

# *Analysis on prevention and control mechanism of ideological risk in colleges and universities*

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**Abstract:** China has entered a phase of risk accumulation as a result of environmental changes at home and abroad, and colleges and universities have emerged as significant centers of ideological risk prevention and control. The "mechanism of ideological risk prevention and control in colleges and universities" is studied using literature research, theoretical research, and micro-research. The study accurately grasps the theoretical logic of the mechanism of ideological risk prevention and control in colleges and universities in terms of connotation and mechanism of action. This paper examines the causes of problems in the "establishment - operation - management" mechanism of ideological risk prevention and control in colleges and universities, and actively constructs a three-part mechanism system of "prevention mechanism, control mechanism, and management mechanism." To achieve the goal of enhancing the capabilities of colleges and universities to prevent and control ideological dangers, as well as to ensure the ideological security of colleges and universities.

## **1. Introduction**

Our country has entered an era of risk accumulation as a result of environmental changes both at home and abroad. The Party's ideological work, which is related to the current research hot topic, is of the utmost importance. However, the direct research on "ideological risk in colleges and universities" started late, and the research findings are few due to the influence of the one research method and the uniqueness of ideology. Universities and colleges have significant places in the ideological conflict and are subject to rigorous examinations and hazards. The article will focus on "ideological risk prevention and control mechanism of colleges and universities" as its research topic, strengthen literature, theoretical, and micro-research, and elucidate the theoretical logic, causes of issues, and specific forms of the ideological risk prevention and control mechanism of colleges and universities. The study will support the growth of expert, scientific, and mature mechanism theory research, enhance the capacity of the ideological departments of colleges and universities to foresee and manage risks, and contribute to the protection of the institutions' ideologies.

## 2. Literature review and theoretical logic of the mechanism of ideological risk prevention and control in universities

There are various issues when combining the research status of the mechanism of ideological risk prevention and control in colleges and universities, such as more theoretical reference and less self-construction, more macro research and less micro research. Strengthening the self-construction research of the theory of ideological risk prevention and control mechanism in colleges and universities from the aspects of connotation, characteristics, theoretical basis, and mechanism of action has important theoretical significance for the concrete form construction of ideological risk prevention and control mechanism in colleges and universities through strengthening micro-research and theoretical research.

### 2.1. Literature review on the mechanism of ideological risk prevention and control in universities

The study content in the home aspect generally presents the logic of "what - why - how to do." (1) Research of the "conceptual connotation of ideological risk." In academic circles, there are now two main points of view. The danger theory is the first. According to Xiaofeng Yan (2021), ideological risk refers to the danger and likelihood that the dominant national ideology will change its nature, be influenced, subvert its status, and lose its role as a result of numerous events. [1] The second concept is essentialism. According to Sanyuan Zhang (2020), ideological risk is fundamentally an institutional security concern. [2] (2) Study of "ideological risk inducers and challenges." The "internal and external factors theory" is widely accepted in academic circles. Endogenous and external ideological dangers, according to Linlin Wang (2021), are linked. [3] (3) Research on "Countermeasures for the Prevention and Control of Ideological Risks" In academic circles, there are now two main points of view. The first is the combination theory, which focuses on macro research. Jun Yang (2019) believes that ideological governance should be realized through a mix of Party leadership and popular participation, as well as a combination of points and elements. [4] The mechanism theory, which focuses on micro study, is the second. According to Jingbin Zheng (2019), ideological risk prevention mechanisms should be strengthened. [5] The preceding theoretical research not only establishes a theoretical foundation for subsequent research, but also leaves room for innovation. On the basis of reference, this paper will strengthen theoretical research and micro-research, as well as innovate research on the mechanism of ideological risk prevention and control in colleges and universities.

Relevant research in other nations began early and yielded excellent results. Some Western Marxists explore ideological leadership and discourse power from different perspectives, such as Gramsci's idea of "ideological leadership" and Laclau and Murphy's theory of "discourse leadership." The "risk society theory" is the most direct theoretical source of modern risk research. Ulrich Beck, Giddens, and others are representative characters who advocate for institutional risk and risk management through re-engineering politics. Michael W. Apple, Ethel Dyson, and Gerald Guttell also spoke about ideological safety education for young people. The aforementioned ideas offer a novel perspective on risk cognition for risk prevention and control research, but they are inapplicable. This article will undertake targeted research using references and connecting it with the country's actual circumstances.

## **2.2. Theoretical logic of the mechanism of ideological risk prevention and control in universities**

### **2.2.1. Basic connotation and characteristics of the mechanism of ideological risk prevention and control in colleges and universities**

Risk is defined as "the impact of uncertainty on the target" in risk management theory, hence risk uncertainty is an important characteristic of risk. According to different standards, can be split into distinct sorts, such as manageable risk and uncontrollable risk, for example. College ideological risk is an unpredictability in the sphere of ideology that falls under the category of controllable risk. The term "mechanism" originated in mechanical engineering, originally referring to the structure and operation of a machine, and was later widely utilized by other disciplines, acquiring new implications. In general, a mechanism is the process and function of the interaction of numerous elements in a system. [6] A stable and orderly dynamic process and operation mode formed by various components in the process of ideological risk prevention and control in colleges and universities according to certain operating mechanisms and laws is referred to as the mechanism of ideological risk prevention and control in colleges and universities.

The basic connotation determines the basic characteristics of the mechanism of ideological risk prevention and control in colleges and universities, and a thorough understanding of the mechanism's basic characteristics is the premise and key to ideological risk prevention and control in colleges and universities. Systematism, regularity, and aim are the fundamental elements of the mechanism of ideological risk prevention and management in colleges and universities. The mechanism of ideological risk prevention and control in colleges and universities is systematic, and many elements are involved in its establishment and operation management, and all elements must coordinate and interact with one another in order for the system to function as a whole. The purpose of the mechanism of ideological risk prevention and control in colleges and universities outlines the goals and effects to be reached, as well as the direction of the entire mechanism system's functioning. The mechanism of ideological risk prevention and control in colleges and universities is consistent, and the mechanism is not implemented blindly in the establishment and operation management process, but rather via constant knowledge and development of the legislation of risk prevention and control activity.

### **2.2.2. Mechanism of ideological risk prevention and control mechanism in colleges and universities**

Mechanism is the rationale and reason for the movement and growth of things. It refers to the rules and principles of the interrelationship between things and the constituents within things. Mechanism is the internal determinant of mechanism operation, while mechanism is the mechanism's external manifestation. As a result, the premise of researching movement change and the development of the mechanism of ideological risk prevention and control in colleges and universities is to investigate the mechanism behind it. Contradiction is the decisive factor and essential driving force of the movement of the mechanism system. As a result, the mechanism of ideological risk prevention and control in colleges and universities refers fundamentally to the conflicting process of numerous components in the process of ideological risk prevention and control in colleges and universities.

First, in colleges and universities, the formation and development of an ideological risk prevention and control mechanism. The evolution of ideological risks in colleges and universities has contradictory movement changes, such as generation, transmission, superposition, and upgrading; the prevention and control of ideological risks in colleges and universities has

contradictory movement changes between the prevention and control subjects, and the prevention and control of ideological risks in colleges and universities also has contradictory movement changes in the "establishment - operation - maintenance" cycle. The essence of the conflicting movement changes between various components and levels constitutes the internal mechanism of action, and it serves as a key foundation for the development of a mechanism system of ideological risk prevention and control in colleges and universities. Second, the interaction mechanism between different types of ideological risk prevention and control mechanisms in colleges and universities. The premise is the preventive mechanism, the core is the control mechanism, and the key is the management mechanism, and these specific mechanisms are unified in the ideological security of colleges and universities. In order for the ideological risk prevention and control mechanism in colleges and universities to function effectively, certain management measures must be implemented, followed by the formation of an interconnected and coordinated prevention mechanism system and control mechanism system, and finally the achievement of the risk prevention and control goal.

### **3. Problems and causes of the construction of ideological risk prevention and control mechanism in universities**

Accurately grasp the theoretical logic of the mechanism of ideological risk prevention and control in colleges and universities, learn from mechanism design theory, and follow the problem-oriented approach. A systematic analysis of the problems and causes in the "establishment, operation, and management" of the ideological risk prevention and control mechanism in colleges and universities is beneficial in improving the relevance and scientificity of the specific form construction of the ideological risk prevention and control mechanism in colleges and universities.

#### **3.1. Existing problems and causes in the establishment of ideological risk prevention and control mechanism in universities**

There are now two major issues in the construction of an ideological risk prevention and control mechanism in colleges and universities. First and foremost, the mechanism's establishment faces the issue of insufficient expertise and knowledge. The reason for this is that the mechanism's establishment lacks expert backing. Risk governance is a highly specialized field. However, existing risk governance theory is not ideal, particularly ideological risk governance research, which results in a lack of theoretical foundation for the development of the mechanism. Furthermore, the mechanism is frequently established without according to the legislation of ideological risk prevention and control. Second, there are certain issues with the mechanism's implementation, such as inefficiency, low sensitivity, and system supervision. The reason for this is because a lack of expert support at the start of the mechanism's establishment causes several complications in the process of mechanism establishment. Furthermore, the lack of a skilled mechanism establishment team leads to a lack of overall planning and methodical holistic thinking during the mechanism establishment process.

#### **3.2. Problems and causes in the operation of ideological risk prevention and control mechanism in colleges and universitie**

The ideological risk prevention and control system in colleges and universities currently has the following two operational issues. To begin with, there are issues with incoordination and incoordination among specific methods of ideological risk prevention and management in colleges and universities, such as coordination distortion, coordination imbalance, coordination lag,

coordination conflict, and so on. There are communication barriers in college and university internal organizations, and there is a lack of effective coordination among risk prevention and control subjects. The mechanism operation is not studied from the standpoint of system theory, the risk prevention and control subjects lack collaborative awareness, the risk prevention and control system is outmoded, and the risk prevention and control methods are insufficiently scientific. Second, there are issues with poor operation and low efficiency of each unique mechanism in the vertical aspect. For example, the prevention mechanism has not been effective, and there are issues such as insufficient study and judgment, as well as timely early warning. The reason for this is that the major body of preventative and control competence is missing, and professional abilities are lacking. There are various issues with the control system, such as delayed decision-making and indecisive disposal, which contribute to the accumulation of hazards and risk occurrences. The major body of preventive and control lacks a strong sense of responsibility, and emergency capacity is weak.

### **3.3. Problems and causes in the management of ideological risk prevention and control mechanism in colleges and universities**

At the moment, the management process of the ideological risk prevention and control mechanism at colleges and universities is plagued by the following issues. First and foremost, the ideological risk prevention and control mechanism of colleges and universities suffers from an insufficient operational assurance. The reason for this is that there is no ideological understanding, the system organization is not scientific, and the capital investment is insufficient. Second, the ideological risk prevention and control mechanism of colleges and universities suffers from a lack of accountability, ambiguous responsibility, and insufficient responsibility implementation. The reason for this is that risk prevention and control subjects lack a strong sense of duty, insufficient attention, paralysis, a lack of supervisory mechanisms and reward and punishment measures, insufficient publicity, and a poor understanding of responsibility. Third, there are systematic, scientific, and practical issues with evaluating the mechanism of ideological risk prevention and control at universities. The reason is that it does not correspond to the principles of obtaining truth from facts, people-oriented principle, efficient and practical principle, scientific and single evaluation technique.

## **4. The specific form of ideological risk prevention and control mechanism in colleges and universities**

The key to preventing and controlling ideological risk is to create a scientific and efficient mechanism system. The integrated construction of risk prevention and control mechanism and system in colleges and universities is pushed to accomplish prevention and control goals through the development of a three-in-one mechanism system of ideological risk prevention and control. The prevention mechanism is the precursor mechanism, the control mechanism is the core mechanism, and the management method is the key mechanism. The prevention and control mechanisms solve the problem of how to effectively prevent and control ideological risk in colleges and universities; the management mechanism solves the problem of how to ensure the integrity of ideological risk prevention and control in colleges and universities.

### **4.1. Prevention mechanism of ideological risk in colleges and universities**

In colleges and universities, the so-called ideological risk prevention mechanism refers to a set of countermeasures for deviations from subjective expectations and objective laws in the process of

ideological risk prevention and control in colleges and universities through information collection, degree evaluation, nature evaluation, cause analysis, trend prediction, and other links. The mechanism focuses on prevention in order to prevent the spread of risk events and the amplification of ideological dangers at colleges and universities. It primarily consists of two components: risk identification and risk measurement mechanisms.

(1) Risk identification mechanism. In colleges and universities, the method of ideological risk identification is the process of detecting, classifying, and judging the ideological hazards and possible risks that risk identification subjects confront. Risk sources are identified in real time by qualitative risk analysis, and early warning is provided. The main link of the risk prevention mechanism, which includes the qualities of complexity, systematism, and concealment, is risk identification. It is critical in ideological risk identification to have a group of professional identification teams with high level and strong ability, who can master the risk identification process and risk identification method, in order to identify, classify, and study the risk factors and risk damage. (2) Risk measurement mechanism. The risk measuring mechanism is the quantitative study and prediction of previous risk data using statistical analysis tools, and its aim is to lower the amount and level of risk uncertainty. It is critical for individuals responsible for ideological risk prevention and control to have a large amount of genuine data. Then, to properly evaluate the chance of ideological risk occurrences and the extent of risk losses, skillful use of risk measuring methodologies such as quantitative statistics is required.

#### **4.2. Ideological risk control mechanism of colleges and universities**

The so-called ideological risk control mechanism in colleges and universities refers to the process in which the main body of ideological risk prevention and control deals with hidden risks and risk events by using various control technologies and methods, so as to achieve the purpose of preventing risk accidents or restraining the expansion of risk losses. Risk control mainly includes control before risk loss, control during risk loss and control after risk loss. It includes risk decision-making mechanism and risk disposal mechanism.

(1) Risk decision-making mechanism. In colleges and universities, the ideological risk decision-making mechanism is a process in which the risk decision-making body selects scientific risk decision-making techniques such as risk avoidance, risk transfer, and so on, makes decision plans, and then achieves scientific and effective risk decision-making objectives using specific risk decision-making procedures. The risk decision mechanism is an important step in the risk control process and serves as the foundation for the risk disposal mechanism. It primarily entails determining the risk decision goal, developing the risk decision plan, assessing the impact of the risk decision, and so on. The fundamental connection is the design of the risk decision system, which should adhere to the principles of comprehensiveness and feasibility. (2) Risk disposal mechanism. The mechanism of ideological risk disposal in colleges and universities is to deal with risk events and risk losses, and it is a practical stage of risk control, which has the characteristics of flexibility, goal and stress. The core of risk disposal is the implementation of the risk decision plan, which generally includes the steps of understanding the risk disposal plan, determining the specific tasks and plans of risk disposal, mastering the risk disposal methods and risk disposal skills, implementing the disposal plan, and monitoring the feedback risk disposal effect.

#### **4.3. Management mechanism of ideological risk prevention and control in colleges and universities**

The so-called ideological risk prevention and control management mechanism in colleges and universities refers to a mode of operation in which the main body of ideological risk prevention and



control in colleges and universities can effectively prevent and control ideological risks by using various management means and coordinating various management resources to achieve ideological security in colleges and universities. The management mechanism of ideological risk prevention and control in colleges and universities defines the direction of ideological risk prevention and control in colleges and universities, and must adhere to the integrated management of elements, processes and results, which mainly includes the guarantee mechanism, responsibility mechanism and evaluation mechanism.

(1) Risk prevention and control guarantee mechanism. The establishment of a guarantee mechanism is beneficial in providing material and guarantee conditions for the risk prevention and control mechanism's efficient operation. We should aggressively develop a guarantee mechanism for ideological risk prevention and control in colleges and universities by upgrading the organizational structure, the system, enhancing supervision and auditing, and improving risk prevention and control technology. (2) Risk prevention and control responsibility mechanism. The construction of a responsibility system contributes to the strengthening of risk preventive and control programs and the improvement of execution capacity. Risk prevention and control entities should adhere to bottom-line thinking, strengthen risk prevention and control's political responsibility, and truly fulfill the obligation of soil preservation. We should actively develop a responsible system for ideological risk prevention and control in colleges and universities by increasing awareness of risk prevention and control responsibility, clarifying the border of risk responsibility, reinforcing accountability, and other factors. (3) Risk assessment mechanism. Ideological risk assessment in colleges and universities is a quantitative and qualitative assessment of the whole process of risk prevention and control based on certain evaluation standards. It includes the comprehensive evaluation of risk factors, the monitoring and review of risk decision-making and disposal, and the feasibility evaluation of risk control measures. The evaluation mechanism of ideological risk in colleges and universities should be constructed by establishing evaluation team, perfecting evaluation method and formulating evaluation index.

## 5. Conclusions

This study focuses on the theoretical logic, problem causes, and structure of the mechanism of ideological risk prevention and control in colleges and universities, and attempts to provide a "trinity" mechanism system. Introducing the mechanism into the prevention and control of ideological risk in colleges and universities is a new field that has important theoretical and practical implications for the prevention and control of ideological risk in colleges and universities in the new era. However, as the research on the mechanism of ideological risk prevention and control in universities is still in its initial stage, there is still room for improvement. Future research should focus on strengthening micro-research, quantitative research, dynamic research and empirical research, in-depth research on the connection mode, coordination procedure and operation mode among the specific mechanism forms, and strengthen the practical operation of theoretical research and policy transformation.

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