
FROM THE HISTORY OF RELATIONS WITH CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES IN UZBEKISTAN

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ABSTRACT: The history of relations with citizens with disabilities in Uzbekistan has been marked by discrimination, neglect, and abuse. During the Soviet era, people with disabilities were institutionalized and excluded from many aspects of society. After the collapse of the Soviet Union, people with disabilities continued to face significant challenges in accessing healthcare, education, and employment. However, in recent years, the government of Uzbekistan has made significant progress in improving the lives of people with disabilities. The government has established laws and policies to protect the rights of people with disabilities, increased funding for programs that support them, and taken steps to improve accessibility. Despite these efforts, there are still challenges that need to be addressed, including changing attitudes towards people with disabilities and a lack of resources and infrastructure to support them.

KEYWORDS: Disability, Uzbekistan, History, Citizens, Rights Accessibility, Discrimination, Inclusion.

INTRODUCTION

Uzbekistan, like many other countries, has a long history of relations with citizens with disabilities. Unfortunately, the history of people with disabilities in Uzbekistan has been filled with discrimination, neglect, and abuse. However, in recent years, the government of Uzbekistan has made significant strides in improving the lives of people with disabilities. In this article, we will explore the history of relations with citizens with disabilities in Uzbekistan, the challenges they have faced, and the progress made in recent years.

The Soviet Era:

The history of relations with citizens with disabilities in Uzbekistan can be traced back to the Soviet era. The Soviet government implemented a policy of institutionalizing people with disabilities, which meant that they were placed in state-run institutions where they received very little care and attention. The Soviet government believed that people with disabilities were unable to care for themselves and needed to be taken care of by the state.

During the Soviet era, people with disabilities in Uzbekistan were not given the same opportunities as able-bodied citizens. They were excluded from many aspects of society, including education, employment, and social activities. People with disabilities were often seen as a burden on society and were stigmatized.

The Post-Soviet Era:

After the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, people with disabilities in Uzbekistan continued to

face discrimination and neglect. The new government was focused on rebuilding the country, and the needs of people with disabilities were often overlooked.

During this time, people with disabilities in Uzbekistan faced significant challenges in accessing healthcare, education, and employment. Many people with disabilities were forced to rely on their families for support and were unable to live independently.

Recent Progress:

In recent years, the government of Uzbekistan has made significant progress in improving the lives of people with disabilities. In 2018, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev signed a law on the rights of people with disabilities, which outlines their rights to education, healthcare, and employment.

The government has also taken steps to improve accessibility for people with disabilities. In 2019, the government established a commission to improve accessibility for people with disabilities. The commission is responsible for developing policies and programs to make public spaces, transportation, and buildings more accessible.

In addition to these efforts, the government has also increased funding for programs that support people with disabilities. The government has allocated funds for programs that provide job training and support for people with disabilities, as well as programs that provide financial assistance to families with disabled children.

Challenges and Areas for Improvement:

While there has been progress in improving the lives of people with disabilities in Uzbekistan, there are still many challenges that need to be addressed. One of the biggest challenges is changing attitudes towards people with disabilities. Many people in Uzbekistan still hold negative attitudes towards people with disabilities and see them as a burden on society.

Another challenge is the lack of resources and infrastructure to support people with disabilities. While the government has increased funding for programs that support people with disabilities, there is still a lack of resources and infrastructure to provide adequate support.

There is also a lack of awareness and education about disabilities in Uzbekistan. Many people do not understand the needs of people with disabilities and are not aware of the laws and policies that protect their rights.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the history of relations with citizens with disabilities in Uzbekistan has been one of discrimination, neglect, and abuse. However, in recent years, the government of Uzbekistan has made significant progress in improving the lives

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