



## Explore the Ideological and Political Work of University Teachers and Students in the New Era

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### Abstract

Development is the core of the scientific outlook on development. Its essence is people-oriented and the main content is comprehensive, coordinated and sustainable development. Using the scientific outlook on development to guide the ideological and political work in higher schools is to unify thoughts and coagulate the people's mind to promote the rapid, healthy and coordinated development of higher schools so as to provide personnel and intellectual support for comprehensively building a well-off society and the socialist modernization.

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The scientific outlook on development reveals the universal law of development. It is of guiding significance for us to do well our ideological and political work in colleges and universities in the new period, as is mainly reflected in three aspects. Firstly, as long as we always adhere to humanism, firmly establish a comprehensive, coordinated and sustainable scientific outlook on development, will we continue to promote the development of advanced productive forces, the progress of advanced culture and realize the fundamental interests for the people and for the teachers and students. Secondly, it is needed objectively by building a "harmonious University". The Ideological and political work of the higher schools involves the school's educational direction and the goals of educating people, and the realization of building a harmonious university. So we must practice the scientific outlook on development well. Thirdly, the ideological and political work in new era continuously needs to create new political tasks. With the development of the socialist market economy, the ideological concepts of college teachers and students have displayed a pattern of diversification. The mutual penetration of the ideological field and the internationalization of higher education has brought many new subjects to the ideological and political work in colleges and universities. So, the party and administrative departments in colleges and universities should take the scientific outlook on development as a guide, and consider it as an important political task to publicize it and implement it well to create a good atmosphere of spirit and environment of public opinions for the reform, development and stability of the higher schools.

**1. From an overall and strategic perspective, we should have a profound understanding of the importance of spirit of reform and innovation to promote the ideological and political work in colleges and universities and to effectively enhance the sense of urgency and responsibility.**

*1.1 The ideological and political work of the teachers and students of higher schools still can not meet the requirements of the new situation.*

The ideological and political work is weak in some higher schools. The long-term educational system of advanced CPC members is inadequate and the educational outcomes of advancement need further consolidating. The leading bodies at all levels of higher schools need further promoting to meet the development trends of higher education. Their abilities and qualities requires to be raised in promoting the higher education to gain a sustained, healthy and coordinated development. Their consciousness in adhering to the socialist direction of opening schools, improving the political sensitivity and discernment, and effectively resisting division and westernization needs further strengthening. It is still an arduous task to build the leading team well in colleges and universities. some departments do not give enough emphasis on the ideological and political education of university students. The ideological and political theoretical courses are not properly set up and the ideological and political education is not completely in line with the realistic thinking of university students. The student management work is inconsistent with the requirements of development. The team in charge of the ideological and political work is not of high quality. The existence of these problems directly restricts the quality of personnel trained in the higher institutions. We should attach great importance to conscientiously

sum up the experience, reform and improve it with innovative spirit.

*1.2 The new period needs to strengthen and improve the ideological and political work for it is the fundamental guarantee for the higher education to complete the historic mission entrusted by the CPC 17<sup>th</sup> National Congress.*

The higher schools are the important bases to develop talents, to innovate science and technology and to inherit the civilization and serve the community. They shoulder the noble mission of cultivating the qualified builders and successors to build the socialism with Chinese characteristics, and have played an irreplaceable important role in supporting economic and social development, improving the capability of independent innovation and promoting the building of an innovative nation, and speeding up the process of building a well-off society. In today's world, the economic globalization is developing in depth. The scientific and technological revolution is speeding up. The international competition is becoming increasingly fierce. Knowledge is increasingly becoming the decisive factor for raising the overall national strength and international competitiveness. The human resources have become key and strategic in the pattern of international competitions. More people receiving higher education means the higher quality and stronger international competitiveness. The CPC 17<sup>th</sup> National Congress pointed out that priority should be given to develop education to construct a strong nation of human resources. Attention should be paid to improving the quality of higher education, and striving to create world-class scientists and leading talent in science and technology. The creative talents on the forefront should be especially stressed and cultivated. These are the clear requirements for the higher schools to do good ideological and political work in new era. To realize the goals advanced by the CPC 17<sup>th</sup> National Congress, technology is the key, education is the foundation and talent is the guarantee. Only with the spirit of reform and innovation to promote ideological and political work and the sound and rapid development of higher education, can we run the higher schools well to make the people satisfactory and complete the Party's historic mission entrusted by the 17<sup>th</sup> National Congress of the CPC.

*1.3 Taking the scientific outlook on development as guidance to promote the ideological and political work in higher schools is needed by the 17<sup>th</sup> National Congress of the CPC to meet the new challenges of the ideological and political work in the higher schools.*

At present, the development of higher education stands at a new historical starting point, showing a series of new characteristics. First, the young teachers are becoming the main force. However, it becomes urgent to enhance the quality, especially the ideological and political quality and the level of specialty of them. Second, the Internet, cell phones and other modern media and communication tools have become important means for university teachers and students to obtain information, learn knowledge and enjoy entertainment and exchanges friendship, which have produced new challenges for education and teaching management and the means of ideological and political education work as well. Meanwhile, higher schools, where intellectuals are clustered, are the places of various thoughts and cultures, and the originated places for new ideas or new concepts. University teachers and students are active in their thinking. They are in pursuit of personal independence, strong sense of democracy and critical spirit. With the development of economic globalization and the further implementation of reform and opening up policy, various kinds of social thoughts may have more and more direct impact on higher schools. Different changes in society may spread even more rapidly in colleges and universities. Therefore, teachers and students of higher schools may have stronger independence of thinking, more option and variability. More differences will turn up. This requires us to carry forward the spirit of reform and innovation, constantly study new situations, solve new problems, and effectively enhance the ideological and political work of the higher schools, make the ideological and political work vigorous and lifelike, and give full play of the lifeline role of ideological and political work in the reform and development of the higher schools.

## **2. We should make great efforts to practice the scientific outlook on development and promote the ideological and political work with the spirit of reform and innovation.**

*2.1 The ideological and theoretical construction should be vigorously strengthened.*

First, we must persist in using the theoretical system of socialism with Chinese characteristics to arm the minds of teachers and students. Marxism is the fundamental guiding ideology on which the Communist Party of China and the Republic of China are founded. Relentless effort should be made to adhere to the guiding position of Marxism in the ideology and the latest achievements of Chinese Marxism should be adopted to arm the teachers and students. Research on various types of ideological and cultural ideas should be strengthened. Teachers and students should be told to correctly understand and treat a variety of ideological and cultural ideas, to enhance political sensitivity and discernment, and to raise the ability to tell right from wrong. Practical teaching should be strengthened and various forms should be adopted to let the teachers and students deeply understand the great practice of socialism with Chinese characteristics, to enhance their theoretical, political, and emotional identification with the socialism with Chinese characteristics to firmly stick to the ideal and belief of taking the socialist road with Chinese characteristics.

Second, we must melt the socialist core values into the entire process of education. The effective ways or means should be actively explored to build campus culture with the use of the socialist core values. we should vigorously advocate the

basic content of socialist core values to be written in teaching materials, to enter classrooms and the minds of the university students so as to form the mutual ideal and faith, strong spiritual motivation and good morals in teachers and students. Practical activities should be vigorously conducted about the socialist core values. Promoting the theme and highlighting the high grade by means of various academic, scientific, cultural and sports activities in rich content helps the teachers and students to receive the thoughts, enhance their quality and devote themselves to the society in the process of practicing the socialist core values. We should stick to controlling the ideological and cultural fronts with the socialist core values, strengthen the construction of school newspapers and magazines and the campus network, strictly manage the societies, classes, lectures and network, while resolutely oppose the erroneous tendency of denying Marxism, never provide channels for the wrong ideas to spread, and ensure the safety positions and correct guidance of Marxism.

Third, we must deeply carry out the activities of studying and practicing the scientific outlook on development. Carrying out the activities of study and practice is not only an important starting point for the Party's ideological and political work, but also the vital opportunity to promote sound and rapid development of the higher schools. We should correctly grasp the requirements of the Party members and cadres, organize the discussions of emancipating the mind, and make efforts to solve the major issues such as "what is the scientific development, and how to achieve scientific development" to form a consensus of promoting the idea of scientific development. We should grasp the high-level scientific development, on the basis of deep investigation and exploration and public opinions, clarify the thinking line of development, better the development planning, make clear the development strategy and focus on building the institutional mechanisms conducive to scientific development. We should correctly understand the requirements that the teachers and students all want to share the benefit, improve the long-term mechanism for leading cadres to go to the grass roots to contact teachers and students, make every means to resolve the urgent issues, and honestly do something for the teachers and students to achieve real results.

### *2.2 The ideological and political education should be vigorously strengthened.*

First, teachers' professional ethics should be well built. It is the primary task to build the team of teachers. The more attention we pay to it, the better results we will achieve. To enhance the professional ethics of the teachers, great efforts should be made to strengthen the professional ethics and moral standards, comprehensively improve the ideological and political quality of teachers, professional morality and teaching capacity. All the teachers should effectively strengthen their ideals and faith, firmly believe socialism with Chinese characteristics, have loyalty to the Party's educational course, in teaching and research obey the rules of "non-restricted area in academic research while being self-disciplined in classroom", conscientiously strengthen the guiding status of Marxism in colleges and universities, establish a good teaching style and good morality, rigorously prepare every class, educate the students with morality, teach them to be a man, becoming a real teacher in academy and a good example for the students. New teachers should be trained to inherit the good morality. Good examples of teachers should be praised and their exemplary deeds should be publicized so that the typical example can be known by more people. The style of study should be further built to create an honest academic atmosphere where teachers can put their heart in studies and devote themselves to teaching. Institutional construction should also be strengthened and the professional ethics and teaching style should be investigated to deeply understand the apparent problems and better the systems of standards of teachers' professional ethics and the academic morality, and the teacher appraisal practice, etc. Long-term mechanism should be set up about the teacher morality.

Second, we must do a good job about the ideological and political work of the students. We should correctly grasp the characteristics of the mentality of the contemporary college students and the law for them to be a useful person in the future to develop our work effectively. We should make full use of the great process, the glorious achievements and other rich materials that new China has made since its foundation, especially, the 30 years of implementation of the reform and opening up policy to tell our students to strengthen their belief, consciously integrate their own life pursuit with the future and destiny of China, set up a great ambition of dedicating themselves for an open, prosperous, democratic, civilized and harmonious China, cherish the time, study hard, experience the life of ordinary people, put theory to practice, exercise their wills, better their characters and strive to become useful persons for the society. The pointed education of loving the Party, our motherland, the people and socialism is conducted to enhance the national pride and social responsibility of the students. Practical education should be strengthened and some theme activities such as the construction of harmonious campus, to be examples of educators, to become useful persons to serve our motherland, etc. should be firmly pushed forward. The students should go out of the ivory tower and into the society to experience the life, improve their capacities and make their contributions in the great socialist practice. Meanwhile, they can educate themselves through their own experience, insights and understandings. The network position should be stationed by actively opening up, utilizing, purifying and controlling the new position of network to develop network ideological education to raise the timeliness, enlarge the coverage and enhance the influences. Mental health education should be strengthened by improving the prevention against psychological crisis and response system and initiatively communicating with the students to adjust their emotions. Humanistic concerns should be conducted to guide the students to treat themselves, the others and the society correctly, to confront difficulties, frustrations or setbacks

properly and to shape social attitudes of self-esteem, self-confidence, rationality and peace, and optimism so as to enhance their abilities to burden the pressure from society. We should offer to solve their practical problems and care them and help them to look for jobs with a high degree of political responsibility and deep love for the students. As for those students with financial difficulties we should offer assistance for them to ensure that each student from economically disadvantaged families can be effectively funded.

Third, we must establish and improve the effective mechanism of the ideological and political education. We should set up and better the leading mechanism led by the Party committee of the school and managed by both the Party and administrative departments, construct the mechanism of cultivating all the students in an all-round way, and the mechanism of guaranteeing that all students in education, all the team members, all assessment and all the investment in place. The first thing is to strengthen the team of instructors and class supervisors, who are backbone of the ideological and political education work for the college students. According to the principle of “strict admittance qualification, selecting the best, training them well and giving them free space to display their abilities”, the mechanism of selecting, training, encouraging and guaranteeing for instructors and class supervisors should be established to ensure that they have conditions to work platforms to perform and space to develop themselves to arouse their enthusiasm and creativity to the most degrees. The second is to effectively strengthen the educational network of schools, families and the society to form the resultant force that the whole society cares and supports the ideological and political education of the higher school students. The third is to work out plans, improve the measures, intensify our efforts, fully tap the social wealth of educational resources to integrate them and campus educational resources, invite the leaders from the Party and government departments at all levels, experts, scholars, social outstanding figures and leading figures in all walks of life and encourage the old schoolmates and successful entrepreneurs to have talks with the students to let the students receive the education of the times.

The ideological and political work of university teachers and students has a long way to go. The 17<sup>th</sup> National Congress of the CPC pointed out that priority should be given to developing education to build a strong nation with human resources. Emphasis is made to improve the quality of higher education to create world-class scientists and leading figures in science and technology. Attention should also be paid to cultivating the talents of innovation in the forefront. To complete the ambitious goal advanced by the 17<sup>th</sup> National Congress of the CPC, we should adhere to the fundamentals of cultivating students with morality and put educating people as essentials, ideological and moral education to be first to the various aspects of higher education to constantly open up new prospects for teachers and students of the ideological and political education work.

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