



## THE ROLE OF SPIRITUALITY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIETY

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### Abstract

This article scientifically and theoretically analyzes the strategic importance of the spirituality factor within the framework of the "New Uzbekistan" development concept. The study reveals the role of spirituality in the stability of society, the development of human capital, and the education of youth. It also substantiates the priority of spiritual and educational directions in state policy.

**Keywords:** New Uzbekistan, spirituality, development, national values, human capital, youth policy.

### Introduction

In the conditions of modern development, the role of spiritual factors, along with economic factors, in ensuring the development of the state and society is increasing. Especially in an era of intensified globalization processes, preserving national identity and ensuring the spiritual well-being of citizens has become an urgent issue. The "New Uzbekistan" development model is distinguished by its focus on glorifying human dignity, building a just society, and enhancing the spiritual potential of citizens. Therefore, this article aims to scientifically illuminate the strategic importance of the spiritual factor. Spirituality forms the moral and spiritual basis of society, determines the social activity, responsibility, and civic position of citizens. Scientific research shows that in spiritually mature societies, social stability and the effectiveness of reforms are higher. In the conditions of the "New Uzbekistan", spirituality is considered an important component of state policy and serves as a unifying force in society. In modern scientific approaches, spirituality is considered not only a moral and spiritual phenomenon, but also an important component of social capital. Values such as social trust, a culture of cooperation, responsibility and respect for the rule of law directly affect economic efficiency. Spirituality in the conditions of "New Uzbekistan":

- ✓ It is a factor that strengthens social trust,
- ✓ a tool that strengthens dialogue between the state and society,
- ✓ a spiritual foundation that serves to support reforms.

According to the theory of human capital, along with education, skills and health, spiritual qualities are also an important component of human capital. Honesty, discipline, responsibility and initiative increase the efficiency of economic activity. In the development strategy of "New Uzbekistan":





- ✓ Improving the quality of education,
- ✓ strengthening the educational component,
- ✓ an approach focused on personal development are identified as the main areas of human capital development.

From the perspective of institutional economics, the effectiveness of formal institutions (laws, norms) is directly related to informal institutions - that is, spiritual norms and values. The rapid development of the digital economy and information technologies has brought the issue of spirituality to a new level. In the context of information attacks, false values, and the pressure of mass culture, the concept of spiritual immunity is gaining particular importance. The scientific novelty of this article is as follows:

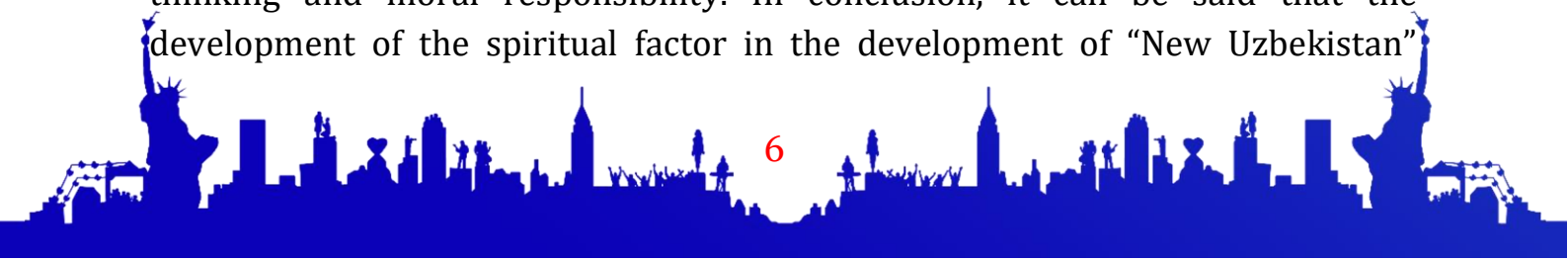
- ✓ justification of spirituality as a strategic resource in the development of "New Uzbekistan";
- ✓ disclosure of the systemic connection between spirituality, human capital and institutional development;
- ✓ proposal of a system of indicators for assessing spiritual development.

### **Conclusion**

Within the framework of the "New Uzbekistan" concept, spirituality is manifested as a unifying force in society, a strategic resource that ensures social stability and strengthens the social support of reforms. The spiritual environment formed on the basis of the harmony of national and universal values increases the responsibility of citizens to the state and society, strengthens social trust and serves the advancement of legal culture.

The conceptual model developed in the study revealed the inextricable link between spirituality, human capital and institutional efficiency. Based on this model, it can be noted that by educating spiritually mature individuals, it is possible to increase the quality of education, labor productivity, management efficiency and innovative activity. This will ensure that the development of "New Uzbekistan" will take on a sustainable and long-term character.

Also, the issue of forming spiritual immunity in the conditions of digital transformation and globalization is gaining particular relevance. The role of the spiritual education system in countering information attacks, the influence of mass culture and false values is invaluable. From this point of view, it is necessary to continuously implement measures aimed at developing media literacy, critical thinking and moral responsibility. In conclusion, it can be said that the development of the spiritual factor in the development of "New Uzbekistan"





should remain one of the priority areas of state policy. An integrated approach to spiritual development - through the integration of education, culture, youth policy and institutional reforms - will allow for the formation of a just, stable and competitive society. The results of this study will serve as a scientific and practical basis for conducting future empirical research and improving mechanisms for assessing spiritual development

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