

Theoretical Implication and Practical Value of Cadre Xi's Important Exposition on Youth Struggle

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Abstract: Cadre Xi's Important Exposition on Youth Struggle is Cadre Xi's theoretical exposition on the purpose, path and value of youth struggle in the new era. In terms of essence, Cadre Xi's important discussion on youth struggle originates from the practical need to cultivate young people with both moral integrity and moral integrity, the value need to carry forward youth struggle in the new era, and the important perception of Cadre Xi's life experience. The theoretical implication and practical value contained in Cadre Xi's important exposition on youth struggle are linked together, which provides supporting ideological tension for Cadre Xi's important exposition on youth struggle. Therefore, it is of great practical significance to explore the theoretical implication and practical value of Cadre Xi's important exposition on the struggle of youth.

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1. Introduction

On May 4, 2013, General Secretary Xi Jinping pointed out in his speech at the Youth League Day Symposium with the theme of "Achieving the Chinese Dream, Taking on the Responsibility of Youth": "Young people are the most energetic and have the most dreams. Since modern times, the dream of Chinese youth has always been closely linked to the historical process of China's revitalization. In the revolutionary war years, the vast majority of young people, full of revolutionary ideals, charged into battle for national independence and the liberation of the people, and poured out their blood. In the period of socialist revolution and construction, the vast number of young people responded to the Party's call to march into difficulties and wilderness, to defend and build the motherland, and to work selflessly and arduously in the vast world of New China. In the new historical era of reform and opening up, the young people are calling for unity and rejuvenation of the country, forging ahead and innovating for the prosperity and strength of the motherland^[1]." Youth are the hope of a nation, the future of a country and the future of the world. The youth of each era shoulder the mission given by the corresponding era. Under the background of the new era, it is of long-term and profound significance for us to study and understand Xi Jinping Thought of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics in the new era to systematically analyze the theoretical implication and practical value of Xi Jinping's important discourse on the struggle of youth.

2. The origin of Xi Jinping's important exposition on the struggle of youth

2.1. To cultivate the ideal, capable and responsible youth of the new era

On March 15, 2020, General Secretary Xi Jinping wrote back to all the post-90s members of Peking

University Medical Assistance Team in Hubei Province, saying, “If the young generation has ideals, skills and responsibility, the country will have a future and the nation will have hope.” Only those young people with ideals, skills and responsibilities can shoulder the responsibilities of The Times, take over the baton of history and push the cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics into a new era. Xi Jinping’s important exposition on the struggle of youth is based on the judgment of the new historical position, emphasizing the significance of the struggle of youth. Just as General Secretary Xi Jinping said, “We should focus on training new people to shoulder the great responsibility of national rejuvenation ^[2].” In a word, realizing the historic mission of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation requires continuous efforts from generation to generation. Therefore, training young people who are “ideal, capable and responsible” in the new era is the focus and foothold of carrying out and planning youth work. In addition, the great practice of socialism with Chinese characteristics also needs the active participation of young people, so as to promote the great practice of socialism with Chinese characteristics to a new level. To sum up, the practical need to cultivate “idealistic, capable and responsible” young people in the new era is one of the important origins of Xi Jinping’s important discourse on youth struggle.

2.2. The new era promotes the values and needs of youth struggle

As Comrade Mao Zedong once said, “China’s youth movement has a fine revolutionary tradition, and this tradition is’ perpetual struggle ‘. We in the Communist Party have inherited this tradition, and it has been handed down and will continue to do so even more ^[3].” To be specific, the fighting spirit of the youth is the consistent spiritual inheritance of our Party. In this regard, General Secretary Xi Jinping once said, “Make it clear that realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation is the greatest dream of the Chinese nation since modern times, and it requires continuous efforts from generation after generation. Make it clear that the Chinese dream is the dream of the country, the nation and the Chinese people ^[4].” Under the background of the new era, carrying forward the significance of youth struggle is the practical value need of the new era. Therefore, the promotion of the positive atmosphere of youth struggle is conducive to the construction of a positive social atmosphere in the new era, help young people to establish a correct outlook on the world, life, values, and contribute to the continuous improvement and maturity of the youth struggle concept in Xi Jinping’s Thought of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era. Therefore, the value need of promoting youth struggle in the new era is contained in the origin of Xi Jinping’s important discussion on youth struggle.

2.3. The important insight of Xi Jinping’s life experience

As General Secretary Xi Jinping has said, “Happiness is achieved through hard work ^[5].” Practice is the source of knowledge. The seven years of educated youth have forged General Secretary Xi Jinping’s indomitable will and ambition to embrace the world. In his youth, General Secretary Xi Jinping’s experience in Liangjiahe educated youth has strengthened his belief in life since then, and he has worked hard for it all his life. Just as General Secretary Xi Jinping said, “When I came to the Yellow Land at the age of 15, I was lost and hesitated. When I left the yellow earth at 22, I had a firm purpose in life and was full of confidence.” In a word, Xi Jinping’s important statement on youth struggle is derived from the real life experience of General Secretary Xi Jinping.

3. Theoretical implications of Xi Jinping’s important exposition on youth struggle

3.1. Inheritance and development of Marxist youth view

Marxism youth view is an important part of Marxism, which contains rich theoretical implication. It is worth mentioning that Marx in his middle school graduation thesis “the youth to choose a career when the consideration” one article, shows the great ambition and firm determination for the cause of human

happiness dedication. In addition, in the article “Consideration of Young People in Choosing a Career,” young Marx also showed the spirit of struggle. As Marx pointed out in “Considerations of Youth in Choosing Career”: “Young people who just set foot on the journey of life do not want to be dictated by fate [6].” In terms of values shaping for young people, Marxist views on youth emphasize that correct value guidance should be given to young people to promote their all-round development. On this basis, Xi Jinping’s important exposition on the struggle of young people, combining the Marxist view of youth with China’s actual needs, emphasizes that young people “should consciously practice the core socialist values and constantly develop noble character. We should take it as our duty to make our country prosperous and our people happy, keep ideals in mind and aim high, devote ourselves to the great practice of socialism with Chinese characteristics, and work hard for it all our lives [7].”

General Secretary Xi Jinping has explained the necessary meaning of the struggle of the youth in the new era. At the theoretical level, General Secretary Xi Jinping has broadened the perspective of Marxist youth view, making it more practical and advancing with The Times. At the practical level, General Secretary Xi Jinping’s important discussion on the struggle of youth is based on practice and guided by the value of Marxist youth view, so as to provide the right direction for young people to struggle under the new historical position. On the whole, General Secretary Xi Jinping has inherited and developed the Marxist view of youth according to the diversified changes of the new era, combining theory with practice, and provided action guidelines for the struggle of youth from the practical dimension.

3.2. Struggle is the unchanging value orientation of the Communist Party of China

“In ancient times, a great achiever had not only exceptional talent, but also firm and indomitable will.” The original aspiration and the mission of Chinese Communists is to seek happiness for the Chinese people and rejuvenation for the Chinese nation. It is worth noting that the average age of the 13 people who attended the congress was just 28. Just as General Secretary Xi Jinping said, “Without the continuous and arduous efforts of the people, especially generations of young people, there would be no new era of socialism with Chinese characteristics today, let alone the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation tomorrow [8].” Struggle is the unchanging life attitude of young people from generation to generation and the unchanging value orientation of the Communist Party of China. The great cause of mind is just one hundred years of elegance. Looking back on the century-old course of our party, struggle is the unchanging value of the Communist Party of China to follow, and the young people are the practitioners of this value. New-democratic revolution period of the Chinese youth movement, at the beginning of the founding of new China’s socialist transformation and socialist modernization drive, the movement of young people in this time of the communist party of China in “plays an important role, and in this time and brought the youth movement pioneer the Chinese communists, the tenacious fighting spirit. Thus, it can be seen that striving for the happiness of the people and for the rejuvenation of the nation has been the value of our Party since its founding one hundred years ago. This is why, generation after generation, the vast majority of young people remain true to their original aspiration and have endured great hardships and forged ahead to achieve this goal.

3.3. The practical value of Xi Jinping’s important exposition on the struggle of youth

The practical value of Xi Jinping’s important discussion on youth struggle is embodied in creating a positive social atmosphere, providing a value guide for young people to strive, promoting the realization of people’s yearning for a better life, and advancing the historic mission of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

3.4. Create a positive social atmosphere

Xi Jinping’s important exposition on youth struggle not only serves as an important theoretical guide for

youth struggle, but also contributes to creating a sound social atmosphere. General Secretary Xi Jinping called on the majority of young people should build a strong aspiration to be strivers in the new era. Just as General Secretary Xi Jinping said, “A life with faith, dreams, struggle and dedication is a meaningful life [10].” Xi Jinping’s important exposition on youth struggle is the value orientation of youth struggle. Therefore, it is the value orientation of the youth’s struggle that creates a positive social atmosphere. To be specific, Xi Jinping’s important exposition on youth struggle creates a positive social atmosphere from the three dimensions of the purpose, significance and path of youth struggle. First of all, General Secretary Xi Jinping emphasized the purpose of the young people and called on them to aspire to do great things and contribute to the construction of socialism with Chinese characteristics for a new era. Secondly, General Secretary Xi Jinping pointed out the significance of the struggle of the youth. The general secretary stressed that it is the hard work of generations of young people that will bring about today’s new era of socialism with Chinese characteristics and tomorrow’s great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. Finally, General Secretary Xi Jinping said to young people that “happiness comes from hard work” and advocated that young people should take hard work as the path to realize their dreams, harvest happiness and realize their life value through hard work.

3.5. To provide the youth with the value of struggle

Xi Jinping’s important exposition on youth struggle contains rich new ideas and new thoughts, which is not only the inheritance, development and enrichment of Marxist youth concept, but also the theoretical guide of youth struggle practice. It is fair to say that Xi Jinping’s important remarks on the struggle of young people are not only the theoretical essence of the thinking on the new era, but also point out the direction and significance of the struggle for young people in the new era. Xi Jinping’s important exposition on the struggle of young people fully reflects the CPC members’ adherence to their original aspiration and mission. From a dialectical dimension, the exposition points out the direction of the struggle for young people. To be specific, Xi Jinping’s Important Exposition on Youth Struggle analyzes the purpose and significance of youth struggle, points out the self-character that youth should have, demonstrates the practical path of youth struggle, and provides scientific value guidance. On the whole, Xi Jinping’s important exposition on youth struggle provides value guidance for young people, which fully reflects the practical value contained in Xi Jinping’s important exposition on youth struggle.

3.6. Promoting people’s aspiration for a better life

Xi Jinping’s important exposition on youth struggle is not only the inheritance and enrichment of Marxist view of youth, but also the theoretical research of practice. Realizing people’s yearning for a better life is one of the practical values of Xi Jinping’s important discourse on youth struggle. It can be said that the original intention of youth struggle also contains the yearning for a better life of the majority of young people. Under this original intention, young people reap happiness through struggle and realize their yearning for a better life through struggle. As General Secretary Xi Jinping pointed out in his New Year message for 2018, “Happiness is achieved through hard work.” Therefore, Xi Jinping’s important exposition on the struggle of young people is a theoretical guide for young people to pursue a better life.

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