

**DEVELOPMENT OF THE SYSTEM FOR THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN UZBEKISTAN**

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*The article examines the historical, social, and legal aspects of the status of women in the Republic of Uzbekistan. Special attention is paid to the transformation of the role of women from traditional society to the modern stage of development, as well as to the analysis of legislation aimed at ensuring gender equality. The issues of women's participation in political and professional spheres, as well as existing socio-psychological problems, are explored. The conclusion is made that a stable system of legal protection for women is being formed in Uzbekistan.*

**Introduction**

At the present stage of development of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the issues of ensuring human rights and freedoms are of particular importance. In this context, the protection of women's rights is one of the most important directions of state policy, since the level of implementation of these rights directly reflects the degree of democratization of society.

It should be noted that the status of women affects not only the social sphere but also the economic development of the state, as well as the stability of the family institution. In recent

years, Uzbekistan has seen active improvement of legislation aimed at expanding the rights and opportunities of women.

Of particular importance is the (enshrinement) of the principle of equality between men and women in the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan. This principle is further developed in sectoral legislation, including civil and family law, as well as in special regulatory acts.

The purpose of this article is a comprehensive analysis of the status of women in the Republic of Uzbekistan, taking into account historical prerequisites, modern legal mechanisms, and social factors.

### 1. Historical Status of Women in Central Asia

Historically, in the countries of Central Asia, the status of women was determined by traditional norms and customs that limited their participation in public life. The main role of women was reduced to housekeeping and raising children.

However, in the course of historical development, gradual changes took place. Particularly significant transformations began in the 20th century, when women gained access to education and professional activity. These processes formed the basis for the modern understanding of equality.

### 2. Traditional Views on the Role of Women in Uzbekistan

Traditionally, in Uzbek society, a woman was considered the guardian of family values. She was responsible for raising children and maintaining the moral climate in the family.

At the same time, it should be noted that despite the limited social role, women occupied an important place in the system of family relations. In modern conditions, these views are undergoing changes under the influence of legal reforms and globalization.

### 3. The Role of Women in Everyday Life and Professional Activity

At present, women actively participate in all spheres of public life, holding positions in government bodies, educational institutions, business, and other sectors. In modern conditions, women in the Republic of Uzbekistan simultaneously fulfill family responsibilities and actively participate in professional activities, combining the roles of mother and employee.

Such a combination of social functions requires a high level of responsibility from women and contributes to their more active involvement in social and economic life. It can be concluded that the modern woman in Uzbekistan combines traditional family functions with professional activity, which indicates a gradual transition to a model of equal participation of men and women in society.

#### 4. Psychological and Social Problems Faced by Women

Despite positive changes, women continue to face a number of problems, including:

- gender discrimination
- domestic violence
- social pressure
- unequal opportunities in the labor sphere

In our opinion, these problems require a comprehensive approach, including both legal and social measures. Of particular importance is raising the legal awareness of the population and developing mechanisms for the protection of women's rights.

The state takes measures to prevent these problems, which is enshrined in the Law “On Protection of Women from Harassment and Violence,” providing mechanisms for the protection of victims [3].

#### 5. Women’s Rights in Modern Society

Women’s rights represent a set of legal norms aimed at ensuring equal opportunities in all spheres of life. In the Republic of Uzbekistan, they are закреплены (enshrined) at the constitutional level [1]. In recent years, important legislative acts have been adopted, including the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Guarantees of Equal Rights and Opportunities for Women and Men” [2] and the Law “On Protection of Women from Harassment and Violence” [3].

An important role was also played by the Presidential Decree of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated February 2, 2018, aimed at improving the system of support for women and strengthening the institution of the family [7].

#### 6. Women’s Participation in Political Life and Their Influence on Society

According to the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan ZRU-883 dated December 18, 2023, a quota of at least 40% of women among candidates for deputies from political parties has been established [6]. This indicates the state’s desire to ensure gender balance.

In addition, according to the Inter-Parliamentary Union report “Women in Politics” (2023), there is an increase in women's participation in political life [9].

It can be argued that women's participation in politics contributes to more effective solutions to social issues and strengthens democratic institutions.

#### 7. Interaction Between Women and Men in the Professional Sphere

In professional activity, the interaction between men and women plays an important role in ensuring labor efficiency. Modern trends indicate the gradual elimination of gender barriers.

However, certain stereotypes persist that limit women’s career growth. In this regard, it is necessary to continue working to ensure equal working conditions.

#### 8. The Significance of Article 58 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Special attention should be paid to Article 58 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, which establishes guarantees for the protection of the rights and interests of citizens.

This norm plays an important role in ensuring women’s rights, as it creates a legal basis for the activities of state bodies and public organizations in this field.

In our opinion, the implementation of the provisions of this article contributes to strengthening the system of legal protection of women and developing mechanisms for their support.

#### **Conclusion**

According to United Nations reports, Uzbekistan demonstrates steady progress in the field of gender equality, confirming the effectiveness of ongoing reforms [10].

The conducted analysis shows that a comprehensive system for the protection of women's rights has been formed in the Republic of Uzbekistan. Legislation is constantly improving, reflecting the state's commitment to ensuring gender equality.

Despite the achievements, certain social problems remain that require further solutions. In particular, it is necessary to strengthen measures to prevent discrimination and violence.

Thus, it can be concluded that women's rights and freedoms in Uzbekistan are in a stage of active development, which is an important indicator of the democratization of society.

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