
THE ROLE OF EDUCATED WOMEN IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF FAMILY AND SOCIETY

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Abstract

This article discusses the role of educated women in the development of society, the reforms being implemented in Uzbekistan, the conditions being created for women, and the features of education at the master's level in higher education institutions.

Keywords

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About 150 years ago, our Jadid ancestor Mahmudkhoja Behbudi said: "In developed nations, mothers are educated; therefore, we must first educate our mothers and teach them languages, because our lack of knowledge and language comes from them." Today, this idea has proven itself. If we look at the lives of prominent representatives of our nation, we can see that they were raised and educated by knowledgeable mothers. For example, Muqimiy learned from his mother Oyshabibi, Munavvarqori from his mother Khosiyatkhon, Fitrat from his mother Bibijon, and Ishoqxon Ibrat from his mother Hurbibi.

The great educator Abdulla Avloni answered the question "Who provides upbringing and where does it take place?" by saying: "First – family upbringing. This is the duty of the mother." He also emphasized: "Girls should strive for knowledge more than anyone else, because with this knowledge they will raise future generations."

So, why are we today paying special attention to strengthening the role and status of women in our society and ensuring they are educated? Because much depends on women in the development of society. As mothers, women teach children knowledge, morality, and devotion to the homeland, and contribute to shaping their future.

As Abdulla Avloni wrote: “There is one science that calls people to goodness and prevents evil – this is morality. Morality is a set of behaviors... Each behavior reflects either virtue and nobility or vice and pessimism. These do not arise on their own; they are formed through upbringing. Therefore, everything depends on education. Upbringing is a matter of life or death, salvation or destruction, loyalty or catastrophe.”

The 18th-century Turkmen poet Makhtumkuli Firogi also emphasized that a person must always strive to be among educated people:

Yaxshilar yonida yurgil sen o‘zing
Dur bo‘lsin doimo so‘zlagan so‘zing,
Olimga yondashsang ochilar ko‘zing
Johilga yondashsang, ko‘rdek bo‘larsan.

When speaking about well-known scientists, we often mention men. But what about women? Although women may have contributed less compared to men, their role in science is still significant. Fortunately, times have changed, and today women’s contributions are increasingly recognized and valued equally.

Islam encourages both men and women to seek knowledge. The verse from the Qur’an, “My Lord, increase me in knowledge” (Surah Taha, 114), applies equally to women. The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) also emphasized that seeking knowledge is an obligation for every Muslim man and woman.

Looking at our history, we can mention women such as Nodira, Uvaysiy, Anbar otin, and Bibikhonim, who were highly educated in both religious and secular sciences. Traditionally, more attention was given to educating boys, while girls were mainly taught household work. However, it is essential that girls also receive higher education and become knowledgeable.

Ensuring equality between men and women in all spheres, respecting and protecting women’s rights and interests is one of the key priorities of the state.

Today, under the leadership of the President of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, decisive steps are being taken to build the foundation of the Third Renaissance. The reforms implemented in our country are aimed at improving women’s lives. A new Renaissance depends on the development of science and the strengthening of national spirituality. Therefore, all conditions are being created for women to receive education and engage in science.

As Confucius said: “If you plan for one year, plant wheat; for ten years, plant trees; if you plan for centuries, educate people.” Knowledge and science play a crucial role in determining the future of humanity.

President Shavkat Mirziyoyev's words, "If we educate one girl, we educate an entire family," are deeply meaningful. An educated woman creates a foundation for a knowledgeable family. Supporting women in gaining education and skills is an investment in the future. An educated woman's worldview, thinking, and spirituality differ significantly. Moreover, children's upbringing largely depends on the mother.

Today, the opportunities created for women, the attention and support at the state level, are unprecedented in our country's history. This inspires gratitude and motivates people to achieve high results in all areas.

Another important aspect is reforms in obtaining academic degrees. The number of young people pursuing higher education has increased significantly, and the number of young scientists has doubled. This shows the effectiveness of investment in human capital.

The famous literary scholar Ozod Sharafiddinov once said: "If a person is not paid according to their work, they will work according to their pay." Today, scientists, including women, are being fairly rewarded. The number of women pursuing PhD and DSc degrees is increasing.

To those who believe women should only stay at home, it must be emphasized that Islam equally encourages both men and women to seek knowledge. The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: "Seeking knowledge is obligatory for every Muslim man and woman."

In today's world of transformation, Uzbekistan needs educated women who can think in line with reforms. It is especially important to increase women's political awareness and their participation in decision-making, domestic and foreign policy, culture, ecology, and diplomacy.

Conclusion. An active, wise, and educated woman benefits not only her family but society as a whole. If a girl receives proper education and skills from childhood, it contributes to the development of society. Without scientific progress, innovative development is impossible - this is a well-known truth.

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