

Exploring the Value Implications and Path of Integrating Education on the Strengths of the Socialist System with Chinese Characteristics into Ideological and Political Education for College Students

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ABSTRACT

The education on the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics is an important part of ideological and political education for college students. It guides young college students to form a correct understanding and positive identification with the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, which can strengthen their confidence in the system of socialism with Chinese characteristics, establish a solid belief in the ideal of socialism with Chinese characteristics, and grow into qualified builders and reliable successors of socialism. The article examines the practical work of ideological and political education in universities and analyses the value implications and path of integrating the education on the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics into the ideological and political education of college students.

Keywords: *College students, Ideological and political education, Education on the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, Confidence in the system of socialism with Chinese characteristics.*

1. INTRODUCTION

Since the 18th CPC National Congress in 2012, the CPC Central Committee with Xi Jinping at its core has led the entire Party and people of all ethnic groups in China to adhere to and improve the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, modernize China's system and capacity for governance, and provide important institutional guarantees for the historic achievements and changes in the cause of the Party and the country. The strengths of China's state systems and governance are manifested in many ways.¹ Only when young college students have confidence in the

effectiveness and future of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, can they inspire a strong driving force for building socialism and continuously explore new horizons for the socialist cause with Chinese characteristics.² The education on the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics is an important part of ideological and political education for college students. On the new journey towards the second centenary goal, universities must fully leverage the profound connotations and educational value of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics. They must also investigate methods and approaches to integrate the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics into ideological and

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political education for college students. This should be done with the objective of fostering a correct understanding and active identification with the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics among young college students. Furthermore, it is essential to reinforce ideological and political guidance for young college students, thereby cultivating their sense of responsibility and dedication. In order to cultivate a substantial number of capable successors who are able to assume the significant responsibilities of the present era, it is essential to reinforce the educational curriculum with a focus on the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics.³

2. THE CONNOTATION OF EDUCATION ON THE STRENGTHS OF THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM WITH CHINESE CHARACTERISTICS

2.1 The Connotation of the Strengths of the Socialist System with Chinese Characteristics

The system serves as the foundation of a country, playing a pivotal role in maintaining its stability and resilience. A stable system is a prerequisite for a stable country. The system represents the most significant advantage of a country. The strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics are primarily manifested in three key areas.

Firstly, the socialist system with Chinese characteristics is rooted in the land of China and deeply rooted in Chinese history, always adhering to the principle of putting people first. From the economic system, political system, cultural system, or other aspects, it can be seen that the socialist system with Chinese characteristics always adheres to the principle of putting people first, always putting the fundamental interests of the broadest masses of the people first, and has distinct characteristics of putting people first. The recognition and support of the people for the system is the most important reason for the realization of the advantages of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics.

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Secondly, the strong leadership of the CPC is the greatest advantage of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics. The socialist system with Chinese characteristics is centered around the leadership of the Party. It is precisely because of the strong leadership of the CPC that we can effectively ensure that the system construction takes the interests of the people as the starting point, that the system achievements are enjoyed by the people, and that the socialist system has a distinctive people character. Our country has formed a socialist system with Chinese characteristics. In addition to the essential advantage of the Party's leadership, it also has functional advantages with Chinese characteristics in terms of economy, culture, and society. But fundamentally, it all lies in the leadership of the Communist Party of China, which is the greatest advantage.

Thirdly, the socialist system with Chinese characteristics has strong institutional resilience for self-improvement and development, and a distinct spirit of self reform. Whether we can give full play to the advantages of the system depends on whether our ruling party can always maintain progressiveness. The CPC is a party with self innovation spirit and self purification function, which can actively adapt to the changes of the times and keep pace with the times. The socialist system with Chinese characteristics has strong institutional resilience, not only with institutional stability, but also with institutional innovation, rooted in its high ability for self-improvement and self-development throughout.

2.2 The Connotation of Education on the Strengths of the Socialist System with Chinese Characteristics

The education on the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics is a systematic educational practice activity that can transform the subjective world of people and have an active reaction to the real world.⁴ The education on the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics improves the comprehensiveness and accuracy of learners' understanding of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics

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through scientific education. It can enable learners to form a comprehensive understanding and recognition of the advantages of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics on the basis of accurately understanding the essence and characteristics of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics and fully understanding foreign institutional systems, and thus find their own positioning in the historical process of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. The education on the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, with its distinctive practical approach, can reinforce the shared ideals of socialism with Chinese characteristics, illustrate the notable strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, and constitutes a crucial component of ideological and political education for college students.

3. THE VALUE IMPLICATIONS OF INTEGRATING THE EDUCATION ON THE STRENGTHS OF THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM WITH CHINESE CHARACTERISTICS INTO IDEOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL EDUCATION FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

3.1 Young College Students Urgently Need to Firmly Establish Confidence in the Socialist System with Chinese Characteristics

Confidence in the system of socialism with Chinese characteristics is a positive attitude and firm confidence that people have in the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics. Cultivating confidence in the system of socialism with Chinese characteristics among young students is not only based on their subjective understanding of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, but more importantly, it is based on a full understanding and genuine appreciation of the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics. In the complicated cyberspace and the mixed quality of cyber information, young students at the university stage, who are energetic, curious and eager to explore new things, but weak in their ability to distinguish between right and wrong, are easily influenced by bad information, leading to their lack of confidence in the socialist system with Chinese characteristics. Integrating education on the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics into the ideological

and political education of college students can cultivate college students' rational discernment, correct the cognitive bias that may exist in the college student group in positive education, help college students understand and perceive that the socialist system with Chinese characteristics is a system that always represents and protects the fundamental interests of the broadest masses of the people, and strengthen young college students' recognition of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics and their rational understanding of its strengths, and enhance their self-confidence in the system. It also enhances young college students' recognition of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, their rational understanding of the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, and strengthens their confidence in the system of socialism with Chinese characteristics.

3.2 Guiding Young College Students in the Right Political Direction

In the growth process of young college students, the existence of different moral norms, values and standards of interests in society has, to a certain extent, had a negative influence on the political cognition and political beliefs of young college students. Whether young college students have a correct political orientation has a profound impact on the overall quality of the Chinese nation, the future of the country and the destiny of the nation. The content of education on the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics is itself the correct political direction, and integrating education on the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics into the ideological and political education of college students can lay a solid foundation for young college students to firmly establish the correct political direction, and guide young college students to grow up as socialist builders and successors who are all-rounded in morality, intellectuality, physicality, aesthetics, and work.

3.3 Enhancing the Topicality of Ideological and Political Education for University Students

Education on the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics vividly embodies the strengths of the socialist ideological and theoretical system, embodies the new-era interpretation of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics in multiple dimensions, and provides material for the ideological and political education

of college students that is closely related to the spirit of the times. Integrating the teaching of the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics into the ideological and political education of college students can enrich the content of the ideological and political education of college students, and make young college students realize the close relationship between the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics and real life. Young college students are the most active force in the whole society, and the effectiveness of educating young college students about the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics is of great significance in transforming the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics into the effectiveness of governance.

3.4 Implementing the Requirements of the Mission to Establish Moral Education

Colleges and universities are the most important places for the ideological and political education of students, and have the fundamental task of cultivating virtue and creating human beings. The key to carrying out the task of cultivating moral integrity in colleges and universities is to educate young students, and education on the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, as an important part of the ideological and political education of college students, must inevitably focus on young students as the centre of education. The ideological and political education of students in colleges and universities is to cultivate the quality of young students' political identity, to guide students to establish the lofty ideals of communism and the common ideals of socialism with Chinese characteristics, and to become new men of the times who will shoulder the great responsibility of national rejuvenation. While political identity education can be specified as road identity, system identity, theoretical identity, and cultural identity, integrating education on the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics into the ideological and political education of college students is conducive to young college students' identification with the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, and enhances young college students' patriotic feelings and sense of responsibility to work hard for the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. Teaching the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics plays an important role in the process of carrying out the basic task of building moral education in colleges and universities, and

promotes the realisation of the effectiveness of building moral education.

4. PATHS OF INTEGRATING EDUCATION ON THE STRENGTHS OF THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM WITH CHINESE CHARACTERISTICS INTO THE IDEOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL EDUCATION OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

It is very necessary for colleges and universities to carry out education on the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics among young students. At the same time, when developing education on the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, colleges and universities should also consider how to integrate it into students' ideological and political education.

4.1 Strengthening the Study of the Socialist System with Chinese Characteristics and Guiding Young College Students to Understand the Socialist System with Chinese Characteristics

In the course of China's revolution, construction and reform, the Communist Party of China led the people to root themselves in the soil of Chinese society, drew on the political wisdom of China's excellent traditional culture, drew on the useful achievements of human political civilisation, designed the system from our country's basic conditions, did not copy and imitate the Western system model, and created the socialist system with Chinese characteristics after a long period of struggle and exploration, a valuable system that we must cherish, adhere to and develop. Building young college students' confidence in the socialist system with Chinese characteristics cannot be achieved overnight. Young college students must intensify their study of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, and have a correct understanding of the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, as well as a positive emotional recognition of it, which is a long-term process. In the process of forming young college students' confidence in the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, it is necessary for colleges and universities to carry out education on the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics throughout the whole process of

personnel training, build and constantly consolidate the disciplinary, academic and discourse systems of China's system construction theory, effectively tell the story of China's system to young college students, and guide them to fully understand the essential features, profound connotations and superiority of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics. Teachers of ideological and political courses in colleges and universities must teach the socialist system with Chinese characteristics in a deep, thorough and lively way, and guide young students to really learn, really understand and really believe in the contrast between history and reality, between the international and domestic spheres, and between theory and practice. It is necessary for teachers in colleges and universities to help and guide young students to deepen their study of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, whether in theoretical and professional studies or in social practice and voluntary service.

4.2 Strengthening Public Opinion Guidance and Fostering Young College Students' Confidence in the Socialist System with Chinese Characteristics

Young college students, as the group with the most active thoughts and the easiest to accept new things, have not yet fully matured in their world view, outlook on life and values, and are easily influenced by undesirable remarks and information, thus weakening part of the effect of ideological and political education for college students and increasing the difficulty of ideological and political guidance for young college students. Against the background of the diversified ideological values of young students and the increasingly fierce competition for ideological positions, the power of correct public opinion to guide young students should not be overlooked. People express their attitudes towards social phenomena and social problems, and the expression of such attitudes can have a major impact on the development of events. Therefore, the role of public opinion should not be underestimated; it is a double-edged sword, and the importance of public opinion orientation is particularly crucial. Integrating education on the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics into the ideological and political education of college students, and educating and guiding young college students to appreciate the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics cannot be achieved without correct

and positive guidance of public opinion, and the role of public opinion guidance is crucial to the process of promoting the education on the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics. It is necessary to fully expand the penetration of public opinion guidance into people's daily lives, to intervene in social behaviour at the macro level and guide people's thoughts and behaviour, and at the micro level to check, balance and restrict people's thoughts and behaviour.⁵ Colleges and universities should seek more favourable ways to guide public opinion, better manifest the role of guiding public opinion, and deepen the guiding power of education on the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics.

4.3 Strengthening Practical Exploration and Helping Young College Students to Deeply Appreciate the Strengths of the Socialist System with Chinese Characteristics in Practice

In the process of promoting education on the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, colleges and universities should not only solve the problem of young students' knowledge or lack of knowledge of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, so that young students can understand and grasp the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, but also solve the problem of young students' belief or lack of belief in the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, so that young students have a firm belief in the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics. Colleges and universities, as well as teachers, should take advantage of the favourable opportunities for college students' social practice, so as to enable them to gain a deep understanding and correct appreciation of society, and deepen their knowledge of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics. For example, college students should be instructed to participate in the National Youth Model CPPCC Event and bring with the results of their social research and social practice. The National Youth Model CPPCC Event is a good experience to guide young students to participate in the whole process of people's democracy, and it is a feasible way to realise moral education, which is conducive to improving young students' ability to find out

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problems, analyse problems, solve problems, consult and cooperate with each other.⁶ Through participation in this activity, field investigation and research, on-site interviews and analyses, and observation of the proceedings of the CPPCC, young college students will be able to experience the distinctive strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics. In the course of social research and social practice, college students can gain the truest experience and perception of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, identify with the remarkable strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics in the process of hands-on practice, and then strengthen their confidence in the socialist system with Chinese characteristics.

5. CONCLUSION

Incorporating education on the strengths of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics into the ideological and political education of college students will enable young college students to strengthen their confidence in the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, establish a firm belief in the ideals and concepts of socialism with Chinese characteristics, and grow up to be qualified builders and reliable inheritors of socialism. Colleges and universities should guide students to strengthen the study of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, guide public opinion and explore the practice of the system, so that young college students can prove the inherent superiority of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics from the world's perspective, so that young college students can have firm confidence in the socialist system with Chinese characteristics in the process of comparison.

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