



FAMILY – A SACRED VALUE

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Abstract: *This article analyzes the role and significance of the family in the formation of the idea of national independence. The author describes the family as the most important unit of society and the foundation of spiritual education, highlighting the role of national values, ancestral heritage, and parental responsibility in raising a harmoniously developed generation. It also argues that in the context of globalization, protecting the family environment from spiritual threats and instilling a sense of national pride and patriotism are key factors for the progress of the state and society. The article includes quotes from Islam Karimov and Shavkat Mirziyoyev on family and spirituality, as well as Alisher Navoi's philosophical views on humanity.*

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Main Body

The idea of national independence is based on the centuries-old values, national traditions, and spiritual heritage of the people. It shapes a sense of love for the Motherland, loyalty to the nation, and responsibility for the peace of the country and the welfare of the people in the human heart. If we look at the history of human development, we see that the strength, spiritual growth, and future of every nation are primarily connected with the family; therefore, the initial foundation of these ideas is laid within the family.

In the Uzbek people, respect and attention to the family are closely linked with national values formed over the centuries. Qualities such as respect for parents, honoring elders, and showing kindness to the younger generation are instilled in every person's heart through the family. This is why the concept of "Family is a sacred fortress" has long held a firm place in the minds of our people. "Family is the smallest but most important unit of society. Therefore, a spiritually mature, patriotic, and highly moral generation is brought up precisely in a healthy and harmonious family environment." [1]

The Uzbek people have honored the family since ancient times. Respect for elders, reverence for the young, and maintaining strong kinship ties are inseparable parts of our national education. Particularly, the respect for the mother is highly valued in our people's spirituality. For the mother is the source of love in the family and the main pillar of child upbringing. Stability and happiness prevail in a household where the father's responsibility, the mother's love, and the child's manners are united. The worldview, ethics, kindness, and attitude of a child toward others are primarily formed through parental upbringing in such a family. "As long as there is life in this bright world, there is family. As long as there is



family, there is the priceless blessing called a child. As long as there is a child, humanity always lives with noble dreams and aspirations." [2]

It is important for us to provide children not only with material support but also to instill spiritual education, national pride, and human values.

If qualities such as sincere conversations in the family circle, respect for national customs, a reading environment, and industriousness are established in the family, society will also become spiritually enriched. Conversely, indifference in the family environment and shortcomings in upbringing can negatively affect the future of society.

In today's era of globalization, various alien ideas and spiritual threats can negatively affect the minds of young people. In such a situation, a family that is loyal to national values and spiritually strong serves as a true support for society. If mutual respect, love, and education prevail in the family, the child will grow up to be conscious, strong-willed, and loyal to their country.

"Today, great attention is being paid in our country to strengthening the institution of the family, supporting women, and raising young people in a healthy environment.

Because a strong society can only be built through spiritually mature families.

If the family is peaceful, the neighborhood is peaceful; if the neighborhood is peaceful, the country is peaceful." [3]

"The greatest happiness is the peace of our family! Family is a small motherland; if the family is peaceful and happy, the motherland will be peaceful.

May we all be blessed to see those happy days, the perfection of our country and our youth, just as we intend now!" [4]

The great thinker Alisher Navoi said about the importance of the family:

"If you are human, do not call yourself human,

Unless you share the grief of the people." [5]

This thought, mentioned in the work *Khamsa*, signifies that a person is primarily responsible to society and the family.

In conclusion, the idea of national independence and the sanctity of the family are concepts closely intertwined.

Attention to the family means attention to the future of the nation. If every person understands the sanctity of the family and cherishes it, our national values will rise further, and the development of our country will have a solid foundation.

Indeed, a spiritually strong family is the most important basis for a strong state and a great future.

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