

# On the Generating Logic of Socialist Thoughts with Chinese Characteristics in the New Era of Xi Jinping

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**Abstract:** Xi Jinping's socialist thoughts with Chinese characteristics in the new era is the result of multiple factors. The formation of this great thought is mainly four logics. From the perspective of historical logic, it is an inevitable result of socialist development at home and abroad and Chinese cultural tradition. From the standpoint of theoretical logic, it is an expression of the times and contemporary expressions of Marxism that keeps pace with the times; In terms of practical logic, it is a vivid and lively practice of socialism with Chinese characteristics; judging from the logic of the times, it is an urgent need for the development of new times at home and abroad. They are penetrated and unified in the great practice of socialism with Chinese characteristics.

## 1. Introduction

Times are the mother of thought, and practice is the source of theory. Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, the Party Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping as the core has been based on the reality of reform and development, adapted to the needs of the situation at home and abroad, adhered to the problem-oriented and practice-oriented, and adhered to and developed socialism with Chinese characteristics as its theme. The courage to practice and dare to innovate, introduced many significant political policies, advanced countless significant tasks, and formed many theoretical innovation results. These theoretical achievements were named as "Xi Jinping's socialist thought with Chinese characteristics in the new era" in the report of the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, realizing another leap in theoretical innovation of the party, writing it into the party constitution, and establishing it as the party's guiding ideology and actions guide. The formation of this vital idea has profound historical logic, theoretical logic, practical logic and era logic. Understanding the four-fold logic of the generation of this great thought is of great significance for understanding and grasping its profound connotation and spiritual essence, and to better lead by this thought.

## 2. Historical Logic: The Inevitable Result of Socialist Development at Home and Abroad and Chinese Cultural Traditions.

Engels said, "Where history begins, so should the ideological process begin." <sup>[1]</sup> The great thought is no exception, and its generation conforms to the realistic historical development process. It is a scientific conclusion based on extensively and profoundly absorbing the past experience of social development, scientifically summarizing and reflecting on the historical experience of the construction of our country and other socialist countries. And history is the best textbook. Xi Jinping pointed out: "History is the root of reality. Today of any country or society comes from yesterday."<sup>[2]</sup> The great idea of our party was not purely accidental history and It is "determined by China's long history and profound cultural traditions "<sup>[3]</sup>.

## **2.1 It Is the Inevitable Result of Chinese History and Social Progress.**

Since modern times, the Chinese people have conducted arduous explorations, hard struggles, and hard struggles. After experiencing failed attempts at the Westernization Movement, the Reform Movement of 1898, and the Revolution of 1911, they finally chose Marxism and successfully created Chinese socialism, completely changed the destiny of the Chinese people and created a world miracle. Xi Jinping pointed out: "Chinese socialism is the fundamental achievement of the Party and the people in long-term practice" <sup>[4]</sup>.

## **2.2 It Is a Profound Summary of the Practical Experience of World Socialism.**

The experience and lessons of world socialist countries, especially the historical experience of the Soviet Union, provided an important reference for the formation of this new idea. In particular, the disintegration of the Soviet Union and the drastic changes in Eastern Europe have caused socialism to suffer setbacks. Our Party has profoundly learned important lessons from the development of these countries, and adhere to reform and opening up, and focus on economic construction. Great progress has been made in all aspects.

## **2.3 It Is to Inherit, Promote, and Sublimate the Outstanding Traditional Chinese Culture.**

The excellent thought was also formed and developed in the fertile soil of China's excellent traditional culture. Chinese outstanding traditional culture has given this great thought a distinct national characteristic, which is mainly reflected in two aspects: that is, the content has national features and language characteristics. It is for these three reasons that formed the historical logic of this idea.

## **3. Theoretical Logic: Marxism's Expression of Advancing with the Times**

Engels said: "Marx's entire worldview is not doctrine, but method. What he provides is not ready-made dogma, but the starting point for further research and methods for such research." <sup>[5]</sup> The great thought is not only the contemporary expression and contemporary expression of the basic principles of Marxism and scientific socialism in China, but also the epochal heritage of Marxism in China, shining the glorious truth of Marxism. From the perspective of theoretical logic, this great idea, based on adhering to the basic principles of scientific socialism, has continually given scientific socialism distinctive national characteristics, practical characteristics, and characteristics of the times.

### **3.1 It Is The Insistence and Application of the Basic Principles of Scientific Socialism.**

In predicting the future society, Marx and Engels always revealed the characteristics of the new society in the process of criticizing the old society of capitalism; they only pointed out the general outline of the future society, and did not make a detailed and detailed description. The principles set up by Marx and Engels mainly include the continuous liberation and development of productivity, the implementation of public ownership of the means of production and distribution according to work, and adherence to the dictatorship of the proletariat. Comrade Xi Jinping repeatedly emphasized that it is necessary to persevere in insisting on Marxism, and pointed out: "The most important thing in adhering to Marxism is to persevere in the fundamental principles of Marxism and the positions, views, and methods that run through it. This is the essence of Marxism and the living soul" <sup>[6]</sup>.

### **3.2 It Is to Adhere to and Develop the Basic Principles of Sinicization of Marxism.**

In the process of Sinicization of Marxism, the Communist Party of China combined the essential theory of Marxism with the practical experience of the Chinese revolution, construction, and reform to form a Sinicized Marxist theory. Socialism with Chinese characteristics has also entered a new age constantly with the change of times and deepening of practice. The new epoch will inevitably call for the emergence of new theories to guide new practices. The Constitution of the Communist Party of China was revised at the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China. It

clearly states that "Xi Jinping's new era of socialist thinking with Chinese characteristics is an inheritance and development of Marxism-Leninism, Mao Zedong Thought, and socialist theory with Chinese characteristics. Latest theoretical achievements"<sup>[7]</sup>.

### **3.3 It Is the Persistence and Development of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics.**

The report of the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China proposes that since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, with the changes in domestic and foreign situations and the development of society, a significant era topic has surfaced. That is, it must be systematically based on the combination of theory and practice. Answer what kind of socialism with Chinese characteristics is upheld and developed in the new era, and how to uphold and develop socialism with Chinese characteristics<sup>[8]</sup>. The "persistence" is mainly reflected in the adherence to the basic principles of scientific socialism; the "development" is reflected in the Party Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping as the kern and continues to forge ahead on the basis of existing theoretical results.

## **4. Practical Logic: Vivid Practice of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics**

Marxist historical materialism holds that the masses are the creators of historical development, while also recognizing the vital role of outstanding figures in historical development. In 1886, Engels explained the well-known "Hybridism" in "Ludwig Feuerbach and the End of Ancient Philosophy of Germany". He regarded the development of history as countless intertwined forces. The results of the complex and intricate interaction of the parallelograms of forces not only show that the development of history is a natural, historical process that does not depend on human subjective will but also fully affirm the role of a single person in historical development. This great idea is, first and foremost, a crystallization of the practical experience and collective wisdom of the Party and the masses, as well as Xi Jinping's long-term practical exploration and personal experience.

### **4.1 It Was Generated in the Socialist Construction with Chinese Characteristics.**

The important practices are the reform and opening and the practice of China's socialist modernization. Since the 18th National Congress of the Party, the Party has solved many complicated issues and significant events in the development process and promoted historical changes in the Party and the country. Furthermore, it has got richer practical experience for the party and the country on how to better uphold and develop Chinese socialism under new historical conditions. These practical experiences are reflected in the vivid practice of the "four comprehensive" strategic layout, in the lively practice of the "Five in One", and in the great practice of promoting the "four greats."

### **4.2 It Is Formed in the Practice of Upholding the Dominant Position of the People and Satisfying the Interests of the People.**

The people are the main force in the socialism modernization drive. The people are the main force for advancing the Party and the state. The practical wisdom and experience of the people are an essential source of this thought. The Party and the state have solved many deep-rooted reform difficulties and problems involving the vital interests of the masses since 2012. In the process, they have stimulated the initiative and creativity of the people, such as the targeted poverty alleviation policy, which has made many poor people out of poverty at the root. In the practice of governing the country with Xi Jinping as leader, the interests of the people have always been given top priority.

### **4.3 It Is the Inevitable Result of Xi Jinping's Long-Term Practical Exploration.**

Comrade Xi Jinping has deep feelings for the people at the grassroots level and can deeply understand the sufferings of people's livelihood. It is mainly due to his seven years of educated youth living in the Liangjiahe Brigade in Yanchuan County, Shanxi, living, and working with the

people. Comrade Xi Jinping believes that "the people are our parents." Xi Jinping's life experience is extremely rich, and the summary of working experience in different positions and positions in different locations is indispensable and plays a crucial role in his current achievements.

## **5. The Logic of the Era: The Urgent Need for the Development of the New Era**

The new situation gives birth to new ideas, and new ideas lead to new practices. Marx and Engels once said, "The true content of all epoch-making systems was formed and developed by the needs of the era in which they were created." <sup>[9]</sup> The same is true of the excellent thought, which bears a distinctive mark of the times. This great era mainly includes both domestic and international aspects. At home, the development of socialism has entered a new era, achieving a leap from independence, prosperity, and strength; abroad, China's international status and right to speak have gradually increased. Going to the center of the world has also provided an excellent global environment for the formation of this great idea.

### **5.1 It Is An Urgent Need to Resolve New Contradictions in the New Times.**

According to the latest changes in China's socio-economic development, and the new characteristics of the development of the primary stage of socialism, the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China has put forward new conclusions that our historical position has changed. For the last five years, China's achievements and changes have been fundamental and profound. The report of the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China proposed that the fundamental conditions of China have not changed, and China's international prestige has not changed, still major contradictions in our society have transferred. It transforms into that the contradiction between the demand for a growing and fine life for the people and uneven and insufficient development <sup>[10]</sup>. The change of contradictions exhibits new challenge and task, and new theories are needed to guide new practices.

### **5.2 It Conformed to the Turn of the World Socialist Movement and the Expectations of the International Community.**

The improvement of China's global status and economic strength have shown the success of socialism with Chinese characteristics, which has revived the vigor and vitality of the global socialist movement and increased its confidence. It can be said that China's road and economic growth benefit the world. While persisting in the development of Chinese socialism, China is also thinking about issues of global governance and human development, and has avoided sinking into the "middle-income country trap", the "Toshiba trap" and the "Thucydides Trap." Chinese ideas, Chinese discourses, Chinese stories, and Chinese models are increasingly recognized by the world and used for reference. Therefore, this great idea has provided an essential reference for the world socialist movement and provided new ideas and methods for the progress of many countries in the international community.

## **6. Conclusion**

The formation of Xi Jinping's thought of socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era is inevitable for the development of Chinese history, which is in line with the historical logic, theoretical logic, practical logic, and era logic of China's development. From the historical logic point of view, it is the inevitable result and inevitable product of the development of socialism at home and abroad and the cultural tradition of our country; from the theoretical logic point of view, it is the expression and contemporary expression of Marxism advancing with the times; from the perspective of practical logic, it is The vivid and lively practice of socialism with Chinese characteristics; judging from the logic of the times, it is an urgent need for the development of the new epoch.

These four major logics are the four different aspects of this thought, with different emphasis. Although these four aspects are very different and connected, they are a different aspect of

contradiction and constitute a contradictory organism and in the process of dialectical movement, to varying degrees penetrated and unified in the great practice of socialism with Chinese characteristics.

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