



SOME FEATURES OF UZBEK COMMUNICATIVE BEHAVIOR

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Speech culture occupies a very important place in Uzbek communication. Communicators of all categories, regardless of age, gender and social status, try to speak sincerely and openly. It is normal for an Uzbek person to have an emotional reaction to criticism.

According to the observations of representatives of Western and Eastern culture, Uzbeks can talk with emotion for a long time, which is especially surprising to foreigners, even there is information about this in Japanese textbooks. It tells the story of the long polite meeting of the Uzbek people.

Foreigners are told that the mood of an Uzbek person can suddenly change, that is, he can be upset from a good mood, and then suddenly a sincere smile appears on his face. Europeans say that they are surprised by the rapid change of mood of an Uzbek person during a conversation.

Such a speech act is explained by the fact that the Uzbek people do not hide their true feelings behind the mask of a smile or polite behavior, as in Western communication. In simple terms, it means expressing a direct emotional reaction to the content of the conversation.

Uzbek communicative behavior in the speech act with familiar and unfamiliar persons is characterized by the desire for equality, the desire for simplicity and communicative equality. Majority of Uzbek people like to communicate without formalities. As an example, we give examples of the conversations of the president of Uzbekistan with the winners of the Olympic games that took place in Paris, France:

Interview of President Shavkat Mirziyoev with boxer Bakhodir Jalolov:

- *Hello(assalamu aleykum) Dear President!*

-*(sound of laughter) My brave son, my heroic son Assalamu aleykum! Congratulations from the bottom of my heart on your historic victory, You showed the whole world once again that you are unmatched in the world at the heaviest weight. It gave us great pride, honor and prodeness.*

As you can see, during the conversation, despite the fact that the president occupies a high position, he spoke to the athlete as if he were his own child, with sincerity and





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affection, using words that give a sense of pride: my son, my hero son. Also, the president responded to the sportsman's greeting with "aleikum assalam" instead of saying "Waleikum assalam", which once again shows that he has increased respect for him. (usually in Uzbek traditions, young people are the first to say hello to their elders, and the elders respond by saying "Valeikum assalam"). In the next interview, we will look at the president speech with Svetlana Osipova, a girl athlete of Russian nationality:

- *Hello dear president!*

- *Hello, dear daughter Svetlana, I am very glad to hear from you. Tonight you achieved, I think, a historic achievement. You became the first Uzbek Olympic medalist in taekwondo. We all watched your every performance with excitement.*

Even in this conversation, the president addressed the sportswoman as his own daughter despite the fact that she is a representative of another nation: *my dear daughter Svetlana*

Uzbeks often speak in this manner even with strangers, ignoring formal politeness. From the beginning of the conversation, the Uzbek people usually show friendliness and openness, a simple form of communication, and thus call for the same response from the companion.

In the process of greeting in Uzbek nation, approaches to the partner, men are used shaking hands, and women are often used hugging each other. (even if it's a stranger).

The sign of superiority as communicative behavior shows the tendency to gain the attention of the companion during the communication process, to show that he is knowledgeable and is able to tell intriguing things. It must be said that Uzbek as a person expresses himself in the speech process.

The Uzbek people can easily act in the conversation between strangers, express their opinion, even if they are not asked, they can offer something on their own initiative. He can interfere in the conversation of people walking on the road and express his opinion on the question under discussion.

It is natural for Uzbeks to interrupt the conversation and ask questions. In the office, it is common for another employee to interrupt a conversation between an employee and a customer. You can freely address, advise or warn a person which you don't know.

For examples: *You got mud on your pants.* (to the person asking the other person how to get to the destination) *This is bus 42 that will take you to that destination. Can I take your bag and carry it? It's heavy. Your money is gone.*

Uzbeks can easily communicate with any person, even that is a stranger. Unlike the West, in Uzbek communicative behavior, any expression can be the beginning of a conversation, a reason for the development of communication. This is especially true for older people in public transport (for example: *about utility bills, the best pediatrician in town, causes and solutions to traffic jams...*).

Long-term pauses in Uzbek communication are unacceptable. Communication should be continuous, companions should always be in the process of speech both in dialogue





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and in group communication. If there is a sudden pause, it creates an "uncomfortable" situation. This situation is tried to be eliminated immediately, otherwise all participants of the communication will feel uncomfortable. As an example, we can mention the gathering of Uzbek women as a group, which is common nowadays, and this event is called "GAP" by its name. This meeting is currently held in cafes and restaurants, and in some cases we can observe that several groups gather at once, and this situation can easily occupy the highest points of noise in those places. Of course, the reason for this is the non-stop communication process. Such situations are observed in many ceremonies: cradle wedding, aqeeqah, tea party, birthdays. Also, one of the data proving that the Uzbek people are a noisy nation can be seen from the opinions expressed by people of Russian nationality in social networks. In the "Noisy Uzbeks" video of blogger Valentin Zaykin on the "You Tube" channel, we can see the *"milk-yogurt"* that started in the morning and during the day various secondary traders shouted *"we can buy TV, vacuum cleaner,..."*. We can see that events that are a normal communicative situation for Uzbek, but are unusual for representatives of other nationalities – that is why they are called "noisy Uzbeks".

Another feature of Uzbek communicative behavior is his hospitality and welcoming with a smile. These are the brightest and national characteristics of Uzbek communication. It can be seen from the many videos of tourists on social networks who give a positive assessment of these features. As an example, in the video "Americans visited Uzbekistan" posted by the Russian blogger Valentin Zaykin on the "you tube" channel, the US delegation came to Uzbekistan about five years ago, and their main goal was to "contribute to the development of Uzbekistan". The guests were welcomed according to the customs of "Uzbek hospitality" specific to the Uzbek nation: in this, the guests were transported in expensive cars, "Mercedes" brand cars, were entertained around a constantly abundant table, and were in the most beautiful, luxurious places. The guests concluded that "Uzbekistan has no needs to money support." In fact, this situation is a tradition that has been formed in the Uzbek people for centuries. It is also widely known from folk proverbs: *"A guest comes through the door, food comes through a hole"*, *"Even if your guest room is narrow, let your kindness be wide."*. To sum up, it might be said that one of the characteristics of Uzbek communicative behavior is hospitable, sincere, open-minded people, despite being a noisy nation.

