



THE CONCEPT OF SOCIAL NORMS IN PREVENTING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

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Abstract

This article examines the concept of social norms used to prevent gender-based oppression and violence in our society. In particular, the issue of preventing gender-based violence by promoting gender equality in social life, increasing education and awareness, improving legislation, helping victims, working with men, and changing social norms will be addressed. The issue of harmonizing the legal norms of this field adopted in the Republic of Uzbekistan with social norms is discussed.

Keywords: Gender, human, violence, gender equality, legislation, legal norm, social norm, human interest, civil society, right, duty, stereotype, discrimination, stigma.

INTRODUCTION

In today's rapidly developing society, the concept of social norms is very important in preventing gender-based violence. Social norms are the widespread and accepted rules, beliefs and expectations that influence people's behavior and way of thinking in society. Gender-based violence can be prevented by changing harmful social norms that directly affect the causes and perpetuation of gender-



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based violence. Of course, in the prevention of gender-based violence, the rule of law is ensured in the Republic of Uzbekistan. Any citizen who has been victimized or whose rights have been violated in society has the right to equal protection before the law, regardless of gender, nationality, language, religious belief, and social origin. But there are such norms in the life of society that these norms are of great importance in social life.

In some places, there is a concept of justifying domestic violence. This social norm can serve to maintain mutual respect and family stability in the family. In this case, he may condone or condone domestic violence. For example, the concept that "a husband should educate his wife" can justify domestic violence. Because such violence serves to prevent some misunderstandings arising in family relations.

MAIN PART

In any society, there is a concept of gender inequality, against which the society is constantly influenced by legal or social norms. In our daily lives, gender-based stereotypes - (pervasive, simplistic and often inaccurate ideas about certain groups of people (gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, age, etc.)) and discrimination - (treating people unfairly based on their membership in a certain group (gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, age, etc.)) lead to the limitation of women's role in society and the supremacy of men. It leads to promotion and it creates convenience for violence.

There is a concept of silence in social life or in the daily life of people. This is due to the fact that victims of sexual violence are often afraid to talk about their experiences for fear of stigma - (isolating people, discrimination and preventing them from free access to equal opportunities) and blame. Such a situation in a person leads to the hidden continuation of existing violence. Later, we often see tragic situations in our daily life as a result of such violence. Therefore, it is not possible to justify any kind of silence in our social life.

As society develops, social norms in human life also change. Adoption of new laws, amendments to existing laws, rapid changes in a person's life (being aware of the law, becoming familiar with one's rights and obligations, getting an education, starting a family, entering into labor activity, becoming an initiative,



getting acquainted with new information, etc.) lead to a change in social norms in the life of mankind or society in some sense.

One of the tasks that must be carried out to ensure gender equality in our society, including in Uzbekistan, is to form a high level of legal consciousness and legal culture of citizens through the development of education, to inform the society about the sad consequences of violence carried out by people and the healthy mutual relations of people in the family and society. Today, the need to eliminate negative stereotypes in people's lives is growing. People are choosing new principles of social life. For this, promotion of positive gender relations among citizens is the main requirement of today.

We all know that the fight against gender-based violence is an important task in our lives. It is appropriate to invite only whom and what category of specialists to fight against violence. It is desirable to find ways to solve existing problems by involving the leaders in the management of society (lawyers, teachers, representatives of public associations, experts of self-governing bodies, religious scholars) in the fight against violence. It is necessary to raise the issue of involving active men and boys in the fight against violence in order to change themselves.

DISCUSSION

Mass media play a leading role in the fight against gender-based violence in people's lives. That is, through mass media, the negative consequences of the fight against violence and the tools used in the fight against it are quickly and accurately conveyed to the population. Any information provided by mass media can make a big difference in the life of a victim of violence. Victims or perpetrators of violence also change their attitudes towards society. They understand the supremacy of the law and the inevitability of punishment. In any society, the factors that strengthen gender stereotypes will increase if the existing laws are not a priority. In addition, it is important to create programs that promote gender equality in society.

It is necessary to strengthen the state initiative in the fight against gender-based violence, to review the creation and implementation of laws that ensure gender equality and condemn any violence. Raising the legislative initiative and the



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culture of respect for the law among citizens has a special place. We have a simple understanding. In other words, punishment must always be inevitable for committed violence, crime, violation. Therefore, it will be necessary to review the mechanisms of protecting victims and bringing perpetrators of violence to justice in a new way.

Support of local and public initiatives by the state is one of the issues that must be resolved. It will be necessary to strengthen the solution to the need to provide financial and technical support from the state to local organizations fighting against violence. It is also necessary to solve the issue of strengthening the support of local initiatives aimed at the implementation of positive changes among the public.

It would be appropriate to collect and monitor all information on gender-based violence and the fight against it at the level of the republic. It is necessary to consider the issue of determining the order of future social life based on the collection and analysis of information about social norms and trends of violence.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we can say that changing social norms is a long-term and complex process. But the points mentioned above are a necessary condition for preventing gender-based violence. All members of society can work together to create a social environment that does not tolerate violence and supports gender equality. For this, all social strata of our society should work together towards one goal, that is, to ensure a high level of gender equality in the Republic of Uzbekistan.

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