



## Coverage of Social-Political Processes in Independent and Non-Government Press Publications

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### **Abstract**

Within a short 31-year history in which our country gained its independence, it went through centuries-old historical processes based on the principle of "from National Restoration to national rise", achieving tremendous results in all spheres of public life. The correctness of our chosen path is also recognized by the world community. "Even countries that consider themselves leaders of development are proof of this that economic growth rates in our country have reached 8.1% at a time when the world economy has recently been a bit in a hurry during the crisis that has occurred." At this point, it should be noted that, like all spheres of public life, a new attitude towards the media has arisen, and freedom of the press and speech has become an invaluable blessing. In general, independence provided a wide opportunity for free thinking, for everyone to openly express their opinion, and gave rise to new opportunities in ensuring the stability of free thinking. This is reflected in the growing number of media types and numbers today. The press and other media began to give a wide place in newspapers and magazines, broadcasting and TV shows directly to topics of socio-economic, political, spiritual and educational, international importance in the free spirit. Indeed, during the years of independence, a new system of media has been formed in our country, the legal framework created on the basis of world best practices in this regard acts and serves as a solid foundation. The media should act not only as a disseminator of information but also as an enlightened, educator and consultant who correctly analyzes information, and objectively criticizes problems and shortcomings. The media occupy an important place in the political process of any country. The role of mass media in the society of the Republic of Uzbekistan is described in the article. Also, the goals and tasks of mass media are covered in as much detail as possible.

**Keywords:** *Censorship; Press; Non-State Press Publications; Legal Documents; Magazines; Information Space; Radio; Television*

### **Introduction**

During the 31-year short history of our country's independence, based on the principle of "from national recovery to national growth", our country has experienced enough historical processes for centuries and achieved great results in all spheres of social life.

The correctness of our chosen path is recognized by the world community. “Even the countries that consider themselves to be the leaders of development are in a hurry during the recent crisis in the world economy. This is evidenced by the fact that the rate of economic growth in our country reached 8.1%”<sup>1</sup>

At this point, it should be emphasized that, like all spheres of public life, a new attitude has arisen toward the mass media, and freedom of the press and speech has become an invaluable boon. In general, independence created a wide opportunity for free thinking, for everyone to openly express their opinion, and created new opportunities to ensure the stability of free thinking. This is reflected in the increasing number and types of mass media today. In particular, in the last 10 years, the number of print media in our country has increased by 1.5 times, and the number of electronic media has increased by 7 times. In total, more than 1,400 media outlets are operating in the national media market. More than 70% of printed publications, 60% of all TV channels and 85% of radio channels are non-governmental organizations.<sup>1</sup>

The press and other mass media began to give wide space to topics of social-economic, political, spiritual-educational, international importance in the free spirit of newspapers and magazines, radio broadcasting, and television programs. In fact, in the years of independence, a new system of mass media was formed in our country, in this regard, the legal framework created on the basis of best practices in the world served as a solid foundation. The mass media should perform not only the task of disseminating information, but also the task of an enlightener, an educator and a consultant who correctly analyzes information, objectively criticizes problems and shortcomings. Mass media play an important role in the political process of any country

Among mass media, the press is the first and most popular type, and it occupies its position to this day. It can be said that the press is a source of unbiased and truthful information, an effective tool in the formation of new consciousness and thinking in the population, it is a consistent and active representative of human interests, it shows the will of people’s thoughts and desires.. As long as we are building a legal democratic state as a member of the world community, the mass media should literally become the “fourth estate”. For this, first of all, it is necessary to create its legal basis. At the same time, it is very important for newspapers to be independent for the press to function satisfactorily. There are, of course, specific conditions for the press to become an active participant in the socio-political, cultural and spiritual life of the country, a news announcer, an advocate of good deeds, and an impartial mirror of public opinion.

The formation of a new typology of the press is mainly based on two factors: the needs of readers-clients and the conditions of the founders. It should be noted separately that as a result of the creation of a free press mechanism in the society, ownership relations in the mass media system of the republic have changed. This change has led to the creation of new types of information ownership. State, network, industry, entertainment, non-governmental and independent publications were created. The field of electronic media has expanded on an unprecedented scale, including non-governmental television and radio networks, and Internet journalism has flourished. The distribution of electronic copies of press releases has become a daily occurrence. The de facto abolition of censorship took the form of a historical event. In this way, an environment of a free information market based on free competition was created, the word of the press gradually moved to the path of democratization. This is a sign that as a result of independence, serious structural and structural changes have taken place in the mass media sector.

While the increase of non-state press publications, development of their activities, and typological diversity are recognized as an inseparable positive and natural reality of a democratic society, at the same time, a number of urgent tasks should be defined in this regard:

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<sup>1</sup> <https://darakchi.uz/index.php/oz/6860>

- comparative analysis, grouping, classification of the typology of non-governmental press publications;
- clarifying the concept of publications and defining thematic directions;
- to study the problems of choosing a topic, the freedom and skill of covering it;
- to determine the level of maintaining the balance of objectivity and sensationalism in the coverage of the topic;
- Study of the circle of authors;
- comparative determination of newspaper decoration (design) experiences;
- study of world journalism experiences in non-state press publications;
- to what extent national and spiritual values are protected in non-state press publications;
- a general assessment of information related to the preservation of professional ethics of journalists;
- to evaluate the achievements of non-state mass media in our country;
- making suggestions on issues of professionalization of journalist personnel and so on.

### **Methods**

The creation of a legal basis for the increase of non-state press publications in our country is an important and integral part of the liberation of the society. Therefore, maintaining a balance between freedom and responsibility in the press remains the most urgent and important problem.

1. An integral part of the reforms being carried out in the republic regarding the consistent democratization of society is manifested in the liberalization of the press, in particular, the increasing number of non-state press publications in our country.
2. The changes taking place in the typology of non-state press publications have their own characteristics.
3. Consistency has been established in the selection of topics in non-governmental press publications.
4. Non-governmental press publications are gaining a significant place in the information space of the country.
5. Maintaining a balance of professional creative skills, freedom and responsibility in non-state press publications is an urgent issue.
6. It is a matter of principle to improve the qualification of journalist personnel and to observe professional ethics<sup>2</sup>.

It is noteworthy that the attitude of people to the society is also reflected in the local press. Now, the role and importance of civil society institutions, especially independent press publications, in the formation of civil society is increasing. Because, first of all, they represent the interests of different social groups of the population. Independent publications play a major role in strengthening democratic values in people's minds, forming democratic thinking and democratic skills in the implementation of economic and social reforms. They help to increase the socio-economic and political-legal activity of citizens, to improve their legal culture.

In any country, if non-governmental and public organizations develop and function properly, there will be a fair balance between the state and citizens, and the rights of citizens will be fully ensured.

According to the Law “On Mass Media”, legal entities and individuals of the Republic of Uzbekistan have the right to establish newspapers. In Uzbekistan, a system of wide-ranging newspapers, differing in terms of types and diversity, has been formed.

During the past years, a number of legal documents were adopted on the basis of international legal norms and constitutional principles in force in our country. Decrees, decisions and orders of the

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.gazeta.uz/ru/list/articles/>

President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, decisions of the Cabinet of Ministers, normative documents of relevant agencies aimed at ensuring its implementation were adopted. These normative-legal documents made it possible to provide legal support for the activities of mass media, including the independent press, and for the formation and development of information legal institutions that did not exist before. Especially nowadays, freedom of the press, freedom of speech, unimpeded dissemination of information and other products produced by the mass media, as well as restrictions on the search, acquisition and distribution of information, their ownership, disposal, materials used in the creation and distribution of mass media products, issues such as production, purchase, and storage of raw materials and technical equipment are regulated by regulatory and legal documents in accordance with the requirements of the market economy and democratic standards. Such measures are now bearing positive results.

The state's policy of comprehensive development of free and independent mass media is proof that Uzbekistan is fulfilling its international obligations, such as respecting democratic values and ensuring the freedom and independence of mass media. Needless to say, the competition between entertainment publications and digests is particularly strong. In order to attract more readers, several dozen publications have entered into a fierce competition. All of them are private publications, their main goal is to make a profit. Therefore, they try to actively promote their products, advertise them, and conduct a flexible pricing policy. The press of Uzbekistan, apart from various theoretical aspects, can be a moral foundation for the development of society with an important issue, that is, the issue of freedom of the press<sup>3</sup>.

As independent and free mass media are symbols and signs of democracy, they should become a force that can reveal the existing vices and defects in the society, expressing the will of the people, the needs and interests of the people. However, there is still a lot of work to be done in this area. In order to strengthen the foundations of freedom in the mass media, it is necessary to create such conditions that free expression, free thinking, and conducting lively debates will benefit not only journalists, but also the general public. For this, it is necessary to achieve further simplification of the rules and processes of state registration of mass media.

Currently, raising the political level of journalists is of great importance. Life requires raising a mature generation that thinks freely, has its own sound opinion on every issue, can deeply analyze the essence of this or that event, and evaluates it objectively. However, it must be admitted that some of the information found in mass media is not rich in form and content. There are many cases of generalization instead of analysis, instead of explanation. However, our country has a lot of talented and knowledgeable journalists. It is only necessary to support them and encourage them in time.

Today, many publications are operating in our republic. Naturally, the newspaper chooses what it likes, reads and reads. He is looking for a topic close to his heart. That is why, first of all, an entertaining topic is read with love. If we pay attention, readers will read the letters page of the newspaper, the free pulpit, the article in the journalistic inquiry column, the letters. In this way, an opinion is born in them, a discussion and a reaction are expressed. Therefore, how to fill a newspaper page is very important. Each independent press publication has several appearance characteristics. Newspapers are directly different from each other. One will cover socio-political topics, and the other will be aimed at more entertainment pages. For example, the main direction of "Hurriyat" newspaper socio-political topics, and they are engaged in commenting, analyzing and distributing news and events happening at the country and international level. Also, the editorial office operates in accordance with the requirements of the existing legislation in the country and provides analytical articles and comments written on the basis of democratic principles, which serve the main interests of the state and our people.

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<sup>3</sup> Miniyar-Beloruicheva A.R., Ivashova O.D., English Answers to examination tickets 11th form, p. 46-49

The fact that every newspaper, magazine, and other publication operating in our republic today has its own image, its own readership, its own audience, indicates that it is in step with the times and to what extent it fulfills the goals and tasks set before the editors. For this, independent press publications are required to carefully study the demands and interests of newspaper readers and draw up their creative plans based on this.

We can also see from the pages of the non-state press to what extent free media distribution is being carried out in the press today. In particular, the newspapers "Image", "Darakchi", "Bekajon", "Sogdiana", "7x7", "Khordik" are being read in love by fans as the most popular publications.

In particular, the newspaper "**Image**" has its own method of information dissemination, which operates in the artistic journalistic direction. The publishing house "Image" began its work in 1997. The publishing house today occupies one of the leading positions in the advertising and media market of Uzbekistan. He is famous for his extensive auditoria of popular publications in particular the newspapers "Аргументы и факты", "Image", "Image\*", "TV Image", "Оптовик". The editorial board of the Russian publication "АиФ" became one of the first partners of the publishing house "Image", giving the right to issue the territorial number "АиФ". The newspaper is distributed throughout the Republic. It is in A-4 format, 48 printed tabs, 11,000 copies in numbers. In each of its issues, science and culture news, interesting information from the lives of Famous People, Articles on history in the detective genre and humor, crossword and contests, advertising and announcements, as well as full-fledged TV programs, events, news, show business messages from the pages of this weekly publication, household problems form the basis of this publication. Internet materials are used in moderation.

The newspaper "**Bekajon**" began to appear from April 2, 2002. In the early "Bekajon" there were columns with the melody: "Variety taronas", "Kitchen", "Next to the mirror", "Support of the future", "Season of love", "Radiant glow", "Smile". Also "Clever mistress", "Labyrinth show" had quizzes. The newspaper, which originally published 7,000,000 copies in the first week, continued to grow to 10,000, 15,000 copies. The newspaper held competitions "The most pleasant look", "The most skillful pazanda", "The original Mistress", "The Angel of my house", "Art". It is mainly intended for adults, and the number is currently 55,200.

The newspaper "**Sogdiana**" began to be published from October 1998. The number is 86,000. This newspaper also has its own reader. The information necessary for women, housewives and young people can be found in this newspaper. In it, it is possible to get culinary secrets, tips that women need to be beautiful.

The «**7x7**» newspaper began publication on January 11, 2007. The number is 42,250 as of today. The newspaper is equally mutualized by young and old. The reason is given in it life events, advice and life and creativity of artists. There is also room for ads.

The newspaper "**Khordik**" began to be published from February 12, 2002. The newspaper publishes various stories, crosswords and life events. Novels are also given in every issue.

"**Darakchi**" is a weekly information newspaper in Uzbek and Russian languages, the first issue of which was published in March 1999 in Samarkand. "Darakchi" became popular in the short term and became the most copied newspaper in the country. It covers the topic of youth and adults, their worldview, thoughts, events of an international scale, various conflicts within society, problems in domestic life, sports messages, various sensational materials, problematic articles on a serious topic. The newspaper "Darakchi" is a newspaper that has its fans, its position in society. It is necessary not only when the newspaper meets criticism for spreading some "rumors", but also to take into account the fact that the details of important events related to the life of the Republic are told by experts, the actions of research, activity are distinguished by their superiority over other private newspapers. It is not surprising that the harmony in the team also affected the quality output of the newspaper. Another aspect is in the

way the titles are found. It is no coincidence that the newspaper came out in 200 thousand copies. In doing so, I will highlight the work of the team that will bring to the newspaper the events that are taking place in the world and in our country, subtly advancing the news"<sup>4</sup>.

The newspaper also uses articles from the Internet. It is no exaggeration to say that this newspaper was able to find its place in the formation of civil society. In it, the rise of topical topics that can affect the psyche of citizens forms the opinion of them, their attitude to this issue. For example, in the article on the topic "This drug is good, it is bad", which is given under the topical topic column, the problem of human health is raised, to which feedback is expressed by indifferent individuals about those who risk human health in their own interests-so that it does not leave indifferent any reader<sup>5</sup>.

In general, the subject areas of entertainment publications are aimed at expressing in an interesting form the hype, extraordinary phenomena that are encountered in different parts of the world. "Is the cause of accidents - restless spirit? ("7x7"), "Miracles of inhuman consciousness" ("Diagnosis"), "Invisible Man" ("Mistress"), "Bride who has lost her liver" ("Khordik; plus"), "Strange abilities of X-ray girl" ("Sogdiana"), "Mystery of the Boscom Valley" ("Healing-info") can also inadvertently attract fans.

Entertainment publications provide a wide range of roles to actors and singers known abroad through stage, film and TV. Proof of our opinion is that during the week in different weeks several conversations and interviews were given about such artists as Clara Jalilova, Tokhir Saidov, Saida Rametova, Zukhra Ashurova. Whether to advertise an artist - please, it is possible to make a place for a large portrait in the middle of any scanword. Sometimes it doesn't matter that the same artist has a position in our society, a place like a can. What is the demand for a print in the Press market to find its fan? Naturally, not like others, originality. What interests reader? Instructive experience in a work collective? No, in most cases, what shakes the human heart, leaving it surprised, attract attention. Pay attention to the headlines: "Invaders", "Thief of happiness", "Killer plastics", "Victim of jealousy", etc. And the "Horoscope" given in most newspapers is not at all similar to each other.

Some newspapers are decorated with smooth, covers and colorful pace, and magazines are also gaining a showy look. It would be the same term if such tireless research were combined with the improvement in the content chapter.

As you know, in a market economy, it is necessary that the media, including non-state press publications, have an economic opportunity to carry out their activities. In such conditions, income is required to prevail over expenses. If we take newspapers that are published in our republic, then only a few are receiving funds on their own. That is why the advertising market occupies an important place in this regard. Because, the main part of the income of the press, radio, television (80% in some countries) is the amount of funds from advertising. We also have an increased need for advertising only when competition in the production and service sectors increases. In this way, the economic independence of newspapers allows, on the one hand, the allocation of funds from the state budget to newspaper expenses to be directed to another necessary area, and on the other hand, the freedom of every journalist operating a newspaper. But it is also important to remember that independent newspapers receive orders without feeling responsible for entrepreneurship, that is, with the intention of covering their expenses through advertising on newspaper pages. And in newspapers that do not receive advertising, so far the main weight is falling on the founder himself<sup>6</sup>.

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<sup>4</sup> Хуррият. 1996. 24 август.

<sup>5</sup> Валиев М. Бу дори яхши, униси ёмон // Даракчи. 2009. 29 январь. –Б.4

<sup>6</sup> Martin, James B. (2002). Mass Media: a bibliography with indexes. Nova. ISBN 978-1-59033-262-7.

## **Results**

The newspaper may not come out for weeks or months if the founder has limited access. In today's conditions, it is necessary to create opportunities for the economic support of the media. In general, the tasks of the press and other types of media in the first generation are to serve in the interests of man. In the course of the correct, free and responsible path of social, economic, political processes taking place in the country, overcoming the difficulties and artificial obstacles inherent in the transition period, reducing this period as much as possible, the media have the opportunity to influence in the following areas:

- to achieve the understanding of the belonging of each individual to the changes that are going on by informing the population in all aspects of the life of society;
- to ensure its conscious movement towards a great goal by showing the vices of the old system, bringing to the mind and heart of every citizen the new path of development and the benefits of the society to be built through it;
- to further liberate the political, economic life of the country, the construction of the state and society, a person must be free and strive through free thought, Free Speech, Free behavior with a deep understanding of the essence of that freedom to each citizen;
- legal culture, increasing the activity of the population by raising political consciousness, getting rid of apathy, apathy, an incurable mood, thought laziness.
- elimination of homogeneity in the media;
- ensuring the specialization of publications in a particular area;
- it is necessary to be able to choose life problems, consistency in covering topics, approach to the issue and originality in the style, that is, focus on methodological specialization.

Many housewives prefer publications such as “Darakchi”, “7x7”, “Khordiq”, “Tasvir”, “Bekajon”, “Sugdiyona”. Special attention is paid to development issues in the pages of each newspaper, which creates the ground for new ideas and progress towards noble goals. Then any events of the society will be reflected in the press.

Currently, a national information environment is being formed in our country, and market relations are being decided in this environment. Naturally, various problems arise in front of editors in these processes. Among these, problems such as the issue of personnel, strengthening of the material and technical base can be included.

To increase the socio-political activity of our people, to raise their morale, to convey to the population the essence of the reforms taking place in all fields impartially, truthfully and quickly, to educate the growing generation as mature and well-rounded individuals in all respects, to protect them from the influence of various ideas alien to our nation, and from spiritual threats. The role and importance of mass media is increasing.

## **Conclusion**

As a result of comprehensive reforms carried out in our country, under the leadership of our President, all the necessary conditions and opportunities were created for the further development of our national press, its operation at the level of world standards, its place and position in the world information space, and its free and effective operation. Of course, this kind of care and attention requires the employees of the industry to feel their moral duty to the society, to approach their chosen profession with more responsibility and selflessness, and to become literal defenders of our national interests.

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