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**Increasing the level of political culture and the education of young people as a
condition for social development**

***Abstract.** Features of formation of political culture and education of the younger generation as one of the most important tasks of modern education have been determined in the article; the problems of creating conditions for the development, self-development and realization of the individual as a citizen of Ukraine in the system of education have been grounded. The aim is to educate a young person - a patriot of Ukraine with an active lifestyle, ready to show national pride, self-realize successfully in society as citizen with a high level of political culture and education, to be the bearer of Ukrainian national culture. The formation of political competence of youth is the approval, the development of civil and political competence, leading to a more educated, competent, mature and responsible citizen have become the urgent task for teachers and scholars today.*

Social teaching is an effective mechanism of social and political competences of young people. The effectiveness of social teaching political competence is growing conditions: awareness of the importance of needs; the presence of reinforcements, which determines and regulates individual behavior; the availability of real-life examples of positive, successful resolution of socio-political affairs (from personal experience or the experience of other people or groups, NGOs, etc.); regularity ahead, use acquired skills.

Forming political opinion, political culture and enhance political education of Ukrainian youth are important in the education of the person with an active lifestyle, ready to show national pride, successfully self-realize in society, also of the citizens with a high level of political culture and education, prepared for life in a democratic civil society and the recognition and acceptance of the values that constitute main determinants of society.

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