Adhering to the People-centered Approach Is the Value Pursuit of Marxism

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\textbf{Abstract:} Adhering to the people-centered development thought is an important part and one of the important strategies of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era. Adhering to the people-centered approach reflects the distinct political stance of Marxism, the values of the CPC putting the people first, the concept of governing for the people, and the concept of free and all-round development.

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1. Introduction

The clear political position of Marxism is to realize the fundamental interests of the overwhelming majority of the people. The report to the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China clearly stated that "we must uphold the principal position of the people, uphold the principle of building the Party for the public and governing for the people, and practice the fundamental purpose of serving the people wholeheartedly," [1] and "make the people's sense of fulfillment, happiness, and security more substantial, more secure, and more sustainable." [2] The party's 20th report points out that "we thoroughly implement the thought of people-centered development...... The people's sense of fulfillment, happiness and security has become more substantial, secure and sustainable, and new achievements have been made in common prosperity." [3] The above statement not only highly reflects the clear political stance of Marxism, but also clarifies the goal of upholding the people as the center, that is, to enrich the people's sense of gain, happiness and security, so that everyone can develop more free and comprehensive way.

Adhering to the thought of people-centered development is an important part of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era and one of the basic strategies for upholding and developing socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era. Adhering to the people-centered means adhering to the values of people first and people first, adhering to the concept of building the Party for the public and governing for the people, adhering to the people-centered is the deepening of the understanding of the overall development of people, highlighting the party's adherence to and promotion of Marxist historical materialism.

2. Putting the People at The Center Reflects the Clear Political Stance of Marxism

The clearest political stance of a Marxist political party is to devote itself to realizing the fundamental interests of the proletariat and the broad masses of the people. Marxism is a science about the proletariat and the liberation of mankind. It was produced and developed in the revolutionary practice of the proletariat. Marx once said, "Philosophy regards the proletariat as its own material weapon, and the proletariat also regards philosophy as its own spiritual weapon." [4] As the spiritual weapon of the proletariat, Marxist philosophy naturally represents the fundamental interests of the proletariat and the broad masses of the people.

Since the eighteenth congress, the party central committee with comrade xi as the core in the development of the gap between rich and poor, environmental pollution, to the party and the people high sense of responsibility and mission, put forward the people centered on the development of ideas, internally embodies the marxist political stance, also embodies our party's mass line "all for the masses, all rely on the masses, from the masses, to the masses". This is marxism and the practice of the construction of socialism with Chinese characteristics combining innovation and development, reflects our party to respect for the masses of the people, highly concerned for the interests of the people, this is the comprehensive development of understanding, also marks the realization of the fundamental interests of the masses of the people has become the ultimate value and goal of social progress.

3. Putting the People First Embodies the Value of Putting the People First

"The people is the essential attribute of Marxism" [5], the supremacy of the people is the basic value of the Marxist party, and the core symbol that distinguishes the Marxist party from the exploiting class in values. New era to establish the core concept of people first, this is also the embodiment of the marxist mass viewpoint in practice, only firmly establish the value concept of people first, to do people centered in the work practice, respect the people, keep the party's flesh-and-blood ties with the people, truly embody the values of people first.

The report to the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China emphasizes that "the people's aspiration for a better life is always the goal" [6], which fully demonstrates the value goal of the communist movement of mankind and the value orientation of a Marxist political party, that is, the fundamental interests of the people as the theme and the people first. The report to the 19th National Congress of the CPC: We must always put the interests of the people above all, ensure that the fruits of reform and development are
shared more fairly by all the people, and strive to achieve common prosperity for all. It is because of such value orientation, nearly forty years of reform and opening up, China's economic and social construction has made great achievements, social productivity, people's life realized from poverty to food and clothing and the coming from food and clothing to the comprehensive well-off historical span, people's feeling, happiness also improved.

The judgment of the report to the 19th National Congress of the new contradictions in Chinese society in the new era reflects the people-centered philosophy and the value orientation of our Party. The report to the 19th National Congress of the CPC pointed out that the principal contradiction in Chinese society in the new era has changed from the ever-growing material and cultural needs of the people and backward social production in the past to that between the people's ever-growing aspiration for a better life and unbalanced and inadequate development. This important statement has a deep insight into the law of the movement of contradictions in social development, puts forward the people's aspiration for a better life as one aspect of the contradiction, and reflects the Party's grasp of the law of social development and the Party's high concern for the interests of the people. The needs of the people are the direction of our Party's efforts. The people need a better life, and our Party must strive to pursue such results, which is the pursuit of value.

From the perspective of material needs, the Chinese people are gradually changing from subsistence to well-off, from quantity to quality. People are no longer satisfied with the low level of "eating full" and "wearing warm", but more pursuit of "eating well" and "wearing beauty". From the perspective of cultural needs, people are no longer satisfied with the simple "visual enjoyment", but also pursue the "spiritual feeling". In terms of education and entertainment, they also increase their spiritual needs. In addition to material and cultural needs, other needs of the people are increasingly diversified, multi-level and multifaceted. From the perspective of objective needs, when people have adequate food and clothing, more need to pursue spiritual satisfaction. People hope that the country will be stable, united, prosperous, society will be civilized, harmonious, fair and just, and the ecological environment with blue sky, white clouds, clear waters and green mountains. From the point of people's subjective demand, people hope to have education, teaching, pay, sickness, old, live, weak to help, hope the most concerned about the most direct realistic problems can be well solved, the people should have "feeling", also have life in the new era of socialism with Chinese characteristics "happiness" "security". Therefore, under such circumstances, the people's aspiration for and needs for a better life are the direction and goal of our Party's efforts, and this is the value of all the Party's work.

4. Adhere to the People as The Center, Reflects the Concept of Governing for The People

The Marxist view of political party contains the thought of serving the people. When the Marxist party becomes the ruling party, this idea of serving the people will be transformed into the idea of governing for the people. On the other hand, governing for the people also reflects the Marxist view of a political party. Marxists openly acknowledged the class nature of the proletarian party, they point out: "the communists have no any with the proletarian interests of different interests" [7], "the party is the advanced consciousness class, class is class vanguard" [8], the party is a specific representative of class interests, is by the classes of political backbone in order to seize or consolidate the national political power of political organization. Since the political party is the organization of the class, it naturally serves the class. The difference is that the proletarian party represents the interests of the proletariat and also represents the interests of the general public. The above Marxist views are a good interpretation of the Marxist party governing for the people.

The report to the 19th CPC National Congress pointed out that, "The original aspiration and mission of Chinese Communists is to seek happiness for the Chinese people," [9] and that " Leading the people to create a better life is the unwavering goal of our Party. We must always put the interests of the people above supremacy, ensure that the fruits of reform and development are shared by all the people in a more equitable way, and strive to achieve common prosperity for all." [10] This important statement embodies the party's philosophy of being people-centered and governing for the people.

Putting the people first is the starting point and goal of the Party in formulating its line, principles and policies. Since its founding, our Party has formulated strategies for revolution, development and reform in line with the stage of social development and the needs of the people, and worked from generation after generation. This is a manifestation of our Party's governance for the people and an important experience of the Party in governing the country. At present, we are in the critical period of seize a well-off society in an all-round way, in order to win the victory of build a well-off society in an all-round way, our party has identified the key direction, that is to play against resolving major risks, precision out of poverty, pollution control of "three big battle", this is the bottom line to build a well-off society in an all-round way or an important symbol. To prevent major risks is to provide a stable and harmonious survival and development space for the people; precise poverty alleviation is to lift all poor people out of poverty and live a well-off life; and pollution prevention and control is to create a good living environment for the people. The three critical battles all reflect the party's concept of governing for the people.

5. The People-centered Approach Embodies the Concept of All-round Human Development

Marx put forward the general idea of the future society, points out that the future society will break the old state machine, eliminate private ownership, eliminate between class, between urban and rural, opposition and difference between mental labor and manual labor, greatly arouse the enthusiasm of all the workers, enrich the social material wealth, the people's spiritual realm, realize every can, each need, everyone free and comprehensive development. Marx said "the free development of everyone" refers to people's free personality, that is, the comprehensive development of people, which is manifested as the unity of relatively stable subjectivity and difference, mainly refers to the comprehensive development of people's quality, ability, potential, social relations, free personality, human needs and other aspects. The meaning of "everyone's free development
is the condition for the free development of all people" [11] includes two aspects: first, everyone can obtain equal development opportunities and enjoy more freedom in the society. Second, on the basis of equality, everyone has relative independence, can benefit from the development of others, and through their own all-round development to promote all the comprehensive development of people in society, and promote the great development and prosperity of social productive forces.

The Marxist Communists have enriched and developed the Marxist thoughts on the all-round development of human beings. As the thought of sinicization of Marxism, the construction of socialism with Chinese characteristics is also the core thought of promoting the all-round development of human beings. Over the past 40 years and more since reform and opening up, the Party has embarked on ways to achieve common prosperity and all-round development of the people. In the general outline of the Party Constitution revised at the 18th National Congress of the CPC, "promoting all-round development of the people" was added. The 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China also clearly put forward the concept of "people-centered" development. The Party's 20th report points out that "Develop people's democracy throughout the whole process and ensure that the people are masters of the country." [12] The development proposed by our Party is based on the realization of common prosperity and all-round development of people, which includes the all-round development of economy, society, politics, cultural and ecological civilization, and the all-round development of each specific person. The "Ten Clear" and "Fourteen Persistence" proposed at the 19th CPC National Congress and the Sixth Plenary Session of the 19th CPC Central Committee have become the grand blueprint and roadmap for improving the well-being of all the Chinese people and promoting the all-round development of the people.

The Marxist outlook on development tells us that the development of anything is carried out in the constant movement of contradictions. It is a development process of quantitative change to qualitative change, and also a process of continuous dialectical negation. The same is true of human development. As a person of the society, people constantly develop themselves in practice, and also constantly promote the development of the society in practice. And the society is also constantly creating various conditions for human development. In the past 40 years of reform and opening up, Great changes have taken place in our economy and society. Not only fundamentally solved the problem of food and clothing for the people to a moderately prosperous society in an all-round way, The more fundamental change is that the Chinese people have truly stood up, become rich and become stronger, As the social main body of the individual —— the broad masses of the people is also becoming more and more specific, More and more personality, More and more room for free development, People's existence, personality, value, dignity, choice, self-realization, and so on, Are increasingly widely respected and protected, This is a broader space for development derived from social development to the people, This is also the result of our Party's long-standing philosophy of people-centered development. The experience of social development tells us that only by adhering to the people-centered approach and constantly seeking happiness for the people, everyone can truly become the master of the society. Adhering to the thought of people-centered development will surely further promote the free and comprehensive development of people.

In short, the people-centered approach answers the question of "for whom and who to rely on" in building socialism with Chinese characteristics for a new era. Adhering to the thought of people-centered development is the value pursuit of Marxism, and also the concentrated embodiment of our Party's political stance, values, view of governance and the concept of all-round human development. Only when the fundamental interests of the people are effectively safeguarded and realized, can human development be truly implemented.

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