



## **WAYS TO ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF POLITICAL PARTY OVERSIGHT**

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**Abstract:** This article examines the issue of enhancing the effectiveness of political party oversight, which is a crucial component of the control system. It identifies two main problems affecting the efficacy of oversight activities: insufficient knowledge about oversight processes and a prevailing attitude of indifference. The article substantiates that the solution to these problems lies in imparting knowledge about social control and fostering spirituality that cultivates a sense of involvement.

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The country of Uzbekistan is developing with confident steps and taking its rightful place in the world. However, today some problems are hindering the further development of our country. The main issue is that the stability of the social order is not fully ensured. The primary obstacle to the stability of the social order is bureaucracy and corruption. The main reason for bureaucracy and corruption is the existence of officials who, due to the weakness of democracy, have the opportunity to violate the law. Speaking about this, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan emphasized: "We have nominal democracy today, and we must transform it into real democracy." The possibility of violating the law is related to the weakness of control mechanisms, which are an important element of democracy. For control activities to ensure the rule of law and the inevitability of punishment, they must be systemic. The control system consists of joint oversight by the state and society, and their tools should function as a single mechanism. Such control, that is, the joint oversight of the state and society, can be expressed by the concept of social control. Today, state control is relatively strong, while public control is relatively weak. The main instruments of control by society are political parties, the body of deputies, and the mahalla institution. Therefore, in the above-mentioned speeches, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Sh.M. Mirziyoyev focused on strengthening the control exercised by political parties and deputies.

Before discussing this topic, it is necessary to define the functions of political parties. As is known, political parties have three internationally recognized main functions. These are working with candidates, working with deputies, and shaping public opinion. The implementation of these functions is related to control activities. Working with candidates and deputies means forming parliamentary control capable of shaping public opinion by ensuring openness and transparency in society. In general, it should also be acknowledged that the formation of public opinion itself is an important element of control. One of the main reasons for the low level of control activity of political parties and deputies is their insufficient knowledge of control activities. Another important reason is that the mood of indifference has not been fully curbed and a sense of involvement has not been sufficiently developed. Therefore, our esteemed

President's speeches are titled "Parliament should become a true school of democracy, an initiator and executor of reforms." For parliament to become a school of democracy, its control must be strong, because democracy is not only the formation of power by the people but also control by the people.

For the parliament to be the initiator and executor of reforms, it is necessary, first of all, to curb the mood of indifference and develop a sense of involvement. The development of a sense of involvement, while curbing the mood of indifference, depends on a person's spiritual growth. Based on these considerations, it can be said that the solution to the two problems raised in our esteemed President's speeches depends on two things. The first problem is that the control activities of political parties and the deputy corps lag behind the level of democratic requirements. The second problem is the uncurbed indifference and weak sense of involvement among political parties and deputies. The equating of indifference to hostility in the speech clearly demonstrates the importance of this problem.

The solution to the first problem lies in equipping political parties and deputies with knowledge about oversight activities. The solution to the second problem is related to the spiritual elevation of political parties and deputies. To achieve these two solutions, it is necessary to provide political parties and deputies with knowledge of the subject "Social Control." This discipline not only imparts knowledge about control mechanisms but also serves to enhance human spirituality. This is because implementing social control depends not only on knowledge of oversight activities but also on a sense of involvement that is formed on the basis of spirituality. Therefore, it is advisable to teach the subject "Social Control" to political parties and deputies. Knowledge of social control serves to solve both problems. In other words, the solution to two problems depends on one thing: social control.

Knowledge of this discipline is developed through collaborative research by scholars in social sciences and humanities, including historians, philosophers, sociologists, political scientists, psychologists, and others. The significance of this subject lies in the fact that currently no single subject in the education system provides comprehensive knowledge about oversight activities. This is precisely why public oversight, including that by political parties and deputies, does not meet current requirements. Therefore, teaching the subject "Social Control" not only to political parties and deputies but also to all civil society institutions should be one of the most urgent tasks today. To instill knowledge about oversight activities in broad segments of the population, it is first necessary to develop this knowledge. For this purpose, measures should be taken to create extensive opportunities for developing knowledge in the field of "Social Control." In this regard, it is important to establish a Department of "Social Control" in the higher education system and create conditions for social scientists to conduct research. Some work has already begun at SamSU in this direction, and since 2012, the subject "Social Control" has been developed and taught to students.

To comprehend the significance of knowledge about control activities, one must recognize that building a happy life, which has been humanity's eternal aspiration, is also linked to control. The most crucial prerequisite for constructing a free, prosperous, and affluent society that provides people with a happy life - our primary objective - is the establishment of a just social order. This is because a prosperous society depends on social progress, which in turn relies on social order. The issue of social order has always been the most complex and pressing problem, and it remains so today. Social order is a state where adherence to legal and moral norms is ensured, which is maintained through control activities. However, for control activities to effectively establish social order, they must comprise a partnership between state and societal control. This joint control by the state and society is expressed through the concept of social control. History demonstrates that if control is exercised solely by the state from above, establishing social order becomes problematic.

As state control intensifies, bureaucracy and corruption grow stronger, leading to social disorder. This social disorder is considered the most dangerous threat to our national security, potentially causing catastrophic consequences for any society. Therefore, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Sh.M. Mirziyoyev, is focusing his efforts on combating corruption, as this very vice of corruption hinders the establishment of social order. At the initiative of our esteemed President, on October 5, 2016, the development of the Law "On Combating Corruption" was proposed. This law was quickly drafted and published in the press on January 3, 2017. It serves as a crucial legal foundation for establishing social order. It should be noted that the President is the person most invested in social order. This can be illustrated through the example of a family, where it is a simple truth that parents are the most interested in maintaining order within the household. If we consider the country as a large family, we can see that the person most interested in maintaining order within it is the head of state, namely the president.

In the Action Strategy for the Development of Uzbekistan for 2017-2021, developed by our esteemed President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, and in his speeches titled "Our Parliament must become a true school of democracy, the initiator and main executor of reforms" at the meeting with representatives of the chambers of the Oliy Majlis, political parties, and the Ecological Movement of Uzbekistan, the formation of a mechanism for implementing public oversight and strengthening the control of political parties and deputies are defined as priority tasks. The subject "Social Control," which provides knowledge about oversight activities, plays an important role in the implementation of control by political parties and deputies, as well as in the functioning of the mechanism of public oversight.

Through the social control training course, opportunities to systematically study the lectures, speeches, interviews, and works of our esteemed President Shavkat Mirziyoyev will also expand. In the President's works, the issue of establishing a just social order and its dependence on social control occupies a central place, because, as we noted above, the President is the person most interested in the social order provided by oversight activities. Throughout history, heads of state and wise individuals have sought answers to the question: how can we maintain order in society? Today, democracy and its constituent element, social control, are recognized as the most optimal way to establish social order. Therefore, the issues of social order and social control occupy a central place in the works of our esteemed President.

Based on the above considerations, we propose introducing the course "Social Control" into the higher education system and incorporating it into the training of political parties and deputies to enhance their qualifications. Knowledge of social control plays a crucial role in educating a generation capable of living in a democratic environment and strengthening civil society, including political parties and deputies. Strengthening civil society is a requirement of the Action Strategy, developed on the principle "From a Strong State to a Strong Civil Society," which embodies the essence of our time. This is because the Action Strategy defines the strengthening of civil society institutions and improving public oversight as priority tasks.

The Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PP-2909 "On Measures for the Further Development of the Higher Education System," issued on April 20, 2017, based on the requirements of the Action Strategy, sets as its main goal the fundamental improvement of the higher education system, radically restructuring the content of personnel training in line with the priority tasks of the country's socio-economic development, and creating the necessary conditions for training highly educated specialists meeting international standards. The most critical condition for the country's socio-economic development is social order, and its establishment depends on social control. For instance, a favorable investment climate plays a decisive role in the development of entrepreneurial activity. A favorable investment environment is understood as one where a fair social order is established, ensured through social control.

The introduction of the subject "Social Control" into the continuous education system will serve to establish a social order that ensures the building of a prosperous society, which is our main goal. This can be expressed by the following concept: "social control - social order - social progress -

prosperous society," that is, social control ensures social order, social order ensures social progress, and social progress ensures a prosperous society.

In the training course for political parties and deputies, based on the aforementioned goals and objectives, it is advisable to focus on topics that provide political parties and deputies with knowledge about control, as well as knowledge that serves to form a sense of involvement by curbing the attitude of indifference through spiritual growth. A political party equipped with knowledge about control will be able to carry out its functions. The main functions of political parties are working with candidates, working with deputies, and shaping public opinion. The formation of public opinion is a product of control activities and the most effective means of control. Knowledge of control activities serves to increase both the political and legal culture of society. Therefore, it can be said that knowledge of control activities serves to strengthen political parties.

Based on the requirements outlined in the report "Our Parliament must become a true school of democracy, the initiator and main executor of reforms" delivered by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Sh.M. Mirziyoyev during the videoconference meeting with representatives of the Oliy Majlis chambers, political parties, and the Ecological Movement of Uzbekistan on July 12, 2017, a proposal can be made to organize training sessions for deputies and political parties. These sessions aim to further invigorate their activities by providing knowledge on oversight functions and ideas that promote the elevation of spirituality, rooted in moral education. Political parties, equipped with oversight knowledge and having attained spiritual heights that foster a sense of engagement by curbing indifference, will be capable of exercising their self-monitoring function. In turn, oversight by political parties will activate the developing control mechanism in our country and establish a monitoring system capable of instituting a just social order. This just social order will ensure societal progress and create conditions for building the aspired prosperous society.

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