

## Functional Value Of College Students' Labor Education In The New Era

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**Abstract:** Under the background of building a modern socialist country in an all-round way, the Party and the nation propose that labor education is an important content of the socialist education system with Chinese characteristics, and labor education is of great significance for the cultivation of college students worthy of great responsibilities in the new era. In the face of the neglect and weakening of labor education, it is necessary to construct the education system of moral, intellectual, physical, aesthetic and labor comprehensive cultivation, and strengthen labor education in the new era. First of all, it is necessary to correctly understand its basic status and unique role in cultivating the all-round development of moral, intellectual, physical, aesthetic and labor college students.

### 1. Introduction

Labor is the basis for the survival and development of human society. The combination of education and production and labor is the educational policy that our country has always attached great importance to college students in the new era are about to enter the society and become the main force in building a modern socialist country. Labor education plays an irreplaceable role in cultivating their correct views and attitudes on labor, knowledge and skills, innovation ability to meet the needs of future development, and their overall development. However, with the progress of society and the development of economy, labor education tends to fade gradually from the educational perspective. Therefore, it is of great significance to strengthen the research on the functional value of college students' labor education in the new era.

### 2. The functional value of labor education in the new era is more prominent in the cultivation of college students

The position and function of labor education in education work have always been valued by educators, and the research and practice of labor education have not stopped for a moment along with the development of education and the progress of economic and social science and technology. The cognition of the function value of labor education is also developing constantly.

#### 2.1. Establishment and development of Marxist concept of labor education after the founding of the People's Republic of China

Since the founding of the People's Republic of China, labor education has been endowed with different functions in different stages of economic and social development. In the early founding days of the People's Republic of China, the Marxist concept of labor education was established, which defined the educational policy that "education must serve the proletarian politics, must be combined with productive labor, and train builders and successors who are well developed morally, intellectually and physically".

With the deepening of reform and opening up, the rapid economic and social development has an increasingly urgent need for all-round development of high-quality talents, and the standards of talent training are also getting higher and higher. The educational policy and practice are also being adjusted and optimized in time, and the role of labor education is getting more and more attention. In 1995, the policy "Education must be combined with productive labor" was formally written into the "Education Law of the People's Republic of China", and "the combination of education and

productive labor" became the focus of attention in this period of labor education research [1]. "The central committee of the communist party of China in 1999 the State Council on Deepening Education Reform and Comprehensively Promote Quality Education Decision" proposed that "school education should not only grasp the intellectual education, more importance to moral education, physical education, aesthetic education should be strengthened, the labor technical education and social practice, make the education from the aspects such as mutual penetration and coordinated development, promote the students' comprehensive and healthy growth", then the national education policy also is adjusted for the cultivation of the comprehensive development of socialist builders and successors ".

## **2.2. The research on the functional value of labor education is continuously profound.**

With the continuous emergence of new social phenomena, as well as the weakening and marginalization of labor education, more and more people pay attention to labor education, and the research on its functional value is more and more profound. The scholar thinks, the significance and role of labor education not only have an independent existence, but in the face of China's one-child this unique social phenomenon, in cultivating the youth live independently ability, diligence and plain living style has the irreplaceable role, should be as part of the education, and combine with the other "four educations" [2]. Labor education is helpful to improve students' understanding of labor. First, to cultivate students' correct attitude towards work and respect the working people; second is to promote students developing good labor behavior and cultivate their innovation ability and practical ability [3]. Labor education is a comprehensive education integrating moral education, intellectual education, physical education and aesthetic education to improve students' quality [4]. The purpose of labor education should be to cultivate students' labor skills, labor knowledge and labor emotion through specific labor; improving students' moral quality, developing students' ability to appreciate and create beauty, and realizing the education of students' all-round development [5]. The academic circle thinks that labor education has more important function and value and is the education that promotes the all-round development of people.

## **2.3. New understanding and new judgment of labor education in the new era**

The 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China set the grand goal of building a modern socialist country in an all-round way, and the task of higher education for the country is urgent and arduous. However, the interference of multi-culture, the impact of money worship and hedonism, as well as the confusion brought by the emerging of new forms of labor, have a lot of negative influences on the world, life and values outlook of young students in the growing period. Against "teenagers don't want and cherish the fruits of our labors have been found in the phenomenon of labor, not labor, labor's unique educational value is neglected to some extent, the reality of labor education has been blurred and weakening", General Secretary Xi Jinping, standing in the height of the global party and national business development of labor education put forward a series of new knowledge and new claims, clearly put forward the "cultivation of the comprehensive development of socialist builders and successors" of goal request, emphasize the art of morality, intelligence and physique to build a comprehensive training system of education, the formation of a higher level of talent cultivation system. Labor education has received unprecedented attention.

In March 2020, the party central committee and the State Council issued "on the strengthening the new era of big labor education of primary and secondary schools of opinion" pointed out: "labor education is an important content of socialist education system with Chinese characteristics, the direct relationship between the socialist builders and successors of the spirit of labor and labor value orientation and labor skills, high level", "labor education is an important part of the national education system, is the necessary way to student growth, possess comprehensive educational value of building virtue, increasing wisdom, strengthening body, fostering beauty". This is the strategic positioning and plan made by the Party and the government from the top design of the national education cause to strengthen the labor education in colleges and primary schools in the new era, which highlights the functional value of labor education in the training of college students in the new era.

### **3. The basic status of labor education in college students' training in the new era**

To build a modern socialist country, we need talents who are morally, intellectually, physically, physically, aesthetically and laboriously developed. Labor education plays an important role in the all-round and comprehensive development of human beings. Labor education has a fundamental role in the all-round development of moral, intellectual, physical, aesthetic and labor personnel in the new era.

#### **3.1 Labor education has comprehensive educational value.**

Labor has the educational function of promoting the all-round development of human beings. The former Soviet Union educator Suchomlinsky once pointed out that a person's comprehensive and harmonious development, rich upbringing, rich spirit, and moral purity -- all these can only be achieved when he reaches a higher stage not only in intellectual education, moral education, aesthetic education and physical education, but also in the accomplishment and creation of work[6]. The cultivation of talents for all-round development and comprehensive development is not a simple combination of moral, intellectual, physical, aesthetic, and labor education, but a mutual infiltration, integration, promotion and influence. Because the labor education has distinct morality, education, and labor itself can develop people skills, mental body growth, creating perception ability of comprehensive promotion effect, therefore, have a purpose, planned and organized to carry out the labor education activity, can combine the moral education, intellectual education, physical education and aesthetic education as a whole, fully promote students' comprehensive quality. It can be seen that labor education has comprehensive educational value.

#### **3.2 Labor education is an important part of the socialist higher education system and education system with Chinese characteristics.**

General Secretary Xi Jinping pointed out that Education is about cultivating builders and successors of socialism with Chinese characteristics, not bystanders and opponents, when he participating events at Tsinghua University. However, due to the neglect and weakening of labor education for a long time in the society, young people have appeared to pay more attention to theoretical research than social practice, work and living conditions than dedication, yearning for spring and snow to despise the working people, new graduates do not work, slow employment and other undesirable phenomena, leading to the employment market supply and demand structure contradictions, even some young people pursue pleasure and despise labor, lack of basic life skills and necessary labor skills, individual young people fantasize less work, no work and get on the road of illegal crime. Labor education cannot be absent in the socialist education system with Chinese characteristics and the national education system. Labor education cannot be absent from the socialist education system and the national education system with Chinese characteristics.

Therefore, as a result of labor education not only to cultivate students' spirit of labor and labor value orientation and labor skills to satisfy the needs of the future work with other "four educations" have an irreplaceable role, and to solve the existing in the new era of college students, the requirements of the construction of modern socialist country and don't adapt to the concept of consciousness, experience, ability, attitude towards mental health problems, to promote college students' awareness of honest labor and dedication, professional experience, promote employment, entrepreneurship, sets up the correct choosing profession idea, become the qualified builders and successors for the socialist also has an irreplaceable role, which has decided to become an important part of the higher education system and education system of socialism with Chinese characteristics.

### **4. The unique role of labor education in the cultivation of college students in the new era**

When the youth prosper, the country prospers; when the youth are strong, the country is strong. It is necessary for higher education to attach importance to and give play to the unique role of labor education in talent cultivation to train a large number of talents for socialist modernization.

#### **4.1 Labor education contains special moral education function.**

First of all, with production and life as the scene, labor practice as the main form of labor education, which can guide students to love labor and working people, cherish the fruits of labor, establish a correct view of labor and work attitude. Secondly, labor education that follows the pace of the times and is in various forms close to the reality of life and society can overcome the huge impact on the world outlook, outlook on life and values brought by the rapid development of economy and society, information technology and the drastic changes in the form of labor on the young generation. In addition, for young students, the heavy study of professional cultural knowledge itself is also a kind of mental work, through labor education to cultivate students' correct view of work and work spirit can help them correct learning attitude, set up willing to endure hardship, honest and trustworthy research spirit, form a rigorous and realistic academic style.

#### **4.2 Labor education is an effective way to train college students to master modern science and technology and scientific knowledge.**

Marx pointed out that with the rapid development of socialized industry, only by combining education with productive labor, that is, through labor education, can education and teaching be raised to the level required by modern scientific and technological knowledge. Lenin pointed out that without the combination of education and productive labor of the younger generation, the ideal of the future society could not be imagined. No matter the science and teaching which is separated from the productive labor, or the productive labor which does not carry on the teaching and the education simultaneously, it cannot reach the height of the modern science and technology level and the present situation of scientific knowledge. Young students are the main force in building a modern socialist country in the future, and higher education is the most important and critical stage in their life. This stage is an important period for them to reserve scientific and cultural knowledge, master necessary skills to adapt to future work, and increase their abilities before stepping into the society to become qualified builders and successors.

It is very important for colleges and universities to strengthen production and labor education for students to master the modern science and technology that adapt to future development, to understand the current situation and trend of economic and social development, and to exercise the methods and skills under various forms of labor.

#### **4.3 Labor education is one of the important ways to cultivate college students' innovative ability.**

Makarenko, a former Soviet educator, once pointed out that only creative work can truly benefit the life of the whole society, and it is a special task for educators to teach students to engage in creative work.[7] Entering the new era, the construction of a modern socialist country has put forward more urgent requirements for cultivating innovative talents. It is the foundation of an innovation-oriented country to train a large number of socialist builders and successors with innovative spirit, consciousness and ability. With the development of economy and society, the progress of modern science and technology such as electronic information technology and Internet technology, as well as the rapid improvement of national manufacturing level, objectively, it also put forward higher requirements for future builders' learning ability and innovation ability, and training innovative talents has become a new and higher goal of education work.

The cultivation of young students' innovative consciousness, spirit and ability must be accomplished through concrete practical activities. Practical and meaningful labor activities require students to learn to integrate professional knowledge of various disciplines, master production skills and use tools and equipment. It is a process in which students give full play to their intelligence and wisdom and show their thoughts. Organizing students to participate in exploratory labor activities and creative productive labor can cultivate students' innovative consciousness and ability in both hand and brain, and cultivate students' innovative spirit in setbacks. Therefore, labor education is one of the important ways to cultivate innovative talents.

## **Conclusion**

A large number of qualified talents are needed to build a modern socialist country. In the new era, the function value of labor education in the cultivation of college students with all-round development of morality, intelligence, physique, aesthetic and labor has become more prominent, and its role should be paid more attention. However, with the progress of society and the development of economy, labor education has a trend of weakening gradually in the field of education. Therefore, it is of great significance to strengthen the research on the function and value of college students' labor education in the new era. First, because of the comprehensive educational value of labor education itself, it has become an important part of the socialist higher education system and education system with Chinese characteristics, and it has a basic position in the cultivation of college students; second, labor education has a unique role in the cultivation of college students in the new era, which is mainly reflected in the special moral education function of labor education, so it is an effective form of cultivating college students to master modern science and technology and scientific knowledge, and is one of the important ways to cultivate college students' innovation ability. What's more, a correct understanding of the basic position and unique role of labor education in the training of college students in the new era is very necessary for strengthening labor education and building an education system of comprehensive cultivation of morality, intelligence, physique, aesthetic and labor.

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