

The interaction of law and morality in the society

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Morality and law are the main regulators of human behavior. The interaction of law and morality in the society is a process characterized by the variety of forms. The impact of law on morality causes the opposite effect of morality on law. Law and morality in the society complement each other as a means of social regulation. In reality, law and morality are inseparable. In the process of interaction, realizing their social purpose, law and moral consistently and purposefully form the new social relations.

In the process of joint regulation of social relations there occurs a qualitatively new phenomenon – a moral-legal effect. Particularly nowadays, the importance of morality is growing when applying legal norms. The interaction of law and morality consists in their functional and social interaction. Compliance with law regulations is considered to be moral, and vice versa, illegal conduct that violates the norms and contradicts the law is immoral and condemned by the society. Legal norms of many international acts, which define the principles of national legislation based on universal principles are morally justified. The same principle was taken as the basis for the provisions of the Constitution of Ukraine.

The moral foundation becomes an integral part of legal norm mechanism, especially in enforcement activity of officials and state bodies. It is immoral not to know the functions and powers which are entrusted to officials, it is immoral not to perform them or hide behind good intentions, deliberately to violate moral norms and legal regulations, it is immoral to avoid responsibility.

Building a legal, democratic state requires the objective improvement in all spheres of life and activities of the society, the science-based regulation of social relations. Without a thorough and comprehensive investigation of the rules of law and other social rules society can neither control nor use them as the most effective means of regulating social relations. The force of the laws hundred times increases if they rely not only on power, but also on social morality.

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