

## The Role of Legal Consciousness in Ensuring the Effective Participation of Citizens in the Process of Norm-Making

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### Abstract

Article is about the role of legal consciousness in ensuring the effective participation of citizens in the process of norm-making.

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The fact that legal awareness and legal culture are in the main positions in determining the effectiveness of the reforms carried out even in today's development period based on the development of computer technologies and innovations indicates that the study and research of these issues and the discovery of new aspects of them will never lose their relevance. After all, citizens' systematic knowledge of law, high legal awareness and culture help them to actively react to the changes taking place in the life of the state and society, to contribute to the development of the state by expressing their independent opinions.

When it comes to the importance of legal consciousness and legal culture, it is possible to highlight the participation of citizens in the process of norm creation, who are increasingly practicing today. It's no secret that special electronic platforms are being introduced all over the world, where the most important normative legal acts related to the life of the state and society are being discussed, and various issues are being resolved through referendums. One of the main factors determining the active and at the same time effective participation of citizens in such an important political and legal process is undoubtedly the legal consciousness and legal culture of society.

Legal consciousness usually refers to the legal outlook and mentality of ordinary people, citizens and members of society. However, the first chapter of the "Concept of Improving Legal Culture in Society" focuses on the issues of improving the legal culture of the population in the interaction between the individual, the state and society, and the tasks of improving the legal culture of the employees of state bodies and organizations along with the population were defined as a separate direction[1].

It should be noted that the new system of communication with the people has fundamentally changed the interaction of state agencies and officials with society and citizens, and increased their

responsibility and accountability. Now the leaders pay special attention to the living conditions and wishes of the population when making decisions[2].

Since the issue of citizens' participation in the process of creating norms is directly based on the cooperation between society and the state, citizens and state bodies should understand each other, respect the rights of the parties while responsibly approaching the mutually determined obligations.

This year, in the national discussion of the draft Constitutional Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Amendments and Additions to the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan", which was widely discussed by our people and many suggestions and recommendations were made, we saw and witnessed the increase in the legal consciousness and culture of the citizens along with the activity. Our opinion is confirmed by the fact that the number of proposals received for the project has exceeded 150,000. Шу билан бирга, келиб тушган таклифларнинг 16234 таси ёки умумий билдирилган таклифларнинг 10 фоиздан ортиқроғи лойиҳага тегишли эмас деб топилганлигини ҳам қайд этиш ўринли[3].

These numbers indicate that in raising the legal consciousness and legal culture of citizens, it is an opportunity to pay attention not only to the relations encountered on a daily basis, but also to the creation of norms, its stages and specific features.

If we look at the advanced foreign experience in this regard, we can see that a number of achievements have been achieved. In particular, in the United States of America, the How Our Laws Are Made guidelines have been issued since 1953 and are constantly updated[4].

This guide contains information on important concepts such as sources and forms of legislation, draft legislation, joint resolution, public hearings, and draft plans.

As long as the participation of citizens in the process of norm-making acquires a dual character, raising the legal consciousness and legal culture of citizens and officials of state bodies should be directed to the following aspects:

in order to prevent the process of preparation and adoption of draft normative legal documents from requiring a lot of time, additional personnel and material and technical resources, citizens should have systematic and complete information about the activity of creating norms;

among the officials of competent state bodies, first of all, healthy views should be formed that the participation of citizens in the process of creating norms serves as a guarantee of the adoption of quality legislative documents;

on the other hand, authorized entities should be responsible in the activity of norm creation and respect the rights of citizens;

citizens should pay attention to the fact that the proposals and recommendations are reasonable and appropriate, and useful not only for personal, but also for the interests of society and the state when expressing their opinions on draft normative legal documents;

In order for the competent state bodies to effectively participate in the activity of norm creation, they should set in front of them the creation of convenience for citizens as one of the priority tasks.

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