



METHODS OF IMPROVING LEGAL AWARENESS AND LEGAL CULTURE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIETY

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ABSTRACT

This study analyzes the importance of raising legal awareness and legal culture in the development of society, as well as the methods applied in this process. Legal awareness refers to citizens' understanding of their rights and responsibilities, as well as their respectful attitude towards the law. Legal culture, on the other hand, reflects the society's attitude towards laws, their acceptance, and the degree of adherence to them. These two concepts complement each other and ensure the stability of society. The study examines methods such as legal education, the role of mass media, state policies, and the participation of civil society. Through legal education, opportunities are created for the younger generation to learn about laws; the importance of mass media in disseminating information about laws and the active involvement of the state in legal reforms are emphasized. Additionally, by promoting the active participation of civil society, necessary conditions can be created for the development of legal culture within the community. The results of this study are expected to be useful in developing future strategies for enhancing legal awareness and raising the level of legal culture.

Keywords: Society, legal consciousness, legal culture, social activity, human development, legal education, information, state.

Introduction

The topic of methods for enhancing legal awareness and legal culture in the development of society holds significant relevance, as legal awareness and culture play an important role in ensuring societal stability and progress. Legal awareness defines citizens' attitudes toward laws and their level of understanding of their rights and obligations. By developing such awareness, citizens can actively participate in



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protecting their rights, which in turn helps strengthen democratic processes. Legal culture encompasses values such as respect for the law, the promotion of justice, and the maintenance of social order within society. The aim of the study is to identify effective methods for enhancing legal awareness and culture and to apply them in practice. This study sets out the following tasks: first, to deeply analyze the concepts of legal awareness and culture; second, to identify existing problems; third, to study experiences from various countries; and fourth, to propose innovative solutions in the national context, taking into account these experiences. As a result, this research is expected to contribute to the legal development of society.

Literature review

K.Kadirova “The role of education in raising legal awareness”.¹

In this study, Kadirova examines the importance of the education system in enhancing legal awareness. In her research, she emphasizes the necessity of applying innovative methods to improve legal knowledge in educational institutions. The results of the study show that as the level of legal literacy among students increases, the overall legal culture within society also rises. According to Murodov’s recommendations, it is important to explain real-life legal issues to students through practical exercises and seminars.

A.D.Yu “The role of the media in the development of legal culture”.²

In this study, the researcher examines the role of mass media in shaping legal culture within society. They analyze the importance of information disseminated through mass media and its impact on raising legal awareness among citizens. The results show that accurate and reliable information provided by the media helps to develop legal culture among citizens and contributes to the promotion of social justice. The researcher emphasizes the need for mass media professionals to be properly trained in legal matters.

¹Kadirova, K. (2022). Raising The Legal Awareness And Legal Culture of Citizens in Society. *Science and innovation*, 1(B4), 415-419.

² A.D.Yu. et al. Media education and the formation of the legal culture of society //Перспективы науки и образования. – 2020. – №. 3 (45). – С. 10-22.



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E.N.Wieske “The role of civil society in social development”.³

Wieske’s research is dedicated to the role of civil society in the development of legal culture. She analyzes the initiatives undertaken by civil organizations and the non-governmental sector, examining how they contribute to raising legal awareness within society. The results of the study show that active participants in civil society play an important role in addressing social issues through collaboration, which in turn leads to the advancement of legal culture.

E.A.Khomutnikova “Methods of forming legal culture among young people”.⁴

Khomutnikova’s research focuses on studying methods for developing legal culture among young people. She analyzes various programs and projects implemented to increase the younger generation’s knowledge about their rights. The results show that interactive programs and training sessions designed for youth significantly enhance their understanding of legal rights and strengthen their sense of social responsibility.

Analysis and results

Legal awareness is a form of social consciousness that reflects members of society’s understanding of legal relations and law, as well as their perception of law and order. It encompasses not only knowledge of current law but also its history and the realities of other societies. Legal awareness consists of legal ideology and legal psychology, each playing a crucial role in shaping an individual’s attitude toward law. The level of legal awareness is connected to citizens’ legal knowledge and is categorized into ordinary, scientific, and professional types.

Legal culture refers to the level of legislation within society, the degree of public awareness of existing laws, the extent to which citizens and officials comply with legal norms, and their intolerance toward those who violate them. This concept also includes an individual’s level of legal knowledge, conscious attitude toward the law, and respect for it. Legal culture is divided into societal and individual legal culture,

³ Wieske E. N. Civil Society action for an integrated Nordic Region: How the Nordic Vision 2030 positions the Nordic Council of Ministers and Civil Society in a dynamic of reliance. – 2024.

⁴ Khomutnikova E. A. et al. Formation of legal culture of student youth //European Proceedings of Social and Behavioural Sciences. – 2021. – T. 102.



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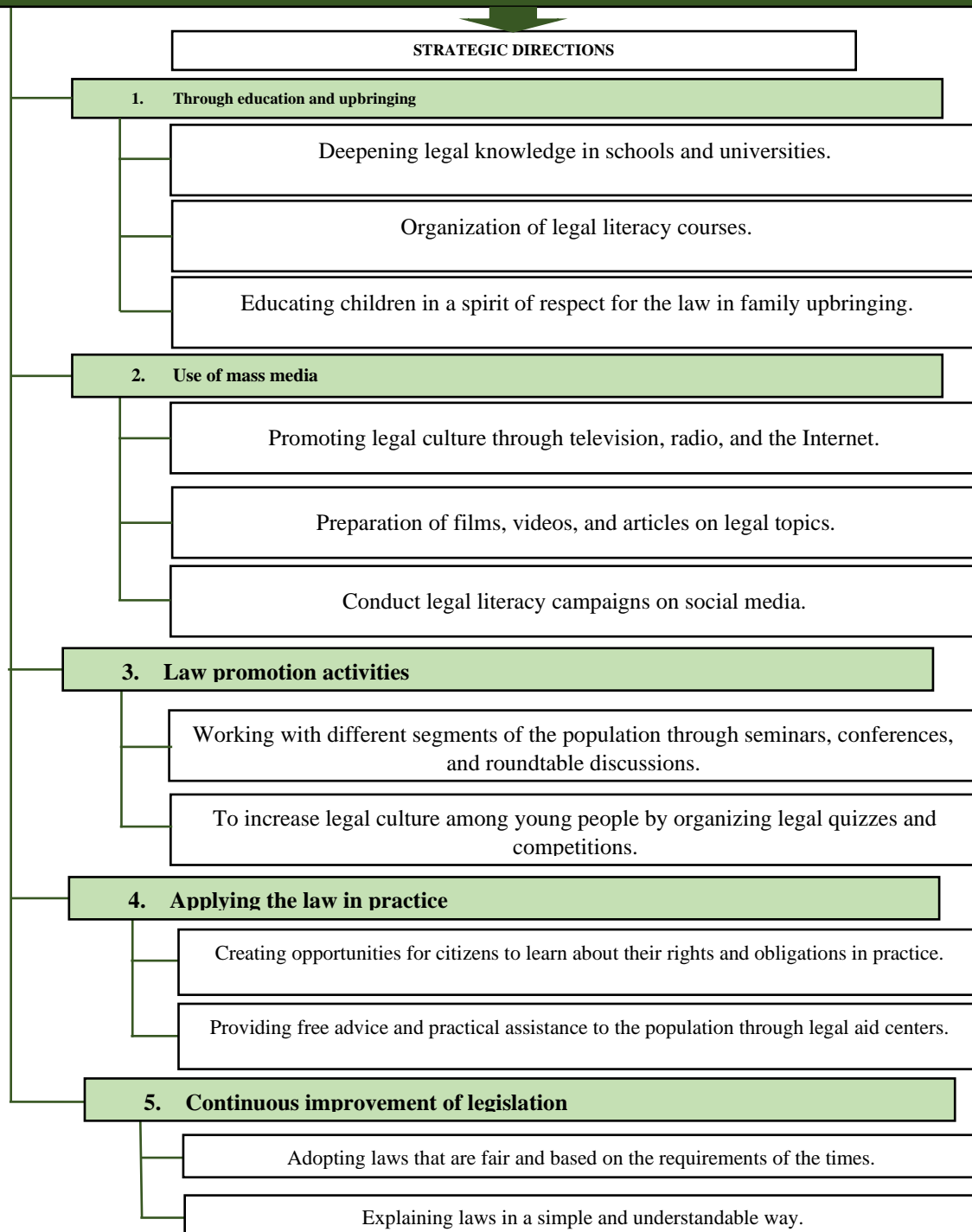
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and it requires every citizen to strictly adhere to laws, live according to the law, and work within its framework.

The rise of legal awareness and legal culture leads to positive results, such as increasing respect for the law in society, ensuring justice and equality among citizens, and strengthening the legitimacy of the state.

1. The rule of law is ensured in society.
 - People respect the laws and consciously comply with them.
 - Injustice and violations are reduced.
 - The authority of the judiciary and law enforcement agencies is increased.
2. The rights and freedoms of citizens are guaranteed.
 - Each person knows their rights and learns to protect them.
 - The activities of non-governmental and public organizations are strengthened.
 - Violations of human rights are prevented.
3. Social stability and development are strengthened.
 - In a society with a high legal culture, social conflicts and violence occur less often.
 - Political and economic reforms are easier to implement.
 - A favorable environment for investments and international cooperation is created.
4. Personal responsibility and civic activity increase.
 - Each citizen understands his duty to society.
 - Participation in elections and active participation in public life will increase.
 - The fight against corruption and bureaucracy will be intensified.
5. The education and upbringing system will be developed.
 - Legal knowledge will be widely promoted, starting from preschool and school education.
 - The values of justice, equality and freedom will be formed in young people.
 - A knowledgeable and legally literate generation will grow up in society.

THE MAIN METHODS OF RAISING LEGAL AWARENESS AND LEGAL CULTURE





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The goal of the main methods for enhancing legal awareness and legal culture is to develop respect for the law, legal knowledge, and awareness among citizens, encouraging them to understand their rights and responsibilities and act consciously, thus ensuring justice, the rule of law, and social stability within society. In conclusion, the enhancement of legal awareness and culture strengthens the foundations of justice, freedom, and stability in society, turning individuals into conscious, active, and responsible citizens.

Conclusion

Enhancing legal awareness and legal culture in the development of society is of significant importance in increasing citizens' respect for the law and forming a just society. Legal awareness promotes citizens' social activity by informing them about their rights and responsibilities. To develop such awareness, it is essential to integrate legal knowledge into the education system, disseminate legal information through mass media, and engage with the public. Legal culture, on the other hand, helps strengthen trust in the law within society, increases solidarity among citizens, and ensures social justice. Active participation of government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the public is crucial in these processes; additionally, it is necessary to study international experiences and adapt them to local conditions. As a result, enhancing legal awareness and culture can lead to the stable development of society.

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