

Tolerance as a Condition For Achieving Stability in International Relations

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Annotation: In the article, the author emphasizes the need for national cultural centers as a social institution to further consolidate the principles of interethnic harmony, mutual goodwill and interfaith tolerance in the context of historicity, and to preserve the ancient traditions of our multinational people and to educate young people in the spirit of tolerance other sources. The Uighur Cultural Center analyzes the need for further development of their activities.

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Introduction: It is known that there are more than five thousand nations and peoples on Earth. The integration processes currently taking place on a global scale highlight the relevance of preserving ethnic characteristics and researching national-ethnic traditions. The "Declaration of the Principles of Tolerance" was adopted at the 28th session of the UNESCO General Conference on issues of stability in national relations, emphasizing that tolerance is a present-day obligation for humanity.

The acceleration of the globalization process makes it an urgent task to scientifically study local cultures, especially those typical of diasporas living in various regions of the world. Special attention is paid to issues of interethnic relations, national and religious values, and tolerance by the High Commissioner for Minorities of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the European Analysis Center, and many other international scientific research centers. Additionally, in recent years, the support of the idea of multiculturalism in countries such as Great Britain, Germany, Canada, and Switzerland has gained practical importance.

Analysis and Results: This article employs well-recognized scholarly methods such as historicity, comparative-logical analysis, sequencing, and objectivity to examine ethnic and migration processes, inter-ethnic relations, and demographic trends in the context of ongoing globalization and transformations in international and regional relations. There is a pressing need for extensive research to balance these developments effectively.

Uzbekistan has long been a model of peaceful coexistence among representatives of different nationalities, cultures, and religions. The inherent tolerance of our people forms the bedrock of our country's peace, tranquility, and socio-economic development. Indeed, the development and global influence of any nation largely depend on its internal peace and the harmony among the diverse communities within its borders.

Tranquility, peace, and inter-communal solidarity have consistently been pivotal to the development and future prospects of any country. Hence, since gaining independence, Uzbekistan has prioritized preserving the values of its diverse nationalities, ensuring all citizens can freely practice their faith, bolstering inter-national solidarity, and revitalizing age-old shared traditions.

Furthermore, promoting a culture of tolerance and humanity, strengthening inter-national and inter-civilizational solidarity and harmony, and instilling these values in the younger generation through education focused on love and loyalty to the motherland are key priorities of Uzbekistan's state policy [1].

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Deeply ingrained in the ethos of our people, inter-ethnic harmony and religious tolerance have flourished during the years of independence. The legal foundations laid down have become the cornerstone of our national-ethnic policy. This tradition of tolerance is vividly manifested in both our domestic and foreign policies, as well as in our Basic Law.

It is well acknowledged that the ancestors of the nations and peoples who settled in Uzbekistan throughout various historical periods—motivated by distinct economic, political, and social factors—came to regard this land as their sole homeland. Over time, some elements of the values, culture, and traditions of the Uzbek people have been embraced by other nationalities, becoming integrated into their cultural practices and lifestyles.

In Uzbekistan, attention is paid not only to the titular ethnos but also to the diverse characteristics, national heritage, historical values, and traditions of various nationalities and peoples residing in the Republic. A noteworthy initiative is outlined in the "Strategy of Actions on the Five Priority Directions of the Further Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan for 2017-2021"[2]. During the 25th anniversary celebrations of the international cultural center of the Republic, the President highlighted the collaboration with the Academy of Sciences' institutes to organize scientific research aimed at advancing and harmonizing interethnic relations [3]. This endeavor is recognized as another vital task for the nation. The primary aim of both the government and the leader of Uzbekistan is to prevent any national conflicts in the Central Asian region and to continue strengthening inter-ethnic relations. It is widely recognized that inter-ethnic dynamics and religious sentiments significantly influence the global political landscape. This underscores the importance of maintaining stability in the state's domestic and foreign policies, which largely depends on the adept handling of national relations.

In pursuit of these objectives, significant efforts are being made to reinforce the principles of a healthy lifestyle, inter-ethnic harmony, mutual kindness, and inter-religious tolerance within society. A key focus is to preserve and pass down the ancient traditions of our multi-ethnic nation to future generations, and to instill deep feelings of love for the motherland and loyalty to independence in the hearts and minds of the youth. The activities coordinated and developed by national-cultural centers are proving fruitful in achieving these goals. The core missions of national-cultural centers in Uzbekistan include restoring the language, rich culture, and traditions of each nation, fostering connections with their historical homelands, and facilitating the expression of national sentiments, all while solidifying recognition of independent Uzbekistan as their true homeland. These centers are dedicated to enhancing understanding and loyalty, and promoting the ideals of inter-ethnic harmony and cooperation within the Motherland.

A significant milestone in these efforts was marked on May 19, 2017, with the adoption of the Presidential Decree "On measures to further improve international relations and friendly relations with foreign countries." This decree aims to ensure the harmony and stability of citizens and foster peace among different nationalities, reinforcing the notion of a single multinational family. It also supports the comprehensive development and expansion of the activities of national cultural centers and friendship societies, and enhances cultural and educational relations with foreign nations. In alignment with these goals, the Committee on International Relations and Friendly Relations with Foreign Countries was established under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan[12]. The committee has been entrusted with the critical task of fostering inter-ethnic harmony and tolerance within society, widely promoting a peace-loving policy, and showcasing the achievements and successes in all spheres of the country's life. It is also tasked with the consistent implementation of state policies aimed at strengthening friendships with the international community, including the Uzbek diaspora abroad.

Special attention is directed towards educating the youth in the spirit of tolerance, respect for both national and universal values, and the preservation of history, culture, national traditions, and customs. These efforts are pivotal in cultivating a morally sound generation that is ideologically resistant to the influences of separatism and extremism, remains loyal to the ideals of independence, and actively protects and promotes the national interests of Uzbekistan.



Conclusion and Recommendations: In conclusion, the solidarity among different ethnic groups, the preservation of stability, and the promotion of international unity have created a robust foundation for implementing fundamental reforms across all aspects of life in Uzbekistan. The impact of these reforms on the populace is evident through the dynamic, creative endeavors undertaken in every region of the country. The positive influence of these values and the high spiritual qualities inherent in our people significantly enhance the lives of our multi-ethnic citizens. This enhancement is visible in their lifestyles, behaviors, and outlooks, which are crucial for maintaining our homeland's peace, ensuring the well-being of our citizens, and securing the stability of our developmental trajectory.

Indeed, regardless of nationality, religion, race, or social origin, the unified belief in the future and the satisfaction with their current life and destiny bind all our compatriots to our national vision. Together, we affirm "Uzbekistan - our common home," embodying self-sacrifice in the pursuit of building a great future for our cherished homeland and further solidifying its independence. The labor activities and achievements across various sectors reflect a profound understanding and commitment to the ideals of "The Motherland belongs to all of us," "Our strength is in unity and solidarity," "One goal, one idea, one Motherland," and "One Motherland - One Motherland."

To advance these objectives, it is recommended to develop a comprehensive system that ensures international and inter-confessional harmony, peace, and stability. This system should facilitate the expansion of opportunities for national cultural centers, support their initiatives, and elevate the quality of their activities. Enhancing friendship and cultural-educational cooperation with foreign countries will also take our policy on the further development of international relations to new heights. Over the years, substantial practical experience has been accumulated and effective measures have been implemented in managing inter-ethnic relations, setting a precedent for future endeavors.

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