

THE NEW CONSTITUTION OF UZBEKISTAN IS A PEOPLE'S CONSTITUTION

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Abstract: This article provides a scientific analysis of the essence of the newly revised Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, its significance as a “People’s Constitution,” and its role in societal development. The study examines the factors that led to the renewal of the Constitution, the key changes introduced, and the emphasis placed on human rights and social protection. Furthermore, the role of the new Constitution in building a democratic society is highlighted.

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Introduction

The development and stability of any state are closely linked to its fundamental law—the Constitution. The Constitution serves as a key document regulating the political, legal, and social life of society.

In recent years, as a result of large-scale reforms carried out in Uzbekistan, a new version of the Constitution has been adopted. This Constitution is particularly significant because it was formed directly through public discussion. Therefore, it is recognized as a “People’s Constitution.”

The purpose of this study is to identify and scientifically analyze the distinctive features of the new Constitution and its role in reflecting the interests of the people.

Research objectives:

To study the process of creating the new Constitution

To analyze its main innovations and changes

To evaluate issues related to human rights and social protection

To determine the importance of the Constitution in the development of a democratic society

Methods

The following methods were used in the research:

Legal analysis method — to study constitutional provisions

Comparative method — to compare with the previous version

Systemic approach — to analyze the Constitution as a holistic system

Analytical approach — to evaluate the outcomes of reforms

In addition, analyses were conducted based on normative legal documents, official sources, and scientific literature.

Results

1. The process of creating the new Constitution

The new version of the Constitution was developed with broad public participation. Citizens submitted proposals and comments, which demonstrates that it is truly a people’s document.

2. The essence of the concept of a “People’s Constitution”

The concept of a “People’s Constitution” means that the document is created based on the interests of the people, where the rights and freedoms of citizens are given priority.

It should be emphasized that this version of the Constitution was not prepared solely by experts behind closed doors. Instead, public opinion and proposals were studied in two stages before the draft was finalized. Previously, constitutional drafts were first developed and only then presented for public discussion.

At the first stage, citizens submitted more than 60,000 proposals to shape the draft Constitution, and approximately one in every four proposals was incorporated into the draft;

At the second stage, the draft Constitution was submitted for nationwide discussion. Around 5 million citizens reviewed the draft through mass media and the Internet, and more than 150,000 proposals and comments were received.

In his speech at a meeting with members of the Constitutional Commission, President Sh. Mirziyoyev emphasized:

“Our main goal is to elevate this document to such a level that every citizen can proudly say: this is my Constitution.”

In addition, nearly 10,000 more proposals were received during discussions held with labor collectives, higher education institutions, local community representatives (mahallas), and intellectuals. At the same time, international legal documents and the experience of more than 190 countries were studied, and the draft underwent six types of expert evaluation.

All these factors indicate that the updated Constitution reflects the interests of all segments of society, that the entire society has united around the idea of building a New Uzbekistan, and that the Basic Law is truly becoming a People’s Constitution.

3. Main innovations and changes

The new Constitution introduces several important changes:

Expansion of human rights and freedoms

Strengthening of the principle of a social state

Increased accountability of state bodies

Greater attention to education, healthcare, and social protection

4. Human rights and social protection

In the new Constitution, human dignity is recognized as the highest value. Protecting the rights and freedoms of every citizen is defined as one of the primary responsibilities of the state.

5. Role in building a democratic society

The Constitution plays an important role in strengthening democratic values, developing civil society, and ensuring transparency in public administration.

Discussion

The results of the study show that the new Constitution has initiated a new stage of democratic reforms in Uzbekistan. Its recognition as a “People’s Constitution” reflects the increased participation of citizens in governance.

However, some challenges may still exist:

Full implementation of constitutional norms in practice

The need to improve legal awareness among the population

The necessity to further develop legal culture

Therefore, the following measures are important:

Strengthening legal education

Effective implementation of constitutional norms in practice

Increasing civic engagement

Conclusion

In conclusion, the new Constitution of Uzbekistan is truly a “People’s Constitution,” where human interests are given priority. This document serves as an important legal foundation for building a democratic society, ensuring social justice, and achieving sustainable development.

In the future, full implementation of the Constitution’s provisions will make it possible to reach a new stage of societal development.

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