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THE DANGER OF RELIGIOUS RADICALISM AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

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Abstract: This thesis provides information about the concept of religious radicalism, its essence and consequences.

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"Radicalism" is a term that has become widespread recently, and comes from the Latin "radix" - "root". Today, radicalism is divided into the following groups: "Religious, political, social, ethnic, ecological, technological and atheistic radicalism"[1] is described in detail. Their common feature is that any type of radicalism means a radical change in the existing state of affairs in an uncompromising manner, the forced instillation of a certain concept. Currently, religious radicalism poses a threat to our society. The reason is the spiritual need of religious people, but as in every sphere, it is necessary to maintain moderation in religious matters. We live in a secular democratic state, which shows that no religion is given special priority in our country. "It is worth noting that today, representatives of more than 130 nationalities and ethnic groups live in harmony in our country, as children of one family, which is a joyful situation for all of us."[2] At the same time, 16 religious denominations operate in our country. For centuries, our people have been tolerant of representatives of different nationalities and religions. This is considered a guarantee of peace in our country and stability in our society. However, recently, very bad situations have arisen as a result of the strong devotion to religion by some of our compatriots. For example: showing one's beliefs and personal views on social networks, or treating a representative of another nationality or religion poorly because of their beliefs, makes a person think. This not only shows the low level and lack of spirituality of the person committing this act. Perhaps at the same time, it also indicates that the traditions of tolerance that have been preserved for centuries are being undermined. The result of this can be the escalation of internal conflicts. Here, in the neighboring country of Afghanistan, there has been a war for 40 years, and the main reason for this is a strong devotion to religion and mutual intolerance. Faith is everyone's personal freedom, and someone who wants to leads a secular life, while someone lives believing in some religion. However, both sides have the same duty to maintain an equal and healthy social environment in society.

2. After 2018, our country was granted great freedoms due to the fact that the majority of our people believe in Islam. For example: special legal educational centers were opened in the regions to teach the population the Holy Quran, and "15 religious educational institutions operate in the republic - 5 of which are designed to provide higher education, including the Tashkent Islamic Institute, the Bukhara "Mir Arab" Higher Madrasah, the Samarkand Hadith Science School,

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Tashkent seminaries, Tashkent Christian seminaries, and 10 madrasahs (2 women's madrasahs)."[3] In addition, new mosques were built ("In 2019, 10 new mosques were opened in Uzbekistan, as a result, the total number of mosques reached 2,066. In addition, 46 mosque buildings were completely rebuilt across the country, and 225 mosques underwent major repairs. In 2018, 13 mosques were reopened in the republic, 39 were built new, and about 100 were renovated.[4] All conditions were created for those wishing to perform the Hajj and Umrah. Most importantly, the construction of the only center of Islamic civilization in the world and the Islamic world began. However, despite the creation of so many opportunities, many cases have been identified of some citizens organizing "cells" to provide illegal religious education, and in these cells, illegal classes were given to children aged 4 to 17 years old under physical pressure. The situations reported in the media are horrifying, no matter how much religious knowledge is imparted in these cells, one thing is certain: children are treated as slaves, treated cruelly and inhumanely. In fact, "The call of all prophets was against oppression and slavery that deprives people of their rights."[5] Also, although our state has provided legal opportunities for Hajj and Umrah, there have been those who have trusted suspicious individuals and tried to go for Hajj and Umrah through them. What is most regrettable is that citizens who have no religious education, and who do not even have the knowledge to confirm that they are Muslims, are walking in religious guise. Unfortunately, a number of our compatriots are abusing the attention and respect shown to the Islamic religion and freedoms without thinking about the consequences. Also, "Currently, some fanatics have become accustomed to considering any new work as heresy and superstition, and react sharply to changes... The attempts of fanatics with hardened minds to approach religious issues literally and superficially, and to directly apply the Holy Quran and hadiths to life word for word, are causing many problems in people's lifestyles."[6] Fortunately, to prevent such situations and maintain a healthy social environment in society, and protect against religious fanaticism, propaganda is being carried out under the slogan "Enlightenment against Ignorance." Several books have been published under the same title. The intended goal of this propaganda is to encourage citizens to be moderate in religion, protect against fanaticism, and maintain a healthy and stable environment in society. Of course, this propaganda is yielding positive results.

I have read several books published in the direction of "Enlightenment against Ignorance". For example: "Islamic Enlightenment and the Modern Age" Tashkent (2017); "There is no salvation except through knowledge" Tashkent (2017). From the process of reading these books, I realized that most people today do not have any religious knowledge at all, but they imitate some religious person. At first, they imitate his appearance and try to dress like that person. Then they confirm the thoughts he says, begin to imitate his ideas. After that, they begin to imitate his actions. Here, imitating the actions of some seemingly religious person without thinking about the consequences

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and without thinking about it leads to a connection with religious extremism and terrorism. I wanted my peers to be aware of this issue and not just be interested in it, but to be careful and take it seriously. Because a number of talented young people, who are the future of the country, are also losing their lives to this disaster. My proposal is that in order to prevent such tragic consequences, at least once a month, educational institutions should organize "Enlightenment against Ignorance" hours with the slogan "We are against radicalism", and propaganda lessons should be organized based on video clips prepared by professional specialists in this field. Because the video clip is prepared according to the republican standard, it can be used in all regions at the same time. I also hope that the constant propaganda among young people that it contains imitation, fanaticism, radicalization and the next stage is religious extremism will be effective in saving us from this disaster.

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