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# **Priorities for Raising Young People in the Spirit of Military Patriotism**

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#### **ABSTRACT:**

In this article, thoughts and reflections are made on the priorities of educating young people in the spirit of military patriotism. The Republic of Uzbekistan takes on the duties of ensuring the safety, peace and stability of citizens while pursuing a peace policy. Under the Charter of the United Nations, the defense is exercising a right that no one can invoke, at the level of mental sufficiency, the state is providing military and defensive power.

**Keywords:** youth, military patriotism, mental education, priorities, military education up to the call, development, physical education, national idea.

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### 1. Introduction

Training young people to serve in the Armed Forces of the Republic of Uzbekistan is a statelevel task. In order to solve this task, primary training before the call-up, including civil defense training, is a compulsory subject in the curriculum, in general educational institutions, and secondary specialized and secondary professional-vocational education. It is stipulated in Article 13 of the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On General Military Obligation and Military Service" that it should be carried out by teachers of primary training in institutions before the draft on the eve of the graduation year. Taking into account the importance of this issue, the direction of "Military education" in universities of higher education, that is, "Military education", which is considered one of the main subjects in the training of future teachers of "Primary training before conscription" the subject of "patriotic education" was introduced.

Young people are the future of our country and nation. As we entrust the fate of our country to them, first of all they should fully understand the complex and responsible task assigned to them, and contribute to it. After all, love for the Motherland and love for it are directly determined by the creative work that everyone does for the development of this country.

In the development of national identity awareness, education of deep-thinking young people imbued with national patriotic ideas is of great importance. Therefore, each of our young people who are preparing for the defense of the Motherland must be educated in the spirit of high patriotism. Patriotism is a high human virtue. Patriotism is one of the brightest aspects of perfection. That's why in Hadith Sharif it is called "to love the country is from faith".

However, it is permissible to emphasize that today's generations of the people who made a great contribution to world civilization in the past, their heritage is recognized by the peoples of the world, because such feelings in them are national pride and spiritual leads to perfection, strengthens the desire to realize national identity.

Military patriotism training will give good results only if it is carried out in a way that is integrally connected with physical training. Therefore, it is impossible to imagine the education of military patriotism without physical education. The role of physical education and sports games is extremely important in the development of the qualities characteristic of the Defender of the Fatherland, such as resistance to cold and heat, resistance to diseases, overcoming difficulties, willpower, perseverance, ability to move quickly and quickly in students, youth and teachers.

### 2. Literature Analysis and Methods

The concept of military patriotism has long been a topic of discussion, invoking a sense of duty, loyalty, and love for one's country. As societies evolve, instilling these values in young people has become a matter of interest. Educating the youth in the spirit of military patriotism is a sensitive subject that warrants a balanced approach, considering both its potential benefits and potential pitfalls.

Military patriotism is rooted in the idea that citizens should have a deep respect and allegiance to their nation, fostering a willingness to defend and protect it. This sentiment has played a significant role in history, motivating individuals to make sacrifices for the greater good. Educating young people about military patriotism involves teaching them the importance of national identity, unity, and the value of serving one's country. Fostering Civic Responsibility: Teaching young people about military patriotism encourages them to actively participate in civic duties. It instills a sense of responsibility to contribute positively to their society and work towards its betterment.

Building Character and Discipline: Military values such as discipline, integrity, and commitment can be taught through patriotic education. These values are not only crucial for military service but also for personal growth and success in various walks of life.

Preserving National Heritage: An understanding of military history and the sacrifices made by past generations can help preserve the national heritage. This knowledge helps young people appreciate the struggles and triumphs that have shaped their country. Promoting Unity and Solidarity: Military patriotism can bring diverse communities together under a common cause. It promotes a sense of unity and solidarity, transcending differences for the collective good.

Inspiring Future Leaders: By instilling military values and patriotism, we prepare the next generation of leaders who are committed to upholding the principles of justice, liberty, and equality. While there are clear benefits to educating young people in the spirit of military patriotism, it is important to strike a balance with critical thinking and openness. Blind obedience and jingoism should be avoided. Education should encourage students to question, analyze, and understand the complexities of history and politics.

Avoiding Nationalism: There's a fine line between patriotism and nationalism. Education should focus on love for one's country without promoting superiority over others. Respecting Individual Choices: While instilling patriotic values is important, individuals should be allowed to make their own choices regarding military service. Addressing Controversies: History is often complex, and not all military actions are universally seen as just. Education should provide a balanced view of history, acknowledging both achievements and shortcomings. Diverse Perspectives: Education should be inclusive, considering the perspectives of all citizens, regardless of their background or beliefs.

Educating young people in the spirit of military patriotism can be a valuable endeavor, fostering a sense of responsibility, unity, and commitment to a nation's well-being. However, it's essential to strike a balance between instilling values and promoting critical thinking. By nurturing a generation that appreciates their country's history while engaging in thoughtful discourse, we can create a society that embodies the best aspects of military patriotism without losing sight of individual freedoms and global cooperation.

Educating the youth of Mergan in the spirit of military patriotism, regardless of the nationality, language, profession and professional background of the growing young generation, to form the loyalty to the Motherland, to educate them as individuals capable of fulfilling their civic duties and constitutional obligations, protecting the interests of our society and the state. refers to the multi-level, systematic, targeted and coordinated activities of state bodies, public associations and organizations. The activities of educational institutions play a key role in educating young people in the spirit of military patriotism. The main time of young people is focused on education in an educational institution, which is provided in preschool education, general secondary schools, secondary special, vocational education and higher education institutions.

A number of activities are being carried out in our country to educate young people in the military-patriotic spirit. The reason is that educating young people in the spirit of military patriotism is one of the priorities of state policy. In the present complex globalization period, in the conditions of rapid development of information and communication technologies, urgent tasks related to educating young people in the military-patriotic spirit and ways to solve them, state and non-state non-profit organizations, family, neighborhood, educational institutions determines its role and importance, mutual cooperation, taking into account national and international legal norms.

According to the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 140 of February 23, 2018, the "Concept of educating young people in the spirit of military patriotism" was developed. Chapter 2 of this concept clearly defines the purpose and main tasks of educating young people in the spirit of military patriotism.

The goal of educating young people in the spirit of military patriotism is to make them active in various branches of society, especially in the types of public service related to the military sphere, to be loyal to the Constitution and military duty in peacetime and military conditions, and the fate of their country and people. is to form important features such as high responsibility and accountability. The following are the main tasks of educating young people in the military-patriotic spirit:

- Educating young people in the spirit of national ideals and loyalty to the Motherland, instilling in their hearts and minds that the protection of the Motherland is an honorable and sacred duty;
- To be proud of our ancient history and culture, our national heroes who selflessly fought for the independence and prosperity of our beloved Motherland, to form a sense of being worthy of them, to strengthen confidence in the power and potential of our national army;
- To strengthen the understanding that military service is a sacred duty for every citizen of Uzbekistan, as well as theoretical and practical skills in this regard, that our national army needs physically strong and intellectually mature young people;
- To form in young people the skills of approaching the political and social processes taking place around us and in the world based on our national interests, ideological immunity against various internal and external threats;
- Educating young people who have the skills to make quick and independent decisions in any complex situations, to effectively use modern military equipment;
- To be ready to protect the interests of Uzbekistan not only in the military sphere, but also in all aspects of life, to be selfless for the country is the demand of today to inculcate in the minds of young people through real examples and effective means.

## 3. Results

Based on the tasks defined in the "Concept of educating young people in the spirit of military patriotism", we think it is appropriate to implement the following tasks for educating students of higher educational institutions in the spirit of military patriotism:

- Firstly, in order to promote the content and essence of the reforms implemented in the field of the Armed Forces in our country and to further strengthen the respect and attention to the military profession among students, in "spiritual hours" topics related to the Armed Forces of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the military profession and the life of the military systematic organization of training;
- Secondly, on the occasion of January 14 "Defenders of the Fatherland Day", military servicemen and veterans of the Armed Forces with rich life experience, military servicemen and war veterans who won in various competitions and contests in the fields of science, culture and sports, with the participation of other participants in hostilities, planned meetings with student youth, round interviews, organization of various vectors, organizing military sports competitions between military personnel and student youth serving on a fixed-term and contract basis, essay contests on topics related to the military field, etc. organization of spiritual and educational events;
- Thirdly, on the occasion of the "Day of Remembrance and Appreciation" on May 9, the importance of courage, bravery and courage shown by veterans of the Second World War and behind the front labor, military personnel who died in the line of duty during the years of independence, and law enforcement officers organizing cultural-educational and patriotic events for clarification, promotion and promotion among students, organizing visits of students to their places of residence with the participation of leaders in order to welcome people of this category and get information about their status ;.

- Fourthly, to organize clubs related to military sports in educational institutions, including such sports as "Hand-to-hand combat", "Summer biathlon", "Shooting" and to ensure the participation of students and youth;
- Fifth, to establish cooperation relations with the military units of the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Uzbekistan, which are close to the educational institution, to develop and implement a cooperation plan on patriotic education;
- Sixth, to ensure the participation of the military personnel of the Armed Forces in the spiritual and educational activities held in the educational institution and to exchange experience with the military personnel in the organization of spiritual and educational activities.

Educational institutions play an extremely important role in educating young people in the military-patriotic spirit, and educational work is carried out together with education in an educational institution. Education of students of higher educational institutions in the spirit of military patriotism is carried out through spiritual-educational and educational events held in the educational institution, organized in cooperation with military personnel.

Military education plays a significant role in shaping individuals into disciplined, skilled, and responsible citizens. It provides valuable knowledge, training, and experiences that go beyond traditional academic learning. In this article, we will explore the importance of military education, its benefits, and how it prepares individuals for a secure future:

- Developing Character and Discipline: One of the primary goals of military education is to instill discipline and character in individuals. Military training emphasizes punctuality, respect, integrity, and teamwork. Through rigorous physical and mental exercises, individuals learn to overcome challenges, push their limits, and develop a strong work ethic. These qualities are essential not only in military service but also in various aspects of life, including professional careers.
- Building Leadership Skills: Military education places a strong emphasis on developing leadership skills. Individuals in the military are trained to lead and make decisions under pressure. They learn how to effectively communicate, delegate tasks, and motivate their team members. These leadership skills are transferable to any field or profession, enabling individuals to excel in their chosen careers and contribute positively to society.
- Enhancing Physical Fitness and Mental Resilience: Physical fitness and mental resilience are crucial aspects of military education. Military training focuses on physical conditioning, endurance, and mental toughness. Individuals are pushed to their limits, enabling them to develop physical strength, stamina, and the ability to handle stressful situations. This not only prepares them for the demanding nature of military service but also equips them with the resilience and mental fortitude needed to face challenges in their personal and professional lives.
- Promoting Global Awareness and Cultural Sensitivity: Military education often involves exposure to diverse cultures, both domestically and internationally. This exposure promotes global awareness, cultural sensitivity, and an understanding of different perspectives. Individuals learn to work alongside people from various backgrounds, fostering respect, tolerance, and effective communication. Such skills are invaluable in today's interconnected world, where collaboration and understanding are essential for peaceful coexistence.
- Ensuring National Security: Military education plays a vital role in ensuring national security. By equipping individuals with the necessary knowledge, skills, and values, it prepares them to serve their country in times of need. Military education covers a wide range of subjects, including strategy, defense systems, and national security policies. This

knowledge enables individuals to contribute to the defense and protection of their nation, ensuring the safety and well-being of its citizens.

Military education goes beyond traditional academic learning, providing individuals with a unique set of skills, values, and experiences. It develops character, discipline, and leadership skills while enhancing physical fitness and mental resilience. Military education also promotes global awareness, cultural sensitivity, and prepares individuals to contribute to national security. Whether individuals choose to pursue a military career or not, the benefits of military education are far-reaching, equipping them with the tools necessary for a secure and successful future.

### 4. Discussion

Educating the youth in the spirit of military patriotism is a crucial aspect of building a strong and resilient nation. It instills a sense of loyalty, sacrifice, and national pride within the younger generation, preparing them to become responsible citizens and defenders of their country. In this article, we will explore the priorities of educating youth in the spirit of military patriotism, focusing on the benefits it brings to both individuals and society as a whole.

- Developing a Sense of National Identity: One of the key priorities in educating youth in the spirit of military patriotism is fostering a strong sense of national identity. By learning about their country's history, traditions, and values, young people develop a deep connection and attachment to their homeland. They understand the sacrifices made by their ancestors and the importance of preserving their cultural heritage.
- Promoting Civic Responsibility: Educating youth in the spirit of military patriotism also emphasizes the importance of civic responsibility. By instilling a sense of duty towards their nation, young people are encouraged to actively participate in their communities, contribute to the betterment of society, and uphold democratic values. They become aware of their rights and responsibilities as citizens, which is essential for the progress and stability of any nation.
- Fostering Leadership Skills: Military patriotism education plays a vital role in nurturing leadership skills among the youth. Through various activities, such as military training, teamwork exercises, and leadership development programs, young people learn the importance of discipline, perseverance, and effective communication. These skills not only benefit them in their future careers but also enable them to become influential leaders who can contribute to the overall development of their country.
- Cultivating a Spirit of Sacrifice: Sacrifice is a fundamental aspect of military patriotism, and educating youth about this value is crucial. By teaching young people about the sacrifices made by soldiers and the importance of selflessness, they develop a sense of empathy and compassion. They learn to prioritize the collective well-being over personal interests, which is essential for building a united and harmonious society.
- Ensuring National Security: Educating youth in the spirit of military patriotism also serves the purpose of ensuring national security. By raising awareness about the importance of defense and the role of the armed forces, young people are encouraged to take an active interest in national security matters. This helps to create a strong and capable defense force, ensuring the protection and sovereignty of the nation.

Educating youth in the spirit of military patriotism is a vital undertaking that has far-reaching benefits for individuals and society as a whole. By developing a sense of national identity, promoting civic responsibility, fostering leadership skills, cultivating a spirit of sacrifice, and ensuring national security, we are equipping the younger generation with the necessary tools

to become responsible citizens and active contributors to the progress of their country. It is through these priorities that we can build a strong and united nation, rooted in the values of military patriotism.

It is one of the important tasks of pedagogical teams of educational institutions to acquire theoretical and practical knowledge of military patriotic education of students and young people, to prepare them for military service in all directions and to fulfill their duty to protect the development of independent Uzbekistan. The science of "Military patriotism education" helps to successfully solve it. It organizes the organization, content, forms and methods of preparing students to serve in the Armed Forces of the Republic of Uzbekistan from a spiritual, political, psychological and physical point of view.

In the theoretical and practical foundations of military patriotism education, the Constitution of Uzbekistan, the ideas of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan on patriotism and the defense of an independent homeland, laws and decisions of the Oliy Majlis, the Ministry of Higher and Secondary Special Education, the Ministry of Public Education, Orders and instructions of the Ministry of Defense, military pedagogy and psychology, military sciences and other rules and regulations are included.

The main document on the defense of the homeland is reflected in the Law "On Defense" of our country. This Law establishes the legal basis for the organization of defense and the management of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the powers of state bodies in ensuring the defense of the country, as well as the citizens themselves. determines the participation of self-governing bodies, enterprises, institutions, organizations and citizens.

Military patriotism education of young people is a military science that reveals the nature of modern warfare, means and forms of armed combat, legality, conditions of combat operations, and is organized taking into account its rules and conclusions. Military science answers the questions about what spiritual-political, psychological and combat qualities each person should have, what knowledge and skills are necessary for him to successfully fulfill his duty as a defender of the Motherland.

### 5. Conclusion

The scientific bases of military patriotism education, the content, organization, form and methods of practical activities on the spiritual, political and physical preparation of young people for the defense of the Motherland are applied and defined in the principles that define the basic rules and requirements. The principles of military patriotism are objective in nature. They are a reflection of the real situation, real relations and relationships, and are an expression of scientifically based, goal-oriented activities of state and social organizations to prepare the people for the defense of the country.

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