

**THE HISTORY OF POLITICAL PARTIES IN UZBEKISTAN: THE FORMATION AND  
DEVELOPMENT OF POLITICAL PARTIES IN UZBEKISTAN: THE UZBEKISTAN  
LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

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**Abstract:** This article provides information about the origins and historical development of political parties operating in the Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as their activities. Additionally, it discusses the development of these parties and the efforts made for their growth, highlighting the advantages of a multiparty system.

**Key words:** parties, political, economic changes, international relations, socio-economic, society, civil society, "National Unity", Young Bukharians, Young Khivans, democratic, education and science, political reforms

The political life of the Republic of Uzbekistan has been shaped through various parties and movements before and after independence. After Uzbekistan gained independence in 1991, the foundations of a new political system began to be established in the country. This process significantly influenced the establishment of political parties. The emergence and development of parties in Uzbekistan are linked not only to domestic politics but also to international relations and economic changes, which have had an impact on the country's socio-economic development.

Political parties serve as an important means for citizens to express their political activity, protect their interests, and influence state governance. The process of establishing and developing political parties in Uzbekistan is crucial for the formation of democracy and civil society in the country. This article provides detailed information about the history of political parties in Uzbekistan, their formation, stages of development, and the current political parties present today. Studying this process is essential for understanding Uzbekistan's political future.

In particular, political parties are political organizations that represent the interests of social groups and unite their most active representatives. Political parties are a vital part of the political system of society; they participate in determining the political direction of the state and form the representative and executive bodies of the government. Although political parties began to emerge during the revolutions of the 17th-18th centuries, organizations similar to political parties have existed since ancient times. The historical and social conditions necessary for establishing political parties in Central Asia began to emerge towards the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century. The efforts of Jadids and intellectuals to spread enlightenment among the people, increase political awareness, advocate for autonomy within Tsarist Russia, and raise the issue of creating an independent national state are indicative of this (see Jadidism). However, their aspirations faced resistance from both the Tsarist authorities and local rulers. As a result, by 1917, politically, theoretically, and organizationally mature political structures had not yet formed in the region. Political organizations and their leaders that began to emerge on the eve of and after the October Revolution faced persecution, exile, and deportation (see "National

Unity," Young Bukharians, Young Khivans). During the Soviet era, establishing any party other than the ruling Communist Party was prohibited [1].

**Concept of Political Party:** A political party is a voluntary association formed based on the common views, interests, and goals of the citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan, aimed at realizing the political will of a certain part of society in the formation of state power bodies and participating in the management of state and public affairs through its representatives (Article 1 of the Law on Political Parties) [2]. After Uzbekistan gained independence, opportunities were created for the formation and operation of political parties. Currently, there are five political parties in the country: the People's Democratic Party of Uzbekistan, the "Adolat" Social Democratic Party of Uzbekistan, the National Revival Democratic Party of Uzbekistan, the Liberal Democratic Party of Uzbekistan, and the Ecological Party of Uzbekistan. These political parties carry out their activities based on the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan (December 8, 1992), the Law on Political Parties (December 26, 1996), other legislative documents, as well as their charters [3].

The Liberal Democratic Party of Uzbekistan (O'zLiDeP) was established on October 4-5, 2003, by a group of initiators consisting of representatives of small businesses, entrepreneurs, farmers, a layer of property owners, highly qualified specialists in production, management personnel, and businessmen. The party aims to express and protect their interests as a national political organization [4]. O'zLiDeP was founded in 2003 and is focused on promoting liberal-democratic values in Uzbekistan. The goals and objectives of the party include:

1. **Development of Democratic Values:** O'zLiDeP aims to promote democratic governance and protect human rights and freedoms. The party seeks to engage citizens in political processes and ensure their voices are heard.
2. **Economic Development:** The party supports economic reforms and strives to implement programs aimed at developing a market economy. This includes fostering the private sector, attracting investments, and creating jobs.
3. **Social Justice:** O'zLiDeP aims to ensure social justice by creating equal opportunities for all segments of society, improving the social protection system, and implementing programs aimed at enhancing the well-being of the population.
4. **Education and Science:** The party supports reforms in the education sector and seeks to introduce modern knowledge and technologies. Improving the quality of education, preparing youth for modern professions, and supporting scientific development are among O'zLiDeP's core tasks.
5. **Development of Civil Society:** O'zLiDeP focuses on forming and developing civil society. The party encourages non-governmental organizations, social movements, and cooperation among citizens.
6. **International Cooperation:** The party aims to develop international relations and enhance Uzbekistan's global standing. To achieve this, it is necessary to expand cooperation with

international organizations and protect the country's interests.7. Political Reforms: O'zLiDeP supports the implementation of political reforms, which leads to the deepening of democratic processes in the country and the expansion of political party activities. The goals and objectives of O'zLiDeP serve the political and economic development of Uzbekistan and are aimed at ensuring stability, progress, and social justice in the country. The party strives to prioritize Uzbekistan's independent development and the interests of the people.

In conclusion, O'zLiDeP plays an important role in Uzbekistan's political life. Its establishment and development are seen as a result of efforts aimed at promoting democratic processes, implementing economic reforms, and ensuring social justice in the country. The future of O'zLiDeP is closely linked to the political and social changes in the country, as it seeks to prioritize the interests of the people in its activities. Additionally, the existence of other opposition parties fosters competition and development. Multipartyism is a crucial component of democratic systems, providing political diversity, competition, and accountability. However, for it to function effectively, healthy competition and cooperation between political parties are of significant importance.

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