## Practice Research on the ''Three Steps'' of the Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era

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Abstract: Since the 18th National Congress of the CPC, socialism with Chinese characteristics has opened a new era. The CPC Central Committee with the President at its core has continuously combined the basic principles of Marxism with China's concrete realities and traditional Chinese culture, thus forming the thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era (hereinafter referred to as "new thought"), it has reached a new height of adapting Marxism to China and The Times. A comprehensive understanding and systematic grasp of new thought is of unique value for contemporary students to gain insight into the world, transform the world and actively participate in social practice. The introduction of new thought into textbooks, curricula and minds is an important means to continuously improve college students' ability to understand and transform the world. This paper carries out practical research on the "three steps" work of new thought in universities, analyzes the practical difficulties faced in the process of "three steps" of new thought, and explores the practical path of "three steps" of new thought, which will help the Party's innovation theory enter the mind and heart, and help cultivate new people who take on the great responsibility of national rejuvenation.

### 1. Introduction

Promoting the thought of socialism with Chinese Characteristics in the new era into textbooks, curricula and minds (hereinafter referred to as the "three steps") is an important task for colleges to implement the Party's 20th Congress on education spirit. Colleges are the main positions to carry out the fundamental task of cultivating morality and people, and bear the important mission of educating people for the Party and the country. They must take new thought as guidance in running schools, attach great importance to the "three steps" work of new thought, grasp the value of new thought, pay attention to the timeliness of new thought "into textbooks", enhance the pertinence of new thought "into curricula", and enhance the sense of "into minds". This article can help the "three steps" work of new thought take root in universities, so that the majority of teachers and students can consciously arm their minds and guide practice with the Thought of socialism with Chinese characteristics for a new era.

# 2. The practical significance of the "Three Steps" of thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era

It is a major political task and educational work for the university to further promote the "three steps" of the thought of socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a new era, and to do a good job of the "three steps" of the new thought is the need of The Times for the university to fully implement the Party's educational policy, implement the fundamental task of fostering morality and cultivating people, and implement the overall national security concept and maintain ideological security. It is necessary to consciously achieve the "two maintenance" and adhere to and support the overall leadership of the Party.

# 2.1. It is the need of The Times to fully implement the Party's educational policy and implement the fundamental task of fostering morality and cultivating people

The purpose of the "three steps" of the thought of socialism with Chinese Characteristics in the new era is to improve the effectiveness of the teaching of new thought, so as to improve the effectiveness of college education, solve the fundamental problem of "who to train, how to train and for whom to train people", and train young students to become new people in the era to assume the great responsibility of national rejuvenation. To do a good job in the "three steps" of new thoughts, the most fundamental is to fully implement the Party's educational policy, the Party and the state have always attached great importance to publicity and ideological education work, and constantly emphasize the importance and necessity of the "three steps" of the Party and the state's guiding ideology. <sup>[1]</sup>To do a good job in the "three steps" of new thoughts is related to the overall situation of socialist ideology work and the overall strategy of realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, and the university must put the "three steps" of new thought in a prominent position, persevere and make unremitting efforts.

The university's implementation of the "three steps" of the thought of socialism with Chinese Characteristics in the new era is to adhere to the fundamental task of "fostering morality and cultivating people", and to carry out the fundamental problem of education around "who to train, how to train and for whom to train people". For the question of "what kind of people to train", the university should take the Party's educational policy as the guidance, and strive to train the new era to assume the great responsibility of national rejuvenation, as well as the new era with high scientific and cultural accomplishment, ideological and moral quality; As for the problem of "for whom to train people", universities should deeply understand the principle of educating people of new thought, continue to educate people for the Party and the country, and continuously supply talents for the comprehensive construction of socialist modern country; For the problem of "how to train people", universities should attach great importance to the "three steps" work of new thought, take new thought into textbooks as the basis, into the curricula as the carrier, into the mind as the ultimate goal of education, and pay attention to the value guidance and ideological shaping of young students.

# 2.2. It is an urgent need to implement the overall national security concept and maintain ideological security

Into the new era, China's development of strategic opportunities and risks coexist with challenges, the importance of national security in the overall work of the Party and the country has become increasingly prominent, the overall national security concept provides the basic guidelines for safeguarding and shaping national security in the new era. The Chinese president pointed out that "at present, the connotation and extension of China's national security are richer than any time

in history, the space and time field is broader than any time in history, and internal and external factors are more complex than any time in history." [2] At present, China is in a crucial period of realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. The more socialist China develops and the more Chinese-style modernization is pushed forward, the more internal and external risks we will face, and the more arduous the task of maintaining national security and social stability will be. As the main force in realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, young people must strengthen education in the overall concept of national security, equip their minds with new thought, and develop solid skills to provide a strong talent guarantee for the prosperity and long-term stability of the Party and the country.

The present era is the era of world multi-polarization and economic globalization, all kinds of thought and cultures are interweaving, and various "historical nihilism", "non-Marxist" and "anti-Marxist" thoughts flow into our country, which challenges the inheritance and development of our advanced socialist culture. At the same time, China is currently in the critical period of deepening reform and opening up, and extensive and profound changes have also taken place in the cultural field, with various contradictions such as moral anomy, honesty, distorted outlook on life and values emerging one after another. [3] In the new era, it is particularly necessary for young students to strengthen the guidance of new thought value system. Universities are important positions for learning and propagating the Party's innovative theoretical value system, and play an important role in criticizing and resisting various non-Marxist and anti-Marxist trends of thought. Armed education of students with the latest achievements of Marxism in China is conducive to better promoting the construction of the socialist core value system, guiding young students to strengthen their self-confidence in socialist culture, guiding young students to constantly improve themselves along the correct path of socialism, and striving for the comprehensive construction of a modern socialist country.

# 2.3. It is necessary to achieve the "two maintenance" and adhere to and support the overall leadership of the Party

Safeguarding the authority and centralized and unified leadership of the CPC Central Committee is an important principle for the founding of a Marxist ruling party. Engels pointed out: "Without authority, there can be no concerted action." [4] Since modern times, China has been reduced to a semi-colonial and semi-feudal society. In order to save the nation from extinction, countless people with noble aspirations rose up in resistance. Various national salvation schemes such as the Taiping Heavenly Kingdom Movement, the Hundred Days' Reform and the Revolution of 1911 all ended in failure. It was the Communist Party of China that led the Chinese people in a bloody struggle to win victory in the new-democratic revolution, carried out reform and opening up and socialist modernization, and enabled poor China to complete the building of a moderately prosperous society in all respects, embarked on a new journey to fully build a modern socialist country, and created two miracles of rapid economic development and long-term social stability. Chinese president pointed out that "the most essential feature of socialism with Chinese characteristics is the leadership of the Communist Party of China, and the greatest advantage of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics is the leadership of the Communist Party of China, and the Party is the highest political leadership force."[2]Strengthening and safeguarding the authority and centralized and unified leadership of the CPC Central Committee is an inevitable requirement for the development of the cause of the Party and the country.

To promote the "three-step" work of socialist thought with Chinese Characteristics for a new era, we must resolutely implement the Party's theories, lines, principles and policies into textbooks, curricula, and minds, promote unity of thought, will, and action between all teachers and students

and the Party, consciously achieve the "two safeguards," and uphold and support the Party's overall leadership. Under the guidance of new thought, universities should inject strength into accelerating the construction of education power, strive to run a good education that the people are satisfied with, so that young students can achieve free and comprehensive development, and contribute to society and benefit the people through their own development.

# 3. The practical significance of the "Three Steps" of thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era

The analysis of the characteristics of the current situation of new thought teaching in universities in the new era is the key content of this paper. Through practical research, we can grasp the overall situation of new thought teaching, judge and analyze the attractiveness of the curricula, the richness of the course content, and the ways and methods of teaching assessment. In general, with regard to the teaching of ideological and political theory courses in universities, the author draws the following basic conclusions through the combination of macro segmentation and micro evaluation, positive evaluation and negative analysis, combined with relevant research data:

### 3.1. The content richness of the new thought "into the textbook" needs to be strengthened

The content of the "into textbooks" of the thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era needs to be improved. Textbooks are the basis of teaching and important form, and play a very important role in improving the quality and level of teaching. As an important teaching style, the textbook of socialism with Chinese Characteristics in the new era has a great influence on the effectiveness of the "three steps" of socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era. [5] However, the current textbooks still have some problems, such as too strong theory and insufficient vividness. As an important support and carrier for the university to carry out the "three steps" of the thought of socialism with Chinese Characteristics in the new era, the textbooks must adhere to the fundamental task of cultivating morality and educating people, based on the current international and domestic situation and China's specific national conditions, improve the content of the textbooks with The Times, and enhance the pertinence of the textbooks and The Times.

The content of the new thought "into the textbook" must closely focus on the practical problems of the Party and the country and the central work, actively respond to students' concerns, answer students' ideological confusion, and firmly grasp the dominant power of ideological and political education in schools. Although the current textbooks have been revised many times, their contents are still lacking in paying attention to the confusion of students' thoughts and sensitive topics that students are concerned about. In the face of the fierce struggle in the field of school ideology, the West penetrates the capitalist ideology and erodes the minds of young Chinese students, leading to the wavering of ideals and beliefs of some college students, and the deviation of world outlook, values and life outlook to different degrees. In the face of such a situation, the content of the textbook of the thought on socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New era should be taken into account the development situation of The Times, and should be criticized for wrong thoughts and views, pay attention to the objective reality and the issues of concern to students, and promptly respond to and guide sensitive and hot issues such as ethnic, religious and ideological struggles. [6]

## 3.2. The attractiveness of new thought "into the curricula" teaching needs to be improved

The attraction of new thought teaching in universities is an important factor that affects the effect of new thought "into the mind". Only with the attraction of teaching, the initiative and enthusiasm of college students in class can be enhanced, and the effect of new thought "three steps" in

universities can be improved. [7] The results of the survey on the attraction of new thought in the curriculum show that the attraction of new thought in the curriculum for college students still needs to be improved. Practical research shows that most students are not very interested in new thought courses, and many students think that their ideological and political quality has not been significantly improved after learning new thought. Therefore, to do a good job in the "three steps" of new thought, universities need to continuously enhance the attraction of ideological and political theory courses. Only by continuously improving the attraction of new thought in the curriculum can we better play the role of the key curriculum of ideological and political theory courses in "cultivating morality and educating people" and improve the effect of "into the mind".

The attraction of ideological and political theory curricula in universities is an important factor affecting the effectiveness of the "three steps" work of the thought of socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era. Only with the attraction of teaching can students' initiative and enthusiasm in class be enhanced and the effectiveness of the "three steps" work of new thoughts be improved. Only by continuously enhancing the attractiveness of ideological and political theory courses, reforming and innovating teaching methods, [8] combining the characteristics of the new era and the specific conditions of young students, adopting forms that students are happy to hear, using multimedia technology, extensively tapping educational resources, and flexibly innovating teaching forms can we better play the key leading role of "cultivating morality and educating people" of socialist thought with Chinese characteristics in the new era.

### 3.3. The attractiveness of new thought "into the curricula" teaching needs to be improved

First, students lack understanding of the important role of thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era in their own development. The lack of ideal effect on the education of new thought to the mind of young students, from the perspective of students' main role, is that students do not understand the effect of learning new thought on their own growth and development. When students receive traditional theory and cultural courses, they often separate the relationship between theoretical courses and personal development, and only regard theoretical and cultural courses as book knowledge that is divorced from real life. [9] They fail to recognize the spirit of The Times and modern values in the courses, and fail to recognize the excellent traditional Chinese culture in new thoughts. It is difficult to become a new person of the era who bravely shoulders the responsibility of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

Second, the internal motivation of teachers to learn the thought of socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era is not strong. Teachers' understanding of the Party's innovation theory, their own comprehensive quality and education ability have a direct impact on the effect of "into the mind" of new thought. Due to the limitation of professional level and other factors, the theoretical knowledge of most school teachers is weak, so it is difficult to integrate and guide the understanding of new thought in the process of education. Therefore, the effect of young students' education on new thought "into the mind" is insufficient. From the perspective of teachers' leading role, the first is that teachers' internal motivation to actively arm their minds with new thought is not strong. The thought of socialism with Chinese Characteristics in the new era has strong vitality, which contains scientific and reasonable humanistic spirit and life philosophy. Teachers are the main practitioners of the new thought "into the curriculum". Their lack of a strong sense of mission and responsibility in teaching and educating people and their lack of ideological consciousness will affect the effect of the "three steps" of the thought of socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era.

# 4. The practical approach of the "three steps" in the thought of socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era

The Chinese president emphasized that the key to do a good job in ideological and political education is the ideological work of human life, and the correct theory of education to guide people, so that scientific theory and correct thought become an important help for people to grow and become talented. Universities should combine the current situation of ideological and political education work, study theories, carry out in-depth implementation, find a practical path for the "three steps" of new thought, and effectively promote the in-depth development of socialist thought with Chinese characteristics for a new era.

### 4.1. The attractiveness of new thought "into the curricula" teaching needs to be improved

The updating and optimization of textbook content must first strengthen the leading content education and grasp the political direction. First of all, the optimization of the teaching content of ideological and political courses in universities should continue to strengthen the leading position of political education, strengthen the education of young students in ideals and beliefs, socialist core values, "Chinese dream" and other aspects of the content, educate and guide students to firm correct political stance, establish a firm belief in striving to realize the great ideal of communism. Secondly, the updating and optimization of the teaching content should integrate the Party's innovative theory into the curriculum thinking and politics. <sup>[10]</sup>The thought of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics in the New era is the ideological guidance for the university to carry out the fundamental task of "fostering virtues and cultivating people". The teaching content should pay attention to integrate the Party's innovation theory into the teaching of various courses. At the same time, the teaching content should pay attention to moral education. Moral education is the basic content, which aims to educate and guide students to establish a correct world outlook, outlook on life and values, master the scientific world outlook and methodology of Marxism, and form ideological and moral characters in line with social norms and development requirements.

In general, the teaching content should pay attention to imparts the Party's innovative theoretical knowledge, combine the characteristics of the development of The Times, and enrich the content of teaching materials with The Times. [11] The university is the main position of the "three steps" work of the thought of socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era, the content of which is to educate students about the Party's innovative theory. The thought on socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a new era is a theory that is constantly developing, and with the development of The Times, it has new era connotations. To improve the effectiveness of textbooks of the thought on socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era, we need to constantly optimize the teaching content of new thought, and find the meeting point of "into the textbook" of new ideas. Universities should incorporate the latest achievements of the Party's innovative theories into their teaching contents in light of the development characteristics of The Times.

## 4.2. Combine ideological and political theory courses to accurately "into the curricula"

The ideological and political theory teaching must play a major role in the implementation of the new era of socialism with Chinese characteristics "into textbooks", "into the curricula" and "into the mind", making the ideological and political course teaching the main way to carry out the "three steps" of the new thought.

To carry out the thought of socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era "into the curricula", we must deal with the content of ideological and political teaching and new thought. The General Secretary's speech at the National Education Congress, especially the report of the Party's

20th National Congress, has profound connotations and greatly enriched and developed the thought on socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a new era. To "into the curricula" of the thought on socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era, we must not only ensure that the basic point of the new thought is entered into the curriculum, but also ensure that the line, principles and policies of this thought and theory in the construction of socialism with Chinese characteristics, as well as the vivid facts of the great achievements made by this thought and theory are reflected in the curriculum. To implement the new thought "into the curricula", we must also ensure that the whole Party and the whole people in the practice of building the Chinese modernization of the theoretical understanding of the summary development into the curriculum, to ensure that the new thought with The Times of the theoretical quality and as a Marxist discipline in the latest development stage of the theoretical results into the curriculum. Therefore, the teaching of ideological and political courses must explain the Party's innovation theory from the whole ideological system of Marxist theory, so that students can understand the importance of the "three steps" of the thought of socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era from the height of the theoretical quality of Marxism, the height of standing in the position of the people, and the height of standing in the international and domestic situation.

### 4.3. Improve the evaluation method and take the initiative to "into the mind"

The assessment and evaluation of the course of the thought of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics in the New era is based on the teaching goal of "into the mind", the judgment and evaluation of the teaching activities and their actual effects, and the feedback of the effect of the "three steps" of the thought of socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era. The scientific assessment and evaluation method can evaluate the effect of "into the mind" objectively and comprehensively, and play a positive role in discovering and solving the problems existing in the teaching process and improving the effect of "into the mind". [12] Only by improving the evaluation standards of teaching can we find the problems existing in the new teaching process in time, understand the real situation and actual needs of students about the "into the mind" of new thoughts, so as to solve the problems in a targeted way and improve the effectiveness of the "three steps" work of socialist thought with Chinese characteristics in the new era.

The results of assessment and evaluation are an important basis for improving the "three steps" work of socialist thought with Chinese characteristics in the new era, and scientific and objective assessment and evaluation results are conducive to stimulating students' enthusiasm for "into the mind" of new thought. Through the feedback results of teaching evaluation, ideological and political theory teachers can reflect on relevant problems, think about improvement countermeasures through problem research and discussion, and constantly improve teaching effectiveness.

### 5. Conclusions

The "three steps" work of Socialist thought with Chinese Characteristics for a new era involves a lot of content, and the situation of new thought into textbooks, classrooms, and minds in different universities is different. Through network investigation and research, this paper reveals the current situation of university's new thought "three steps", deeply analyzes the realistic predicament of university's "three steps", and puts forward a systematic practice approach. However, there are still shortcomings in research methods, research scope and research content, which need to be combined with regional work policies, economic and social development and the development of new thought teaching in universities to carry out in-depth research.

To sum up, promoting the "three steps" of the thought on socialism with Chinese characteristics

in the new era should not only meet the actual needs of the growth of college teachers and students, but also keep pace with The Times in combination with the characteristics of The Times and social development. Teachers should firmly grasp the education goal of cultivating new people in the new era, give full play to the main role of ideological and political theory courses, and constantly promote new ideas into textbooks, curricula and minds, so that colleges can provide a steady stream of talent support for the prosperity and development of the Party and the country.

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