



## Raise awareness of law compliance for current students

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### Abstract

Legal consciousness is a part of social consciousness, subject to the regulations of social existence including legal life. Like all other forms of social consciousness, legal consciousness has an impact on social existence and plays a huge role in the legal life of society. Raising legal awareness for students is an important issue that determines the successful implementation of the task of state management by law and building a socialist rule-of-law state in the current period. In particular, students are the future owners of the country, the main human resource in the cause of industrialization and modernization of the country. Therefore, it is required that they have high legal awareness, which is the main driving force, contributing to preserving order and discipline of the country and contributing to building a fair, democratic and civilized society.

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### 1. Introduction

After more than 25 years of implementing the reform initiative initiated and led by our Party, we have achieved extremely great achievements, helping the country overcome the period of socio-economic crisis, maintaining political stability and effectively solve urgent socio-economic problems. But the sad reality is that with socio-economic development and increasingly improved living standards, law violations are increasing in both quantity and severity. Among them, a significant number of law violations are committed by students. The basic reason is still due to the limited legal awareness of a portion of students. Because it also needs to be emphasized that for a long time, legal propaganda and education work has not been given due attention, and in many places, has even been lax at times. The neglect and lack of dynamism in the work of propagating legal education to students is one of the reasons leading to the increasing number of students violating the law and discipline. That has raised the need to be aware of the important strategic significance of popular propaganda and legal awareness education in current university teaching. For a long time, we have only focused on fostering and imparting scientific knowledge to the young generation, without paying enough attention to legal knowledge and life skills. The lack of uniformity in education has led to serious consequences: the legal awareness of the masses - especially young people - is not high, leading to serious crime among this group of people, accounts for a high proportion of the total number of people breaking the law and is on an increasing trend, many of which are due to poor understanding of the law leading to crime. Therefore, in the current situation, raising legal awareness for all members of society, especially for students, is posed as an objective necessity.

### 2. Research content

#### 2.1. The role of raising awareness of law compliance for students

Students are generally a progressive social class, equipped with a relatively comprehensive system of knowledge, and are very dynamic, creative, active, and sharp in their studies and research as well as in their studies social relations. However, students still have limitations and disadvantages such as incomplete personality, impulsiveness, impulsiveness, easily agitated, difficult to control, sometimes arrogant, complacent, fond of freedom, or competition and especially understanding of the law is not comprehensive and profound.

Personality can be understood as the characteristic qualities of each individual that are expressed externally through the subject's specific behaviors. Those qualities are most fully revealed at specific times and in specific situations, requiring the subject to demonstrate the ability to behave and decide on the choice of method of action. Therefore, every human behavior when participating in life's activities shows the nuances of that person's inner self, not the result of an instinctive reaction but fully contained imprint of that person's own thinking in the face of life's fluctuations. Personality plays an important role in determining individual behavior. Recent reality shows that the situation of students violating the law in our country is increasing in both quantity and severity, raising a question for society in general and educators in particular: Why are educated and knowledgeable young people easily drawn into the path of breaking the law? One of the answers to this problem is: Because their legal awareness is still limited, improving legal awareness for students will be the premise for forming their personality, lifestyle, contributes to reducing illegal acts in society. When educating and raising legal awareness, we also educate and improve children's understanding of the guidelines and policies of our Party and State. Law itself represents moral values such as protecting the good, fighting evil and ugliness, building beauty, preserving and enhancing human dignity. Raising legal awareness for students also contributes to forming a good attitude in their behavior. Legal awareness raising activities help students better understand the meaning of moral values, moral obligations and be aware of the need to build moral values and have the responsibility to implement them that moral value. Besides, making it understood that the law is a tool to maintain and protect moral values, acts that violate ethical standards recognized by the law are strictly handled according to the provisions of the law. Understanding and respecting the law will help you always ensure legality in your actions. At the same time, the legal consciousness is formed in them and that consciousness will follow them throughout their lives - the future owners of the country.

Our Party and State always consider the human factor to hold a central position, both as a goal and as a driving force in the economic development strategy. That's why education and training is considered a top national policy, raising people's knowledge, training human resources, and fostering talents are always given attention. Students are the ones who will become high-quality human resources for the country, the basic workforce in the cause of industrialization and modernization of the country. Raising legal awareness for children plays an important role in equipping them with a high sense of discipline and understanding of the law to meet the requirements for our country's human resources in the future new phase. Under the impact of the market mechanism, many negative sides have also appeared in society that require strict and strict management by law. Fully equipping people in general and students in particular with legal knowledge is an urgent issue to help limit the negatives and promote the positives that the market economy brings. For example, when foreign tourists visit Vietnam, they must constantly be vigilant against actions that threaten the safety of life or property, which will leave a bad image of the country and people of Vietnam in the eyes of other countries around the world and so we will certainly have very difficult integration. Or when we cooperate economically, trade with other countries, if we do not understand or are not conscious

of complying well with the regulations of international trade, we will violate the law and be removed from the list cooperation policies of countries and huge consequences for the country's economic development. So to meet the requirements of the integration trend and successfully implement the revolutionary path that our Party and people have chosen, we must constantly raise legal awareness for the people, including student.

Our state is a socialist law-governed state, so our people cannot help but have the necessary legal knowledge to think and act according to the law. In social life, people are always attached to their community, that relationship is always seen as a basic condition to ensure the development of each individual. It can be said that the maturation process of each individual is the process of receiving and processing relationships through its impact from many sides and from many different levels. To handle that relationship well, people always play a leading role in the process of regulating human behavior and to achieve this, people need to have positive legal consciousness.

In a socialist regime, law is considered an effective means for citizens to exercise their right to mastery. As a special tool in establishing social order, the legal system has been constantly improved, and has been making an important contribution to the work of building and protecting the fatherland. But we know that to establish social order, it is not enough to perfect the legal system, but also to bring it into people's lives and promote its effectiveness in social relations. To do so, legal propaganda and education play a key role to help all members of society understand the law and voluntarily comply with the provisions of the law. Legal education is an important content, with special significance in raising citizens' legal awareness. In particular, students are people in the age group that is forming and perfecting their knowledge and personality, with the psychology of their age being that they like to assert themselves, quickly approach new things, and are easily attracted and Immature thinking is still impulsive and impetuous... therefore, if legal awareness is not high, it can easily lead to breaking the law. In fact, the rate of students breaking the law in our country in the current period is on the rise, a situation that seriously affects social order and national discipline. To reduce this situation, we can influence it through many measures, of which the most important measure is to raise legal awareness for students so that they are properly aware of the role of law in their lives themselves and society, understand the rules of behavior according to the standards of the law so that they can limit violations of the law, contribute to stabilizing discipline, stabilizing social order and contributing to the country's sustainable development.

## **2.2. Current status of students' compliance with the law**

After more than 25 years of implementing the reform initiative initiated and led by our Party, we have achieved extremely great achievements, helping the country overcome the period of socio-economic crisis, maintaining Maintain political stability and effectively solve urgent socio-economic problems. But the sad reality is that with socio-economic development and increasingly improved living standards, law violations are increasing in both quantity and severity. Among them, a significant number of law violations are committed by students. Through data presented at the Conference on crime prevention and social evils in schools held on December 14, 2007 in Da Lat city, only in the first 7

months of 2007, there were 33,284 in cases where teenagers drop out of school, leave home and wander, they are at risk of breaking the law. Violations are most concentrated in groups of crimes; property infringement; violating human life, health, dignity, and honor; disrupting order and social security; drugs, prostitution...

Many prominent cases that have received public attention recently show that some young people have violated the law using their professional skills and training. Of the 14 people involved in this incident, 11 are students, some of whom know 4 foreign languages, and some are very proficient in applying information technology. Or many cases of stealing foreigners' accounts to conduct illegal commercial transactions over the Internet, or "cracking" personal credit card security systems to steal money through automatic teller machines, then transfer to your personal account.

No matter how the above situation is explained, we also need to emphasize that for a long time, legal propaganda and education work has not been given due attention, even in many places, sometimes loose. The neglect and lack of dynamism in the work of propagandizing and educating students on law is one of the reasons leading to the increasing number of students violating the law and discipline. That has shown us the need to be aware of the important strategic significance of propaganda and legal education in teaching at high schools, professional secondary schools, colleges and universities. For a long time, we have only focused on fostering and imparting scientific knowledge to the young generation, without paying enough attention to legal knowledge and life skills. The lack of uniformity in educational work has led to serious consequences: the legal awareness of the masses - especially young people - is not high, leading to serious crime among this group of people, accounts for a high proportion of the total number of people breaking the law and is on an increasing trend, many of which are due to poor understanding of the law leading to crime.

Therefore, in the current situation, legal education for all members of society, especially for school pupils and students, is posed as an objective necessity, an integral part in our educational program. Pupils are generally a progressive social class, equipped with a relatively comprehensive knowledge system, they are very dynamic, creative, positive, and sensitive in studying and researching research as well as in social relationships. However, students still have limitations and weaknesses such as incomplete personality, impulsiveness, impulsiveness, easily agitated, difficult to control, sometimes arrogant, complacent, and fond of freedom greedy, demanding, and especially the understanding of the law is not comprehensive and profound. However, having a vague understanding of basic legal knowledge is not entirely the student's fault. According to the results of a recent survey by the University of Labor and Social Affairs, more than 80% of the university's students do not grasp basic knowledge of law, 40% of which regularly commit illegal acts violate the law. Currently, except for schools and faculties specializing in law, other higher education institutions allocate programs and choose teaching methods for law subjects that are not reasonable. For example, the training program of the Faculty of Journalism, University of Social Sciences and Humanities (Hanoi National University) only includes two subjects in the training program: "State and law" and "State and law". Law on Press and Publication - Sub-Law Documents" with 4 units (60 periods) out of a total of 188 units of the entire course, is

not reasonable.

Besides, as we know, students are easily influenced by the direct influence of the environment and those around them. First of all, it can be said that their legal awareness depends greatly on the level of awareness and voluntary compliance with the law of their parents and family members as well as public opinion. On the other hand, because the personal abilities and the development of social relationships of students are increasingly growing, in accordance with their studies and activities, this subject is also influenced by the impact of society. Associations, schools... Therefore, it is important that the legal education system for pupils and students must be based on a close connection with practical activities of social life, meeting the requirements of legal education pressing needs of social life and in accordance with the laws of social development, only then can legal education be comprehensive and effective. That means all educational factors have a direct and positive influence on the level of legal awareness of the educated subject.

Students are a young social class in the process of studying and training, they do not yet have the conditions and ability to have ideas, concepts, and opinions about legal phenomena in life, as well as skills in applying law to life. Understanding and applying law to real life is not a simple matter at all. Therefore, while studying law, students need to practice, approach reality, and be given favorable conditions so that they can both improve their theoretical knowledge and have the ability to apply law to life. With that meaning, in addition to learning theory and studying legal norms, students need to research and participate in practical exercises on applying the law and solving legal situations. That way, it increases the appeal and attracts students in the learning process.

### **2.3. Solutions to raise students' awareness of law compliance**

Firstly, strengthen the Party's leadership and the government's direction in raising legal awareness for students. To strengthen the Party's leadership, it is necessary to thoroughly grasp Directive No. 32/CT-TW of the Secretariat on strengthening the Party's leadership in law dissemination and education, thereby creating change in the Party's leadership awareness and actions of grassroots Party organizations and Party members on legal education. Party committees at all levels must always determine the exemplary role of party members and their pioneering role in propagating and educating the law. Party committees at all levels must also regularly monitor, inspect, and supervise legal education activities, promptly urge, direct, and handle problems that arise during the legal education process. Activities of inspection, supervision, preliminary review and evaluation of legal education work are not only through reports but must also be combined with actual inspection.

Second, actively innovate the content of fostering legal awareness to suit each school and each subject in specific conditions and circumstances. During the implementation process, you must always closely follow the content of documents, directives and instructions of competent legal authorities. Based on the characteristics and situation of each school to determine appropriate training content. It is necessary to pay attention to content related to the responsibilities and obligations of citizens; Documents related to the rights and obligations of citizens in general and students and young people in particular... These are important contents in fostering legal awareness and building a healthy

cultural environment in schools. This content not only helps students strictly comply with the law, limit crime, but also practically comply with the State's laws and contribute to building a comprehensively strong State and managing society by law.

Third, combine many appropriate forms and methods of fostering legal awareness so that students can easily absorb, remember, and apply. Legal documents often have many difficult terms, a lot of content and are not easy to absorb, while the time devoted to fostering legal awareness is limited. Therefore, regularly combining many appropriate training forms and methods, creating many "channels" of legal information for students is very necessary. In addition to legal training according to the program, it is also necessary to regularly integrate legal awareness training with other forms of educational and training activities of the school; strengthen the organization of propaganda and dissemination activities about the law; maintain strict discipline in extracurricular activities; organize emulation activities during peak months of law enforcement; In addition, schools must regularly organize activities for students to learn about and answer questions about the law.

Fourth, combine raising legal awareness with ideological, political, ethical, and lifestyle education for students. To raise legal consciousness, it must be placed in relationship with other forms of social consciousness, especially the relationship with political consciousness and moral consciousness. Law is the institutionalization of political policies, a means for political policies to be strictly implemented in society. Therefore, raising legal awareness is political education, the Party's policies and viewpoints, and also through political education to raise awareness and attitudes towards legal provisions and changes into correct behavior in life. Schools also need to pay attention to cultivating students' outlook on life and the scientific world through teaching and disseminating theoretical issues of Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's thought.

Effective propaganda and teaching of the law will contribute to creating a legal cultural foundation for society, so that all people are aware of complying with the law. However, in order for the work of disseminating and educating legal awareness to students in schools to be effective, schools need to be more fully aware of the importance of legal education and political education subjects ideological treatment. Schools also need to innovate content and methods in a direction that not only meets the need for basic knowledge of law, but also meets practical needs, ensuring practicality, on the one hand, raising the level of awareness for students subjects, especially students, on the other hand, helps them have the ability to apply creativity in real life.

### 3. Conclusion

For legal education for pupils and students, it is necessary to emphasize the relationship between education and improving the level of legal culture for the young generation in the current integration trend, helping them to be aware more fully about its responsibilities in the new international context. Legal education for students must aim to make them fully and deeply understand real life, social awareness, and purposeful and socially meaningful activities forward. The key issue of legal education for future generations of citizens is to equip them with the most general knowledge, helping them fully, accurately and scientifically understand the law. That understanding is the premise for both the depth and breadth

of legal consciousness. Legal education in schools must ensure that the program corresponds to the cultural level and awareness of the children.

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