.

In accordance with the tasks set by the President of Uzbekistan, the state youth policy is called upon to take a differentiated approach to different categories of the younger generation, to take into account the capabilities of each of them in military training.

Based on the provisions of the military reform put forward by the President, it can be stated that the activities of the state and society for the military-patriotic education of young people in the conditions of independence are an urgent need and require further development and improvement. Undoubtedly, military-patriotic education is closely connected with other areas of education, but the specificity of its goals and objectives makes it an independent direction in the general process of spiritual education.

The goals of military-patriotic education are specified in the tasks set, which depend on a number of internal and external factors.

Among the scientific and methodological principles of spiritual education, one can indicate the sequence, systematicity, coordination of actions, the place and role of each of the interested organizations and departments.

The process of personality formation does not require a "battle slogan", but long-term hard and disciplined work on a massive scale. It covers all age and social categories of youth and therefore can

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be reduced only to the main task - its preparation for service in the Armed Forces of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Acquiring military knowledge is a very serious undertaking. This is necessary for knowing the ABC of military affairs. Here, not only the mastery of weapons, a military-technical specialty, but also familiarization with the charters, following the military order and the regime of the military unit is carried out. Military technical training also contributes to the formation of such a moral quality as a sense of responsibility, helps to understand the meaning and assimilate the basic requirements of military discipline as a necessary condition in the performance of a combat mission.

Physical training is directly related to military-applied sports. The names of military athletes of Uzbekistan are well known in the world, they glorified our Motherland at international sports competitions. This is an important reserve of moral and psychological training in the system of military-patriotic education.

It should be concluded that in modern conditions the ABC of military affairs is very complex. Technological progress in the field of armaments makes high demands on the military-technical training of young people. To make every young man strong, dexterous, courageous, healthy, ready at any moment to stand up for his Motherland - this is precisely the spiritual meaning and essence of military-patriotic education.

In conclusion, we can say that it is necessary to organize a purposeful formative pedagogical process to expand the patriotic knowledge of students, intensify their patriotic activities, develop and improve their patriotic qualities, which will significantly increase the level of patriotism of each student.

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