

# *The characteristics and great significance of political civilization construction in the New Era*

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**Abstract:** The construction of Chinese political civilization has its representative characteristics in each period. In the new era, one of the important elements of China's unique modernization is the construction of political civilization. Nowadays, in the new period, with the immediate arrival of the building of a moderately prosperous society in an all-round way and the construction of unique political civilization, it plays a building role in the modernization of the new era and the great cause of revitalizing the Chinese nation. Therefore, we should endow political civilization construction with new connotation in the new era, accelerate the process of modernization of political civilization in the new era more quickly, and build a modern power in the middle of this century.

## **1. Introduction**

“The concept of political civilization was first put forward in the report of the 16th National Congress of the Communist Party of China. Comrade Deng Xiaoping pointed out that the development of socialist democratic politics and the construction of socialist political civilization are the important goals of building a well-off society in an all-round way” [1]. Political civilization does not exist independently, but it is closely related to economic civilization, cultural civilization, ecological civilization and life civilization. Political civilization has its unique content, among which, the rapid promotion of political and democratic system reform, in-depth reform of the political system, speeding up the popularization of people's democracy, constitute an important element in the construction of political civilization, at the same time, constitute an organic part of the political work of the construction of the Communist Party of China.

## **2. The Connotation of the Construction of Political Civilization in the New Era**

“Political civilization is an important part of the whole civilization, and it is also all the positive political achievements and political progress that human beings have created and accumulated in the process of constantly perfecting and improving themselves since they entered the civilized society” [2]. In the historical development process of different countries and the same country, the construction of political civilization has different characteristics in content and form so on.

The Connotation of the Construction of Political Civilization in the New Era. First, the political ideological civilization in the new era is composed of new political practice viewpoint, political

ambition, political morality, political overall vision, political emotion, political attitude and so on. At the same time, the political theory and political ambition are in the guiding central position. Second, the political behavior civilization of the new era is the political behavior mode formed by the social citizens according to the instruction of the political ideological civilization. Third, the political system civilization of the new era emphasizes the degree to which social citizens make their political behavior conform to the norms and procedures of the rule of law under the guidance of political and ideological civilization.

“To uphold and improve the system of people's congresses, the system of multiparty cooperation and political consultation under the leadership of the Communist Party of China, the system of regional national autonomy and the system of mass autonomy at the grass-roots level, to consolidate and develop the broadest possible patriotic united front and to develop a broader, fuller and more sound people's democracy” [3]. That is to say, our country has always adhered to the road of developing of people's democracy and always put the people in the first place. Under the leadership of the Communist Party of China, we must always maintain the position of the people as masters of the country, put the people in the first place, strive for a better life for the people. At the same time, continue to develop a new era of democracy. Because only in this way can we strengthen our political and cultural confidence, strengthen and firmly follow the road of political development unique to China is advantageous, and better open the cause of China's unique new pattern of hard work.

### **3. The salient features of Political Civilization Construction in the New Era**

#### **3.1 Unswervingly adhering to the leadership of the Communist Party of China**

“The Communist Party of China has played a central leading role in the cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics. In the study of the Party, the government, the army and the people, in the east, the west, the north, the south and the middle, the party leads everything, and is the highest political leadership force. The Party's leadership is the guarantee of doing all the work of the Party and the state well, the fundamental point of our political stability, economic development and national unity, and must not be shaken in any way” [4]. Because the Communist Party of China is a loyal supporter of our working class, it represents the advanced productive of our country and the trend of development of our country from beginning to end, and also represents the most basic interests of the masses of the people.

In the construction of socialist political civilization in the new era, the Communist Party of China is still the leading core and primary premise of all development of our country. In the process of building concrete practice, the Party should strengthen its leadership, actively join the masses of the people, participate in their practical work to solve their urgent needs. The report of the 18th National Congress of the CPC said, “We will uphold and improve the system of multi-party cooperation and political consultation under the leadership of the Communist Party of China, give full play to the role of the People's Political Consultative Conference as an important channel for consultation and democracy, and promote political consultation around the two major themes of unity and democracy. Democratic supervision, political participation and discussion of the system, better coordination of relations, convergence of strength, advice, serve the overall situation” [5].

It is one of the important elements of political civilization construction in the new era to combine deliberative democracy with the advanced nature of the in the Party. The development of history requires the Communist Party of China to take the lead in completing the transformation of political modernization in the construction of political civilization in the new era and perfecting the democratic system of consultation is an indispensable link in this transformation.

### 3.2 The right of people to be masters of the country must be guaranteed

People's democracy is the center of the leadership of the Communist Party of China. "On the way forward, we must unswervingly follow the road of political development under socialism with Chinese characteristics, continue to promote socialist democratic political construction and develop socialist political civilization" [6]. The people have given the power of the Communist Party of China, at the same time, the people also have the right to monitor the abuse of such of power. Our party has always been people-centered and has iron-like discipline. At the same time, our country's constitution, have repeatedly emphasized the importance of the supremacy of the people, and all the rights of our country are the people.

The ruling of the Communist Party of China is the embodiment of the people as masters. In the construction of political civilization in the new era, we should always uphold the position of the people as masters of their own country. We should come from the masses of the people and finally return to the masses of the people and devote our lives to the masses of the people. "It is the essence and core of socialist democratic politics that the people are masters of the country. People's democracy is the lifeblood of socialism. Without democracy, there would be no socialist modernization and no great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation" [7]. The building of political civilization in the new era means bearing in mind our original ideals and aspirations, not forgetting the mission, and leading the broad masses of the people to actively explore a better life. At the same time, we must firmly believe that not moving the party's home front is the great power of the PEOPLE's Party, and also comes from the people. So we must adhere to the people's supreme belief, arouse the people's passion to participate in the work, and open a new situation for our happy life.

The construction of political civilization in the new era emphasizes more on the active participation of social members in political activities and gradual cultivation people's political literacy, which can ultimately promote the all-round development of society. In the new era of political civilization construction to carry forward the people's democracy is a progressive process of development. Therefore, one of the basic elements of the construction of political civilization in the new era is to carry forward people's democracy. At the same time, it also makes the construction of political civilization in the new era continue to advance and develop.

### 3.3 Unswervingly adhere to the basic strategy of the rule of law

"Ruling the country according to law is the essential requirement and important guarantee of upholding and developing socialism with Chinese characteristics, and is the inevitable requirement to realize the modernization of national governance system and governance ability" [8]. The rule of law is to take the law as the core and use the law to manage power. Only when the Party is in power strictly according to law can we better implement comprehensive basic strategy of governing the country according to law in an all-round way, and require the local party organizations, party branches, party leaders and the broad masses of party members to conscientiously abide by the authority of the law, perform the rights and obligations of the law, strict with oneself to follow the law, and make a demonstration example for the majority of working people.

The leadership of the Communist Party of China is the most basic guarantee of the rule of law in the new era. The important element of the construction of political civilization in the new era is the rule of law in the new era. The construction of the legal system in the new era pays more attention to the implementation of the leadership of the Communist Party of China in every aspect of society. This is an inherent development of the rule of law in our country, an important part of the Party and state, such as the heart and eyes, and a source of happiness for the people of all ethnic groups in our country. "Comprehensively advancing the rule of law is the fundamental requirement for solving a series of major problems facing the development of the cause of the Party and the state, liberating

and enhancing social vitality, promoting social fairness and justice, maintaining social harmony and stability, and ensuring lasting peace and stability of the Party and the state" [9].

Therefore, we should combine the leadership of the Party, the position of the people as masters of the country, and the rule of law to make it develop in a coordinated way so as to achieve a unified whole. At the same time, we must also continue to follow China's unique road of rule of law, respect the authority of constitutional law, protect the legitimate interests of the people, uphold social fairness and justice, and ultimately provide a strong guarantee of the rule of law in the new era of China's prosperity and development.

## **4. The great significance of the construction of political civilization in the New Era**

### **4.1 Conducive to speeding up the political process of the modern society**

"Political civilization should generally include democratic politics, rule of law politics, responsible politics, humane politics, rational politics and transparent politics, each of which permeates the values and ideas of human rights" [10]. The political socialization of the new era emphasizes the process in which a political culture is educated by the majority of citizens, and it is also spread and transmitted by the people. In fact, it is a method process for social citizens to take the initiative to receive political education.

Since the establishment of People's Republic of China, in the process of promoting the modernization of political civilization, the Communist Party of China has always strengthened the construction of advanced nature from the ideological, political, organizational and style of work, has always been in the core leading position, and has played the role of exemplary example, and promoted the process of modern political civilization construction. The Communist Party of China led the people of the whole country to complete one target after another in the different historical stages of the construction of political civilization. The reason for its success is that the Communist Party of China has always adhered to the reality of China and guided and promoted the political process, thus showing the characteristics of China's unique cause.

The construction of political civilization in the new era is to speed up the political process of modern society, through family school, new media platform evidence, political message, transmission of political information, dissemination of political culture, so that members of society to form a kind of political consciousness and political emotion to influence their behavior, promoted a clear political responsibility, strengthen political self-cultivation, strengthen the ability to promote the development of political civilization construction of the new age period.

### **4.2 Conducive to accelerating the overall development of the modern society**

The modernization dive in the new era is faced with a complex situation, and the road to development will not be smooth. Material and cultural construction is the fundamental support, political and cultural construction is a strong political guarantee, to ensure that the spiritual and cultural construction is a comprehensive source of power. The construction of material culture reflects a kind of benign competition through the law of market economy, and the construction of spiritual culture has gradually formed a unique goal and method system in social life.

Some remarkable achievements have been made in the construction of political culture, but some practical problems have been found. On the one hand, from the perspective of foreign markets, under the overall influence of the era of economic globalization, China's productive forces and innovative technologies have been improved, but there are still huge problems and challenges in these two aspects. At the same time, the key role is still productivity, but the external performance is political. On the other hand, from the perspective of domestic market, it is inevitable that China's

regional area is vast and its development is uneven in all aspects, especially in this part of the economy. In this part, complicated interest relationships will appear in the accelerated development, which will lead to contradictions and conflicts in all aspects, so that the social economic development will be stagnant and backward. Only when we balance and coordinate the development of these aspects, can the harmonious development of society show a healthy and sustainable trend of original ecological development. Only when we balance and coordinate the development of these aspects, can the harmonious development of society present a healthy and sustainable trend of original ecological development.

The practical ways and methods of material civilization construction and spiritual civilization construction are determined by the theory and policy of political and cultural construction. Therefore, whether the concept of political and cultural construction is correct or not is very important. Under the construction of political culture in the new era, we must firmly follow the development road of China's unique democratic politics, constantly improve the modern political system, and strive for the coming moderately prosperous society in all respects, so as to open a new situation for the prosperity and development of the cause with Chinese characteristics more quickly. Building a moderately prosperous society in all respects is the goal of the construction of material culture, political culture and spiritual culture in the new era, and is also the concrete way to reach the construction of China's unique political civilization in the new era.

### **4.3 Conducive to promoting the harmonious development of modern society**

Socialist harmonious society will not form spontaneously, which needs politics, economy, culture, social and family and so on. Among many factors, political factors play a leading role. The socialist harmonious society emphasizes a whole, which is mainly composed of economic construction, political construction, cultural construction and social construction. If there is no scope of construction, it will delay the whole process of promoting the construction of harmonious society.

The report of the Seventeenth National Congress pointed out , " according to the overall layout of the cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics, we should comprehensively promote economic and political construction , cultural construction and social construction, promote the coordination of all links and aspects of modernization, and promote the coordination of relations of production with productive forces, superstructure and economic base coordinate" [11]. In advancing the process of harmonious society, the construction of political culture in the new era should be overall guiding political ideas, political ambition and political behavior.

Under the guidance of the theory of political and cultural construction in the new era, the practice has been explored and various achievements have been made which can prove that the line, method, goal and way of building a harmonious socialist society are correct. A harmonious society for sustainable development is important. The construction of political civilization in the new era constitutes one of the important elements of the development of socialist harmonious society. The harmonious society is inclusive and can accommodate everything, and the addition of the construction of political culture in the new era makes the development of harmonious society more guaranteed. Therefore, we can say that the construction of political culture in the new era is an important power source for the development of a harmonious society.

## **5. Conclusion**

“Socialist political civilization is the historical form of the transition from the material-dependent political civilization to the free and comprehensive political political civilization of human beings. It is also the development of the political civilization towards the free and comprehensive development of human beings” [12]. The political culture in the new era is an important

characteristic element in the construction of the cause with Chinese characteristics, especially in the new era, the construction of political civilization has been endowed with new era connotation and great significance. The construction of political culture in the new era provides a directional guarantee and a stable and harmonious political environment in the harmonious development of socialism. In the construction of political civilization in the new era, the development of a harmonious society emphasizes more on the harmony between the people's food, clothing, housing and natural environment. At the same time, it also aims to realize the prosperity of the cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics.

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