

The Coverage of Family Issue in the Press (On the Examples of the Newspapers “Mahalla”, “Oila Davrasida”, “Oila Va Jamiyat”)

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Abstract: *The article pays special attention to the problems of coverage of family issues in the press. In particular, in the example of three publications, this issue is considered analytically. The article reveals to the public the problems between family relationships, couples and children and the impact of this on public psychology.*

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Introduction

In our developing country, as in all spheres, the media is improving based on the principles of a democratic society. It should be noted that the development of the industry was due to the creation of a legal framework for the media, the adoption of several laws and regulations on its activities. In particular, according to Article 67 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the media is free and operates in accordance with the law. The media is responsible for the accuracy of the information in the prescribed manner, and censorship is guaranteed.

In addition, Uzbekistan has adopted the Law "On Mass Media". If we look at the recent history, 20 years ago there were about 400 types of media in Uzbekistan. To date, their number has reached about 1,500. This indicates that the process of growth and change in this sector is continuing. Especially in recent years, there has been some liberalization of the media.

Ensuring freedom of the press and speech in a democratic society is also reflected in the emergence of a variety of media to meet the information needs of the audience. Today, about a thousand newspapers and magazines operate in our country which have their own audiotape and place in the information space. In this sense, it was born out of the need for socially oriented newspapers and the need to focus on family issues that we aim to explore. This was due to the need and motivation in recent years to pay special attention to the strength of the family, to ensure their stability, to explain to the public that the family is a part of society, the foundation of the state. Among the newspapers specializing in the coverage of family issues, we will focus on the activities of the newspapers "Mahalla", "Oila va Jamiyat", "Oila davrasida", which publish articles that focus on specific family issues. The newspaper "Mahalla" was founded in 1996 and now has a circulation of more than 23,000. The "Oila va Jamiyat" newspaper was registered in 2007 and now has a circulation of just over 3,000. Today, more than 5,000 copies of the newspaper "Oila davrasida", which was published in 100,000 copies on the occasion of the "Year of the Family", will be distributed to readers. Unlike other publications, these newspapers provide analytical and critical articles on family issues.

Although these three publications cover family issues, they have radically different styles and orientations. "Mahalla" takes a more political approach to the issue. Articles evoke fluent and serious thoughts in terms of writing. Each text emphasizes the ongoing implementation of laws and regulations in public life. The "Oila davrasida", which differs from it in style, is a political and tabloid publication. The newspaper "Oila va Jamiyat" often acquires new directions to attract the audience. At first glance, these publications seem to be very similar in that they cover a family topic, but social events differ sharply in terms of coverage of domestic topics in the family. The newspaper "Mahalla" describes the events in a very general way in the coverage of family issues. However, it places special emphasis on state-mandated family protection laws. This can be seen in every article in the newspaper devoted to this topic. Although the newspaper "Oila Davrasida" may seem at first glance to be devoted only to family issues, it has devoted only one page to cover the subject. With the exception of short factual stories, not many serious analytical articles are published.

The language of the newspaper "Oila va Jamiyat" is simple and fluent, and articles are published based on past events and journalistic inquiries. The publication is entirely devoted to women's lives and family issues. However, these family publications do not meet some journalistic requirements. Because the titles chosen for the articles draw the reader's attention very slowly.

Also, one of the elements that comes after the title and makes the article readable is that no attention is paid to its lid (introduction) at all. "... journalism is not only a socio-political phenomenon, but also, first of all, a spiritual-enlightenment, and an artistic profession of a creative nature" (Khurshid Dostmuhammad). From this point of view, it seems that in the activities of newspapers, family issues are treated a little casually and from a distance. This also be seen when the articles of these publications

on family issues are often limited to news. Publications try to cover family issues politically, socially, economically, educationally. The newspaper “*Oila davrasida*” also held a photo contest “Strong family”. However, the fact that these publications do not fully cover family issues can also be seen from the fact that they consistently focus on the same topics. As an example, the newspaper Mahalla focused only on divorce and weddings. The newspaper “*Oila davrasida*” followed the same path. But unlike Mahalla, it has analyzed ways to solve problems. “*Oila va Jamiyat*”, on the other hand, focuses more on women’s issues. The newspaper tries to keep pace with the flow of information, analyzes problems in society very quickly.

At the same time, we can see that they monitor and analyze social networks, local and foreign sites, and approach them in the form of attitudes to them. But they sometimes don’t pay serious attention to the psychological aspects in choosing the title of the article in order to gather an audience. This can be seen in such headlines as “Why did the stepmother torture her children?” and “Betrayal between husband and wife should not go unpunished”. One of the newspapers’ achievements is that, unlike other publications, it analyzes problems and adds suggestions that serve to strengthen the family. This can be seen in the publication’s proposals to prepare boys for marriage and increase the value of girls in society. All three publications made very few statements about the role of fathers in the family. While several issues of the publication have been published, the title and text of one or two articles on the subject have not been fully disclosed, even if they are about fathers and their role in the family, their upbringing of children. The analysis is superficial and unreliable.

This gives the impression that society is made up only of women, who are the leaders in the family who can solve the problems in the society. Of course, information is consumed as a commodity. Self-absorbed into student psychology. As a result, the role of fathers in society and in everyday life becomes one of the factors that serve to weaken and discredit them. Social networks are very active these days. They provide the public with a variety of information on family issues that do not recognize psychological and pedagogical norms. The print media is required to be vigilant in this regard. Because ignoring psychological pedagogical norms has a negative impact on sensitive family issues. Because, the family, which is the foundation of society, is a sacred place. The factor that ensures its sanctity is also explained by the fact that family relationships are not disclosed to the public. In this regard, the implementation of state policy aimed at strengthening the institution of the family, the biggest task facing the media is to pay special attention to the problems of families that are not disclosed to the public, analyze them, study them from a legal, psychological and pedagogical point of view.

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