Xi Jinping's View on Youth Education and Its Contemporary Value

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Abstract: Youth is the future of the nation development and the main force to promote social development and progress. Effective education for young people can make them establish good ideals and beliefs and have the right value orientation. Starting from the current development, General Secretary Xi Jinping clarified the new requirements for youth development in the new era and answered the practical problems in the development of youth training and education in China. Based on the series of important speeches of General Secretary Xi Jinping, this paper discusses the main sources and specific contents of Xi Jinping's youth ideology and explores its value to contemporary society, which is of great significance for promoting the progressive development of youth education and training at the present stage.

1. Introduction

Young people play an important role in the development of a country. They are the group with the most vitality and dreams. Therefore, to promote social development, the guidance of young people's correct thoughts should be strengthened and they should be helped to realize their self-worth while being made to make contributions to the development of the country and even the society. Against the background of the development of the new era, General Secretary Xi Jinping further put forward the concept of youth education for the new era, which is of great practical significance to further guide young people to strengthen the education of ideals and beliefs, as well as to realize the Chinese dream of great rejuvenation.

2. The Source of Xi Jinping's Concept of Youth Education

On the one hand, marxist concept of youth education is the root of Xi Jinping's concept of youth education. Because Marx first saw the social power of the development of youth groups. He mainly believed that the youth was not an individual who could not be separated, but connected with the social class and political power actively and consciously. Lenin is a firm successor of marxism. He thought that the youth's willingness to get in touch with new things and new ideas determined their progressive ideal of a political party in the proletarian stage. Visibly, the development of a country must rely on the development force of youth group. But the effective display of youth group strength needs them to establish the lofty goal, which is realized through unceasing and diligent study.

On the other hand, the excellent Chinese traditional culture is the historical source of Xi Jinping's educational concept. Because Chinese traditional culture has patriotism, dedication and other excellent personality quality worthy of young people to learn. General Secretary Xi Jinping has drawn the essence from these traditional cultures and finally his unique concept of youth education forms. General Secretary Xi Jinping also mentioned in his discussion with the outstanding youth representatives that “It's difficult to follow the path of virtue but easy to succumb to vice” and warned the youth should constantly strengthen their own inner construction, achieve inner self-discipline, but also should maintain a positive attitude towards life and firm ideals and beliefs through this way. During his visit to Peking University, General Secretary Xi Jinping also cited the saying that “From whichever direction the winds leap, I remain strong, though dealt many a blow”, which is also a way to warn young people that they should strengthen the construction of core socialist values and strengthen the education of their ideals and beliefs.
3. The Main Content of Xi Jinping's Youth Education Concept

   (1) Firm marxist belief

   As General Secretary Xi Jinping has said, “marxism is the most advanced system of thought and theory so far.” Marxism is a scientific theoretical system, including rich spiritual connotation. And it can be divided into four basic parts to unservingly adhere to marxist belief.

   Firstly, the materialist world view. To interpret the real world with the development of material world itself, it requires teenagers to learn to correctly understand the existing world and treat the world with a scientific attitude.

   Secondly, the lofty ideal of communism is the progressive thought and goal that marxism pursues. It adheres to the goal of material enrichment and spiritual satisfaction and advocates the free and comprehensive development of human beings. As young people, we should realize that communism is difficult to realize in the short term, but we should not weaken or give up the pursuit of the ideal and belief of communism.

   Thirdly, the fundamental purpose of serving the people. In a sense, whether to serve the people is exactly a touchstone to judge whether a person can have a firm marxist belief. As young people, we should integrate the individual ideals into the construction of the socialist cause and keep the individual interests consistent with the collective interests of the masses.

   Finally, the objective pursuit of human free and comprehensive development. It can be said that the ultimate realization of marxist belief and communist ideal needs to be realized through this way of development. Young people should have a correct understanding of what communism is. The understanding of communism should not only emphasize the promotion of social development, but also include the development of human beings and emphasize the harmony and unity of human beings and society. The overall development of individuals needs the strong support of social development, which is regarded as the resultant force formed by the overall development of countless individuals. Young people are the fresh blood of the development of the Chinese Communist Party. We must study hard and correctly grasp the marxist theory, firmly establish the marxist ideal and faith of development, strive to be the executor of the firm marxist belief, and glow the new vitality of the development of marxism.

   (2) Establish the common ideal of the Chinese dream

   Starting from the current international environment for development and the basic national conditions of the current socialist modernization drive, General Secretary Xi Jinping pointed out that “the Chinese dream is the common ideal of the people of all ethnic groups in China and a great ideal that the young generation should firmly establish. Socialism with Chinese characteristics is the right path to realize the Chinese dream that the party has found by leading the people through countless hardships.” Therefore, young people should strengthen their self-cultivation in terms of ideals and beliefs.

   Firstly, the Chinese dream should include the lofty ideals of young people. The Chinese dream is the dream that the Chinese nation finally realizes the prosperity and rejuvenation of the country. It is the dream of the country, the nation and the people. Therefore, it is necessary to strengthen the guiding role of the Chinese dream in the ideals and beliefs of young people, help them better choose their own life path for future development, and shoulder their due social mission bravely and actively.

   Secondly, to realize the Chinese dream, the socialism with Chinese characteristics must be adhered. Because socialism with Chinese characteristics is a correct political direction that China needs to adhere to for social development and progress. It is also a development path that the party and the people further integrate marxism with China’s social realities and suit China’s national conditions better. Young people should strengthen their own socialist ideal and belief education, realize the necessity of developing socialism with Chinese characteristics, and gradually improve their own road self-confidence, theoretical self-confidence, institutional self-confidence and cultural self-confidence.

   Thirdly, uphold the correct leadership of the Chinese Communist Party. It should focus on the four cardinal principles to build socialism with Chinese characteristics. It is worth noting that the
The core of upholding the four cardinal principles is to uphold the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party. Young people should adopt a practical and realistic attitude towards scientific development and support the Chinese Communist Party.

In a word, for young people, to realize the Chinese dream of the great renewal of the Chinese nation, we should persist in hard work and plain living, correctly grasp and understand the basic conditions of China, gradually enhance the confidence in the path, theory and system, adhere to the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party, and have firm ideals and beliefs.

4. Contemporary Value of Xi Jinping’s Concept of Youth Education

4.1 Indicate the Life Goal of Youth Development

Xi Jinping's concept of youth education can help young people find their own development orientation in the society and motivate them to constantly strive to realize their ideals and beliefs. As a youth, only the life having the courage to work hard with the people and develop together with the motherland is the right direction. Because the development of youth is inseparable from the improvement of moral quality and their own ability. General Secretary Xi Jinping believes that the focus of youth education is the education of ideals and beliefs. It is worth noting that the education of young people’s ideals and beliefs in the new era is not only related to the development of young people themselves, but also related to the construction and development of the country. In addition, the further improvement of moral quality is also part of the education for young people. It can be seen that the moral level of youth directly affects the overall moral level of social development. Among them, the cultivation and education of young people’s knowledge and cultural level and innovative ideas are also the development content of young people's education. Modern social innovation is regarded as the general trend of social development, and the key of innovation is to cultivate practical talents, especially the innovative thinking of young people. Under the guidance of Xi Jinping's concept of youth education, the cultivation and education of young people’s innovative thinking should be continuously strengthened.

4.2 Spread the Voice of Carrying Forward the Development of Chinese Culture

Culture is regarded as the soul of a country and a nation. The development of human history shows that every progress of human development is accompanied by the progress of culture. It can be seen that the development of culture is inseparable from the development of national survival. In recent years, with the development of global economy, it is particularly important to strengthen the rational cognition of the excellent traditional Chinese culture. For the majority of young people, it should not follow the old ways in the face of other national excellent culture, but also should absorb them and continue to carry forward the excellent traditional Chinese culture to promote Chinese culture. Different civilizations collide with each other in modern society. Therefore, Secretary Xi Jinping further attaches great importance to the excellent traditional Chinese culture and insists on inheriting and developing it from the actual development. As an important successor of the development of traditional culture, young people have brand new ideas and are more willing to get in touch with new things, which can better realize the innovative development of the excellent traditional Chinese culture, better adapt it to the development needs of the new era, and at the same time make it reach a higher level. Therefore, General Secretary Xi Jinping actively encourages young people to learn Chinese excellent traditional culture and spread it to the world.

4.3 Cultivated the Development Power to Realize the Chinese Dream

The Chinese dream is the great dream for the development of the Chinese nation. It is the dream of every Chinese. The Chinese dream not only embodies the national feelings, but also embodies the unity of the national and people’s feelings. Because the concrete realization of the Chinese dream means the further improvement of national strength and international status, which means the people live a happier life. As a part of the people, strengthening the training and education of the youth is also a part to realize the Chinese dream. General Secretary Xi Jinping warned young
people that they should combine their ideals and beliefs with the cause of national construction, study hard and constantly enhance their abilities. At the same time, they should practice their own excellent skills to achieve their all-round development and promote the development of the Chinese nation. Xi Jinping’s concept of youth education not only points out the direction of progress for youth development, but also accumulates a powerful reserve force for realizing the Chinese dream of great rejuvenation. Youth is the hope of the future of a country and the development of a nation. In this regard, General Secretary Xi Jinping has put forward the concept of youth education in line with the reality of youth development under the background of the new period of development, which not only puts forward clear new requirements for the growth of youth, but also provides powerful guidance for further training and education of youth.

At present, young people are the main force to promote social development and progress. Effective education can help them establish good ideals and beliefs and have correct value orientation. In order to promote social development, we should strengthen the guidance of young people’s correct thoughts and help them to make contributions to the development of the country and even the society while realizing their self-worth. Through the education of education view for the young people, they should be further made to show the hope and pursuit of a better life in the future, and show a more positive mental state in the process of development at the same time. Ideals and beliefs are interdependent. When young people start to firm up an ideal and belief, they will have a strong spiritual motivation and actively turn this motivation into their own actions. Against the background of the development of the new era, General Secretary Xi Jinping further put forward the concept of youth education for the new era, which is of great practical significance to further guide young people to strengthen the education of ideals and beliefs, as well as to realize the Chinese dream of great rejuvenation.

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