

# *The Ideological and Political Education in Xi Jinping's Outlook on Sports*

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**Abstract:** Since general secretary Xi Jinping has sent various messages to sports workers for many times, who has also made a series of discussions and instructions on the development of the country's sports cause, Xi Jinping's outlook on sports has been gradually formed with unique characteristics. Therefore, this paper tries to demonstrate the inevitability and rationality of Xi Jinping's thought on sports. By the method of "thought building logic", this paper explains the scientific connotation of Xi Jinping's outlook on sports systematically, in order to reveal its value orientation in various aspects, including the inheritance and innovation of Marxist Sports Thoughts, leading the development of sports with Chinese characteristics, showing the national image of China in the international community and enriching Xi Jinping's Thoughts on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era.

## **1. Introduction**

"The new era breeds new ideas, and new ideas lead new journeys." Since the eighteenth congress of the Communist Party of China, in according to the new era of China's sports development, general secretary Xi Jinping creatively has put forward a series of new ideas, new assertion, new ideas, on the premise of accurate grasping the development of Chinese sports law, combining the reality of the new era of China's sports work, scientific and comprehensive point out all the realistic problem that China is faced with in terms of sports.

## **2. The construction Logic of Xi Jinping's Outlook on Sports**

"Sport is the important symbol of social development and human progress, an important embodiment of comprehensive national strength and social civilization, and play an irreplaceable role." [1] Obviously, the development of sports in the new era is of great significance to the fundamental contradiction of coordination and balance, the promotion of "the all-round development of people" and the realization of the "Chinese dream" of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. Engels pointed out that "the theoretical thinking of each era is a product of history, which has completely different forms and completely different contents in different times. [2] The Time generating thought and practicing creating theory. Xi Jinping's outlook on sports is a new thought and concept of Chinese unique sports that is cultivated by the process of adhering to and

developing socialism with Chinese characteristics, in the heart of the governing practice process combining Marxist theory, the "sports with Chinese characteristics" of the development of new ideas, new ideas, carried out by the leadership of the CPC central committee with general secretary Xi Jinping at its core.

## **2.1. The Unification of the History Logic and Theoretical Logic.**

Xi Jinping's outlook on sports is the inheritance and development of Marxist sports thought. In May 2018, general secretary Xi Jinping pointed out at the congress to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Marx that "Marx is the revolutionary mentor of the proletariat and working people all over the world, and Marxist ideology and theory are extensive and profound. Studying it from time to time can always find out something new. [3] In the great practice of leading the proletarian revolution, Marx attached great importance to sports work, and made a penetrating discussion on sports, which profoundly affected the development of China's sports industry. First of all, Marx believed that sports, intelligence and labor need to be combined and develop coordinately. He emphasized the essence of sports is to promote the all-round development of people. Marx once pointed out that "for children who have reached a certain age in the future, education is the combination of productive labor and physical education. It is not only a way to improve social productivity, but also the only way to create a well-rounded person". [4] Second, Marx understood sports comprehensively from the perspective of people's overall development, emphasizing the education and training of teenagers, especially sports. He emphasized that "we understand education as following three things: first, intellectual education. Second, sports, that is, sports schools and military training taught content. ... Sports and technical training." [4] Thirdly, Marx believed that sports and games were the basic rights of human beings, the guarantee of human health and the way of life for human entertainment. He pointed out in *Das Kapital* that "most of them have lost their health, their home pleasures, their leisure and the wholesome outdoor games of childhood. ... They cannot have any physical, intellectual, or spiritual recreation, except indecent recreation; They are cut off from all real pleasures of life." [5] Through the systematic analysis of the above literature, it is found that the scientific connotation of Marx's sports thought is: the essence of sports is to promote the free and comprehensive development of human beings; The value of education lies in the coordinated development of "intellectual education, physical education and labor". Sports should bring the effect of leisure and entertainment into play, improve people's health level and improve people's quality of life. Marx's sports thought is not only a valuable legacy of human sports, but also the theoretical basis and historical choice for the emergence and development of Xi Jinping's outlook on sports.

## **2.2. The Unification of the Realistic Logic and the Practical Logic**

Xi Jinping's outlook on sports is the inheritance and innovation of the sports thought of the past leaders. All previous leaders of the party have always attached great importance to sports and cared about sports. The specific performance of comrade Mao Zedong's thought on physical education is as follows: in the research on physical education published in new youth in 1917, it clarified that "doing exercise is the way to keep fit", "the body and mind are complete", "the effect of physical education, as for strengthening muscles and bones, thus increase knowledge, thus regulate emotions, and thus strengthen consciousness", "if the spirit of martial arts is weak, the quality of the nation will become lighter and thinner"; In 1952, he wrote an inscription for the national sports association of China, "developing sports and strengthening people's physique", which fully summarized the core of Mao Zedong's thought on sports. Deng Xiaoping's thought about sports performance: in April, 1982, Deng Xiaoping pointed out that "sport is an important aspect of social construction of

spiritual civilization", "sport has a great influence in developing the national economy and the performance of civilization". Its core sports thought connotation: "sport aims to serve the party's work center", "attaches great importance to the coordinated development of competitive sports and mass sports", "sport needs to be focused from the babyhood", "creating model of the Olympic Games, and so on. Deng Xiaoping's sports thought opened up a road for the development of sports of socialism with Chinese characteristics; Specific performance: Jiang Zemin's sports thought in May 1990, Jiang Zemin to the central committee of the conference stressed the "Asian games is a great event of our party and the nation. We need to make a event to improve our people's national pride and national self-confidence, to enhance people across the country be more unified". Jiang Zemin sports thought stressed: sports development is conducive to enrich people's cultural life, and is beneficial to promote patriotism and national cohesion. Sports to the national construction of material civilization and spiritual civilization construction is of great significance. Hu Jintao's sports ideas embodied in "valiant unyielding, rushed to", "to carry out the national fitness activities, to improve the health quality of the whole nation", "the coordinated development of competitive sports and mass sports", "sports and rejuvenating the country," Hu Jintao's thought on sports is the production of "harmony and development", and is the 21st century our country implement the strategy of sports power of thought. Four generation of collective leadership before new China sports thought is in the exploration of development with Chinese characteristics, formed in the process of the practice of his thoughts is a development and innovation of socialist construction. It not only have played a huge role for the time of the sports enterprise development, the rich countries, the national revival, but also is a basis for the emergence and development of Xi Jinping's outlook on sports.

### **3. The Scientific Connotation of the Xi Jinping's Outlook on Sports**

Xi Jinping sports' outlook is a series of new ideas, new assertion, new ideas, that are put forward creatively after the eighteenth congress of Communist Party of China, by the leadership of the CPC central committee with general secretary Xi Jinping at its core, in according to the new era of China's sports undertaking development. On the premise of accurate grasp the development of Chinese sports law, combining the reality of the new era of China's sports work, it scientifically and comprehensively pointed out China's sports all the realistic problem faced. His thoughts scientifically and comprehensively answered the questions of The Times, such as "what kind of socialist sports with Chinese characteristics will be developed, for whom, and how to develop socialist sports with Chinese characteristics".

#### **3.1. "People as the Core"-the Essence of Xi Jinping's Outlook on Sports**

Since the 18th national congress of the Communist Party of China, the CPC central leadership with general secretary Xi Jinping at the center has implemented the idea of "people first" into China's sports development. General secretary Xi Jinping stressed that "to speed up the building of a strong sports country, we must adhere to the people-centered thought, the people as the main body of the development of sports... We will continue to improve people's health. [9] Xi Jinping's outlook on sports clearly defines the path selection and value goal of sports development in the new era, which is "the development of sports depends on the people and the development of sports in the new era is for the people", and has a distinctive "people-centered" feature. "Never forget the original heart, the party has always been" the original heart of the Chinese communist party is the happiness of the people, national rejuvenation. "The people are the root of historical development and the creator of history. The people-centered mass line has always been the main line of our party's governance. Serving the people wholeheartedly is the fundamental purpose of our party." [10] The new era of sports of socialism with Chinese characteristics "beginner's mind", not an abstract

concept, it is not a vague slogan, but insist on "people as the center" development of undertakings of physical culture and sports in China, showing the "quickens, ruling for the people" of the communist party of China political position, and shows that the new era sports is "the people's sports" socialism with Chinese characteristics.

### **3.2. "A Sports Powerhouse"-the Essential Goal of Xi Jinping's Outlook on Sports**

"Sports carry the dream of a strong country and a rejuvenated nation. China will be strong if sports are strong, and China will be strong if sports are strong. [11] The coordinated development of China's sports industry is the premise for the realization of the Chinese dream of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. Throughout the history of human development, the rise of modern powers is closely related to the development of sports, because the development of sports can actively promote the rise of a strong country. General Secretary Xi Jinping used the theory of Marxist materialist dialectics to profoundly interpret the dialectical unity between the dream of a strong sports nation and the Chinese dream. He stressed that "the dream of each of us, the dream of a strong sports nation, is closely linked to the Chinese dream." He comprehensively and systematically elaborated the dialectical relationship between sports development and individual development, national power and national rejuvenation. The development history of modern sports in China: from the "single Olympics" to the "2008 Olympic dream", sports carry not only the individual sports dream and the rise and fall of sports, but also the requirements of a strong country and national rejuvenation. General Secretary Xi Jinping stressed that "the realization of the dream of a strong sports nation is not only reflected in the strength of competitive sports, but also more reflected in the physical fitness of the people. If China wants to realize the all-round development of sports with Chinese characteristics and the dream of becoming a great sports country, it must deeply understand and comprehend the Chinese dream, grasp the logical relationship between individual dream, sports dream and Chinese dream, and then help realize individual dream and the great Chinese dream through the path of sports dream of becoming a great sports country.

## **4. The Fundamental Value of Xi Jinping's Outlook on Sports**

Xi Jinping's outlook on sports is not only the ideological essence of the combination of Marxist theory and China's sports work reform practice, but also the inheritance and innovation of Marx's sports thought and the sports thought of successive leaders of new China, and the latest achievement of the Sinicization of Marxism. Xi Jinping's outlook on sports has a clear purpose to promote the physical and mental health of the people, the prosperity of the country and the realization of the Chinese dream of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

### **4.1. Having Enriched the New Achievements of the Sinicization of Marxism**

General Secretary Xi Jinping is a loyal believer and practitioner of Marxism. We will strive to advance in the practice of upholding and developing Marxism in building socialism with Chinese characteristics. Marxist historical materialism emphasizes that the essence of the world lies in the materiality, that the state is composed of people, and that a healthy and strong body is the premise and foundation of a stronger mental health. The report of the 19th national congress of the communist party of China stressed that "people's health is a sign of national prosperity and national prosperity. We need to improve national health policies and provide people with comprehensive health services. [17] As for the methodology of the new era of China's sports development level, the general secretary Xi Jinping, as the inheritor of Marxist view on people, insists that the people are the subject of history, are the creator of history and promoters, and he emphasizes the development of socialism with Chinese characteristics of sports, putting the "people's main body" in the first place. The new era of the development of China's sports undertakings need to rely on the masses of

the people, and the new era of the development of China's sports undertakings is for the masses of the people. From the perspective of sports development logic, Xi Jinping stresses that "strengthening the construction of a strong sports country and promoting the coordinated development of mass sports, competitive sports and sports industry". The coordinated development of the three is the only way for China's sports development in the new era and the inevitable choice for China to become a strong sports country. Coordinated development is the source power to promote the construction of "sports power" and the direction pointer to strengthen the comprehensive and coordinated development of various internal sports systems. "The concept of comprehensive and coordinated development" [18] It is precisely the application of Marxist materialist dialectics in the reform and development of China's sports undertakings, pointing out the new direction of the reform and development of sports undertakings with Chinese characteristics in the new era. Xi Jinping's outlook on sports is a product of The Times combining the basic principles of Marxism with the development of China's sports practice, which enriches the Marxist thought on sports and endows the Marxist theory with Chinese characteristics for a new era.

## 4.2. Having Strengthened the Function of Cultivation of the Core Values of Socialism

The 18th CPC national congress proposed "prosperity, democracy, civility, harmony, freedom, equality, justice, the rule of law, patriotism, dedication, integrity, friendship", the core socialist values, needing the people to actively cultivate and practice it from the individual level, the national level, the social level. [19] In the new era, the cultivation and practice of socialist core values are of great significance for consolidating the guiding position of Marxism in the field of ideology, promoting the all-round development of people and realizing the Chinese dream of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. Xi Jinping's outlook on sports belongs to the category of social ideology. The Xi Jinping's outlook on sports emphasizes the pursuit of spiritual values such as "people-oriented", "self-improvement", "reform and innovation", "unity and struggle" and "patriotic dedication". Its influence goes far beyond the development of sports, and its existence has important values for the cultivation and practice of socialist core values. Xi Jinping's outlook on sports can promote the internalization of socialist core values, its actively advocating self-reliance, striving, patriotic dedication spirit of social positive energy, can cut diverse values for individual, country, the negative impact of social development, through the guidance of thought safeguard social fairness and justice, to the cultivation of socialist core values, to create a good environment. The key to the cultivation and development of socialist core values lies in its implementation into a wide range of social practice and the guiding role of ideology in social practice. Xi Jinping's outlook on sports emphasizes the "national fitness" "healthy China" "mass sports", and aims to making sports and culture filter into people's daily life. This feature can promote socialist core values into the order of the people's daily life and their social practice, letting the socialist core values be needed, be used and becoming one of the people thought consciousness and code of conduct.

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