

The Enlightenment of the Community of Human Destiny on the Governance of Global Wealth Distribution Imbalance

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ABSTRACT

With the rapid development of the economy, the world's wealth has increased at a geometric base level, but the huge world wealth has not benefited all countries and the general public, but is owned by a few countries, even a few rich people. According to the situation of the world's wealth distribution, this paper analyzes the reasons for the imbalance of the world's wealth distribution, and understands the Chinese wisdom and plan provided by the community of human destiny to manage the imbalance of the world's wealth distribution.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The creation of wealth marks the development of a country, and the distribution of wealth affects many social problems of a country. To understand the creation, distribution and development trend of world wealth in the context of globalization, it is only possible to understand the significance of building a community of human destiny to govern the global wealth imbalance only by understanding the causes of the extreme imbalance in the distribution of world wealth.

2. THE DISTRIBUTION OF WORLD WEALTH IN THE CONTEXT OF GLOBALIZATION

In today's world, with rapid economic development and rapid growth of wealth, the global distribution of wealth has become extremely unequal, and a small proportion of the population has a large proportion of wealth. Unequal distribution of wealth has occurred in different regions, different countries and even within the same country, and the global distribution of wealth is in a state of polarization [1].

Firstly, the distribution of global wealth among regions and countries is particularly uneven. According to the 2021 Global Wealth Report,

global wealth increased by 7.4% to 418.3 trillion US dollars in 2020, while the US (126.3 trillion) occupied nearly one third of the global wealth growth. In 2020, the number of "millionaires" in the world increased by 5.2 million to 56.1 million, and the total number of millionaires in the US reached 22 million, more than one third of the total number of millionaires in the world, followed by Germany, Australia, Japan, France, the United Kingdom and other countries. Among the 5.2 million new millionaires, the US had 1.73 million people, accounting for nearly one third. Both the 2006 Global Household Wealth Distribution Report and the 2018 Global Wealth Report show that more than half of the world's wealth is concentrated in North America, Europe and a few developed Asia-Pacific regions, especially the US. From the global wealth reports over the years, wealth is still concentrated in North America and Europe, while the world population is concentrated in Asia and Africa, which shows that a small proportion of the population has a large proportion of the world wealth [2].

Secondly, the global distribution of wealth has become polarized. Through the analysis of the 2018 Global Wealth Report, it can be known that the total global wealth exceeded 317 trillion dollars in 2018, that is, 317 trillion dollars of wealth were owned by 5 billion adults worldwide. The

distribution of wealth among these 5 billion adults was extremely uneven. Most of the wealth was concentrated in the hands of 1.8 billion people, while 3.2 billion people had very little or miserably little wealth, and these people basically lived in Africa. The report also shows that people with a family wealth of more than 1 million accounted for 9.5% of the world's total population, but this 9.5% of the population had 84.1% of the world's total wealth. Of the 9.5% of the population, Europe, North America and the Asia-Pacific region except China and India accounted for 79%. According to the 2021 global wealth database, by the end of 2020, the wealth of the world's bottom 55% people was only 5.5 trillion dollars, accounting for only 1.3% of the global wealth. However, the world's topmost people, the richest 10% people, had 82% of the global wealth. What was more shocking was that the richest 1% people had nearly half (45.8%) of the global wealth. People pay more attention to the distribution of income, but less attention to the inequality of wealth distribution. In fact, compared with the inequality of global income distribution, the inequality of global wealth distribution is more serious, and there has been polarization.

In addition, the distribution of financial assets is also uneven. The socio-economic development level and social existence of each country in the world are different, so the internal composition of wealth in different countries is significantly different [3]. According to the 2021 Global Wealth Report, global financial wealth has also grown rapidly, reaching a record high of 250 trillion dollars in 2020. Especially in North America, Asia (excluding Japan) and Western Europe, according to the current growth rate, it is expected that from now to 2025, these regions will become the main sources of global financial wealth, and their financial wealth will account for 87% of the growth of global new financial wealth. Generally, developed countries prefer financial assets, while less developed countries prefer non-financial assets because of the imperfect financial system. Edward Wolff, an American scholar, once analyzes the composition of the wealth of the richest 10% families: in their composition of wealth, financial assets such as stocks and bonds account for more than 80%, and housing only accounts for 7% of the total wealth. This shows that their family wealth is mainly financial assets. More than 80% of the world's financial assets, such as stocks and bonds, are mainly concentrated in the richest 10% of the world's households. The distribution of global financial assets is also uneven.

3. REASONS FOR THE IMBALANCE OF WEALTH DISTRIBUTION IN THE CONTEXT OF GLOBALIZATION

Wealth inequality within capitalist countries is caused by class exploitation within capitalist countries, and wealth inequality between countries is basically caused by capitalist countries' plundering of colonies and backward countries [4].

3.1 The Establishment of Capitalist Mode of Production Is Accompanied by the Imbalance of Wealth Distribution

A large amount of monetary capital and the existence of free labor force are two conditions that must be met for the establishment of the capitalist mode of production. After the formation of the emerging bourgeoisie, some small commodity producers and workshop owners lose their means of production through various means such as violent exploitation and plunder. The people who lose their means of production, together with their apprentices and helpers, become the employed workers of these few people. The lost means of production are concentrated in the hands of a few people and become primitive capital. With primitive capital and workers, with the redistribution of wealth, capitalist relations of production have been formed. The significant representatives of wealth redistribution are land and currency. First of all, through violent plunder, farmers have nothing at all and become employed workers of the bourgeoisie. The bourgeoisie has gathered the scattered land of farmers together. The use of national debt and tax system also plunders in the country and accumulates a large amount of monetary wealth for the bourgeoisie. In this way, wealth is concentrated in the hands of the bourgeoisie, while the peasants basically have nothing, forming an imbalance in the distribution of domestic wealth. Secondly, the accumulation of wealth through the power of state is another way to redistribute wealth. The emerging bourgeoisie plunders foreign money and treasure by means of conquering colonies by force and selling slaves. This also leads to an imbalance in the distribution of wealth between countries.

3.2 The Law of Capitalist Economy Is the Deep Root of Global Wealth Distribution Imbalance

With the development of society, the ways and means of the capitalists' possession of wealth have become more and more covert. From the production of absolute surplus value that causes people's resistance at the beginning to the production of relative surplus value, from simple reproduction to expanded reproduction, all are free possession of the surplus value of workers, which is the law of possession of capitalist production. Capitalists use this law of possession to gradually realize the possession of global wealth through transnational corporations.

Capitalists also concentrate capital through two main forms, namely, two levers of credit and competition. Through the two levers, many relatively small capitals will be merged to form a large-scale joint-stock company, which is mainly characterized by mergers and acquisitions. Western capitalism has not only made mergers and acquisitions in its own country, but also spread abroad to control the wealth of other countries. The accumulation and concentration of capital make the global distribution of wealth imbalanced, which directly leads to polarization. The amount of capital accumulation is huge, the structure is unreasonable, and the distribution is particularly uneven, which has seriously affected the differences and destiny of different countries and nations.

3.3 Other Factors Leading to Global Wealth Distribution Imbalance in the New Era

In the new era, the traditional way of capital accumulation, which directly controls the material conditions, has become the control of the deep content of productivity. For instance, to control intellectual property rights is to control the distribution of wealth. Property owners have the right to own and dispose of their labor products, and they can obtain huge benefits through transformation and transfer. At present time, intellectual property rights are basically controlled by developed capitalist countries, and developing countries must spend considerable capital to use them, which also makes the distribution of global wealth more unbalanced [5]. In addition, there is the crazy printing of money in the US under the virtual economy. The US currency acts as the world currency in the international value system, and the

US is frantically plundering currencies in the world. In addition to the emergence of financial speculation, the virtual credit currency has also served as the world currency, and it has also exchanged a large number of real wealth of developing countries for developed capitalist countries, especially the US. Their worldwide crazy wealth plunder has caused the imbalance in the distribution of world wealth.

4. BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF HUMAN DESTINY IS CHINA'S SOLUTION TO THE GLOBAL WEALTH IMBALANCE

The imbalance of global wealth distribution has led to the serious polarization between the rich and the poor in the world, which is in urgent need of global governance [6]. However, the global governance system of western countries led by the US has congenital deficiencies and has exposed many problems. China has adapted to the development requirements of the times, put forward the idea of jointly building a community of human destiny, provided effective solutions to global wealth imbalances and governance failures, and contributed to Chinese wisdom.

4.1 The Scientific Connotation of a Community of Human Destiny

The global wealth imbalance is caused by colonization, plunder and unfair economic and political exchanges among countries, and it also causes various worldwide crises and disasters [7]. The community of human destiny is a relatively systematic theoretical system formed by the Communists, with Comrade Xi Jinping at the center, through summarizing and innovating the general trend of globalization and the practice of China's development, with rich connotations, clear goals and concrete measures for its realization.

The community of human destiny has drawn a grand blueprint for the development and construction of the global economy, politics, security, culture, ecology and other aspects. Economically, all countries should be open and innovative, and mutually beneficial; politically, all countries should respect each other and consult on the basis of equality; in terms of security, all countries should resolve disputes through dialogue and resolve differences through consultation; culturally, all countries should be harmonious in

diversity and inclusive; ecologically, all countries should cooperate to deal with global climate issues.

4.2 *The Construction of a Community of Human Destiny Has Provided Beneficial Enlightenment to the Global Wealth Distribution Imbalance*

The idea of a community of human destiny is based on in-depth thinking and accurate understanding of the development of all aspects of mankind, which is a practical plan put forward in the face of the global crisis and China's development needs. Building a community of human destiny can solve the specific problem of global wealth distribution imbalance, break the mandatory logic of capital in the process of globalization, promote equality and mutual benefit in exchanges between countries, make resource allocation more optimized and benefit allocation more reasonable, and pay more attention to the protection of ecological environment during development [8].

4.2.1 *Building a Community of Human Destiny Can Break the Mandatory Logic of Capital and Promote Equality and Mutual Benefit in Exchanges Between Countries*

The common aspiration of the participating countries in globalization is still to maintain multilateralism and achieve equality, mutual benefit and common development among countries, which are highly consistent with the value orientation of a community of human destiny [9]. How to implement the idea of a community of human destiny when dealing with the imbalance of global wealth distribution? On the one hand, it is needed to abide by the UN Charter and uphold multilateralism. On the other hand, it is needed to promote the change and improvement of international rules. The formulation of international rules should follow the principle of equality and mutual benefit, and all countries should abide by and implement them in the spirit of honesty and integrity. Only in this way can the orderly flow of capital and the rationalization of the flow rules be realized, and the imbalance of global wealth distribution be gradually eliminated.

4.2.2 *Building a Community of Human Destiny Can Help to Optimize the Allocation of Resources and the Distribution of Benefits, So That the Fruits of Globalization Benefit the Public*

The development of globalization cannot be separated from the joint efforts and concerted efforts of all mankind. The development of globalization requires not only the role of high-tech and mental workers, but also the contribution of low-end manufacturing and manual workers. However, the development of globalization has not benefited every contributor, but is more concentrated in the hands of a few countries and a few people, making the distribution of world wealth extremely imbalanced and unequal. Therefore, a community of human destiny should be built, so that the dividends of development benefit the people of the world. For one thing, in the allocation of resources, it is needed to properly use the relationship between the market and the government, pay attention to the poor and underdeveloped areas, and optimize the allocation of resources. For another, in the distribution of interests, it is needed to adhere to the principle of combining efficiency and fairness, help each other, benefit each other, and make the distribution of interests more humane. Such a development of globalization can gradually eliminate the polarization between all orders of society and allow more people to support and develop globalization.

4.2.3 *Building a Community of Human Destiny Requires Paying More Attention to the Protection of the Ecological Environment in the Process of Economic Development and Laying the Foundation for the Sustainable Development of Globalization*

The survival and development of any country is to take the earth as the physical space, take the ecology of nature as the living environment, and obtain material means of life and production and construction resources from nature. As a result of capital, all countries only pay attention to economic interests, but ignore the relationship between man and nature. The excessive exploitation and utilization of nature has caused serious damage to the ecological environment. After causing serious damage to the national ecological environment and suffering from natural punishment, some developed

capitalist countries began to change their national industrial structure and transfer industries with high energy consumption and high pollution to developing countries, leaving them suffering from environmental pollution. China is exactly promoting the construction of a community of human destiny for the common homeland of the earth [9]. The community of human destiny has laid a solid foundation for solving the imbalance in the distribution of global wealth and for the sustainable development of globalization and the whole human race.

5. CONCLUSION

The distribution of world wealth is uneven and even polarized in different countries and in different regions of the same country. According to the analysis of the various reasons for the wealth imbalance, the proposal of China's community of human destiny provides a good way to solve the world's wealth imbalance.

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