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## **An Analysis of Strengthening the Construction of Ideological and Political Work of China's Normal University Students under New Circumstances.**

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### **Abstract**

*The current new circumstance of our country's political and economic social development brings both new problems and challenges to college students' ideological and political education work. As the main front of the growth of college students, the university should change its mode of education from the traditional to the totally new one -- Taking students based ideological and political education mode, which requires that the educational workers in this filed must rely on a variety of ways to implement it, so as to enhance the appeal and effectiveness of ideological and political work.*

**Key words:** new circumstances; colleges and universities; ideological and political work

At present, profound changes are taking place both at home and abroad. China and its ruling party—the Communist Party have great expectations for college students whose ideological and political state is mainly positive, healthy and upward. As a result of the impact of various cultural thoughts and values, some students, however, appeared in different degrees confused in the political belief, uncertain in the ideal and belief, distorted in value orientation, indifferent in the sense of integrity, lack of social responsibility and weak in the spirit of hard work and so on. Colleges and universities being an important base for training socialist builders and reliable successors, it is important to strengthen and improve the ideological and political education of college students, which is the historical mission of the party and the people.

**To enhance the sense of responsibility and mission and fully understand the importance and urgency of strengthening and improving the ideological and political education of**

## **College Students**

College students are valuable human resources of the party and the country, representing the future of the motherland and carrying the hope of the nation. So, it is an important task and of far-reaching strategic significance to strengthen and improve the ideological and political education of college students, which is related to the construction of a well-off society, the prosperity of socialism of Chinese characteristics and the party and the country's long-term stability.

First, it is a strategic task of the times to strengthen and improve the ideological and political education of college students. At present, the international and domestic situation is undergoing profound changes. As the trend of world political multi polarization and economic globalization is developing in twists and turns and the competition of comprehensive national power is becoming increasingly fierce, college students face increasing impact of the western cultures and values. Hu Jintao stressed that we had done a lot of work in the ideological and political aspects of college students and accumulated a lot of experience and achieved positive results. The mainstream of Chinese college students' ideological performance is positive, healthy and upward. However, in

the development of the socialist market economy and opening up, a part of the university students also exist some prominent ideological problems, which makes the ideological and political education of today's students face both opportunities and huge challenges. Under this condition, as an important base for the construction of socialist qualified builders and reliable successors, colleges and universities carry the particularly important task of completing the historical mission of the party and the people and strengthen and improve the ideological and political education of college students.

Second, to strengthen and improve the ideological and political education is the inevitable requirement of the development of Chinese higher education. The party's 16th Congress points out that fully implementation of the party's education policy can help to bring up hundreds of millions of high-quality workers, tens of millions of specialized personnel and a large number of top-notch innovative personnel. So the problem of what kind of talent to cultivate and how to cultivate has become fundamental for higher education, correct understanding and effective solution of which matter the long-term stability of the party and the country and the future of the nation and its education. At present, China's higher education has gradually changed from elite education to mass education, which has brought a rare opportunity for the development. In the meanwhile, the rapid expansion of the scale of enrollment in colleges and universities puts forward higher requirements. Under this circumstance, we are quite aware that to develop higher education, we must further strengthen and improve the ideological and political education. Only by cultivating high quality and good morality can college students be trained to become real modern talents of professional knowledge and skills.

Third, to strengthen and improve the ideological and political education of college students is the inherent requirement for the reform and development of colleges and universities. School Party Committee attaches great importance to ideological and political education work and always adheres to the principle of "Cultivating students is basis; Moral Education is priority". Moral education awareness should be constantly strengthened so as to strive to build an all-round educational work pattern. College students' ideological and political education is expected to achieve some success in which the students' education and management maintain a stable, harmonious, healthy, safe and good situation. At the same time, it should be clearly realized that the current students work in the new situation and requirements also confront some weaknesses. For example, psychological counseling center is still not perfect. Teachers of "Two Courses" are not professional and inspiring enough. The outflow of political work team is serious. It is directly related to the stability of the school reform and development whether these problems can solve.

### **To pay close attention to the implementation and effective promotion of college students' ideological and political education with prominent center**

To strengthen and improve the ideological and political education of college students, the key is to seize a center which is cultivation of the students. It should be firmly established that "Cultivating students is basis for school education; Moral Education is priority to Intellectual, physical and aesthetics education" Cultivation is integrated into all aspects of school work and every link of teaching. Around this center, current work should focus on the following aspects:

### **To further strengthen the ideological and Political Theory Teaching**

The university attaches importance to the ideological and political theory teaching and its main channel role in the ideological and political education. The ideological and political education teacher team construction should be further strengthened in such aspects as theoretical study and theoretical quality, personnel training and collective lesson preparation system. Teaching methods and approaches are improved with elicitation, participation and research teaching. The use of modern teaching methods can also improve teaching effectiveness. Practice teaching combined with social investigation, volunteer service, public welfare activities, and professional practice teaching is introduced to enhance the pertinence and effectiveness of ideological and political theory teaching.

To adhere to the latest achievements of applying Marxism in China to guide philosophy and social science teaching and research.

We must adhere to the correct direction of philosophy and social science, vigorously carry on the excellent study style of linking theory with practice and adhere to the Marxism to guide the teaching and research of philosophy and social science. Holding high the great banner of socialism with Chinese characteristics, Deng Xiaoping theory, important thoughts of "Three

Represents", scientific development concept as a guide, the university should thoroughly implement the important speech of President Xi Jinping as a guide to teaching and research of philosophy and social science. In terms with some major issues on the reform and opening up and modernization construction that college students are generally concerned about, explanation and guidance work should be well carried out. There is no restricted area of academic research but strict discipline in teaching. It must be prohibited to have views and comments in violation of the Constitution, the Party's basic lines and policies in teaching activities.

### **Strengthen teachers' morality construction**

College teachers should consciously abide by the code of professional ethics for teachers. It cannot be denied that the majority of teachers do well in imparting knowledge and educating people. However, there are still some problems that cannot be ignored. Some teachers attach more importance to professional knowledge than political education, mere teaching instead of cultivation. Some teachers have poor self-discipline, old concepts of education. Some teachers lack sincere attitude and sense of urgency when solving the problem of students' learning and thought. We should further strengthen moral construction. With loving heart and dedication, teachers should take a highly responsible attitude to the nation, enthusiastically helping young students solve the various problems and guiding college students to grow up healthily.

### **To carry out in-depth social practice activities**

Firmly establish the idea of practical education, and guide students to understand and serve the society. Various forms of social practice activities should be organized. Patriotism education base and practice base being established in enterprises, army, communities and towns. Social practice and social internship should be combined, organizing students to carry out social practice in the existing internship base. The practical activities are introduced into the teaching plan and evaluation system and included in the student performance. Students work department and the Communist Youth League actively organize students to participate in social practice activities like "serving the countryside" and "serving the western regions" and carry out social investigation, social service to enhance the attraction and appeal of the activities and improve the actual effectiveness.

### **To strengthen the construction of campus culture and create a good education environment**

It is important to strengthen cultural quality education and carry out various forms of moral education practice among college students. Law-related education and honesty education should be strengthened in combination with the traditional festivals, school opening ceremony, graduation ceremony, carrying out the distinctive, characteristic and attractive theme activities like remembering school motto, learning to sing the school song and wearing the school badge. Great importance should be attached to the construction of campus humanities environment and natural environment and the construction of students' arts, sports, and science and technology

activity sites. Activities such as campus culture and art festival and sports meeting are well organized to subtly influence students in the nurturing of thoughts and feelings, enrich their cultural life and promote their moral ideas.

**To strengthen students' Party construction work, improve students' Party organizations' effectiveness and play the positive role of students' organizations**

Great importance should be attached to the education and development of student party members. The principle of "early training, strict development, prominent quality" must be followed. Training class with characteristics can be organized for activist to join the Communist Party so as to achieve the target of "Party member in Grade one, Party group in Grade two and Party branch in Grade three". Student's party building mechanism should be created, expanding the student Party branch activities to student apartments and student's communities and popularizing the work of Party building to various aspects of students' learning and daily life.

The important roles of the Communist Youth League and Students Union should be fully exerted to motivate the initiative, enthusiasm and creativity of the students' self-education, self-management and self-service through vivid and effective ideological and political education.

**To strengthen the team construction of ideological and political education of college students**

On requirements of "politically strong, professionally competent, strictly disciplined and decently behaved ", the school team of ideological and political work should strengthen construction of the party and government cadres, of the Communist Youth League cadres, teachers of ideological and political theory courses and counselors. Selection, training and management mechanisms for ideological and political education team should be perfected, relevant policies and system being formulated and improved, responsibilities and evaluation methods clarified. Quality and ability of the ideological and political education workers are constantly improved through strict selection, regular training and scientific management. Priority should be given to the construction of the counselor team in the ideological and political education of college students. In accordance with document spirit of the Ministry of education, full-time counselors should be fully and well in the position and various forms of pre service and in-service training arranged step by step as planned. In view of the situation of the political worker's outflow, we should give more care to them in policy, work, treatment and life so as to inspire their initiative and creativity.

**To combine the ideological and political education of college students with solving the practical problems of the students.**

The combination of ideological and political education and solving the practical problems of students can reflect the credibility and integrity of a responsible university. At present, we should pay attention to the "four practical things". First, we must do a good job in financial aid to

college students from poor families, implementing the relevant state policies for supporting college students from poor families to ensure that they can complete their study. Second, employment guidance and service work should be done to help college students get employment. Third, life service work should be well managed to create the necessary conditions to meet the reasonable requirements of college students and constantly enhance the educational function of the service. Fourth, college students' mental health counseling and education should never be ignored. Through various forms of mental health education to guide students to master effective methods and develop good psychological quality, positive mental state can be maintained.

### **To make mission clear, strengthen leadership and strive to create a new situation of college students' ideological and political education**

It is an important and urgent task to strengthen and improve the ideological and political education of college students. We must further study, strengthening leadership, developing measures and paying close attention to implementation.

### **To further study document spirit related to strengthening and improving the ideological and political education of college students**

The university Party Committee should conscientiously organize the assembled study for middle-level cadres and seriously sum up the successful experience in college students' ideological education work to make it up to the theoretical level which can be used to guide future work. With seeking truth attitude, each department should organize teaching staff to study and comprehend the essence of the document, focusing on improving their awareness of cultivation and uniting the ideological understanding with the central government's deployment of strengthening and improving the ideological and political education work. In order to well organize the students' self-learning, student management departments such as the Youth League and the graduate school need to make specific arrangements for students' learning, which helps the powerful driving force of self-motivation and self-perfection.

### **To place the ideological and political education of college students in a prominent position.**

Based on the requirements of the times, college students' ideological and political education should constantly improve and innovate to reflect the times, grasp the regularity and enhance the effectiveness.

The leadership system and working mechanism should be led by the school Party Committee, monitored by party, government and people together and actively participated by the students. The school Party Committee leads the ideological and political education of college students and analyzes the ideological situation of college students and ideological education work so as to formulate the overall plan, deployment and arrangement of the ideological and political education work. University President is fully responsible for students' development in morality, intelligence and physical fitness, combining the ideological and political education, scientific research and social service work. Each department should make clear their respective

responsibilities, including the students ideological and political education work on the important agenda, seriously studying the new situation and solving the new problem. We must analyze the students' ideological situation, understand the students' ideological trends and grasp the characteristics and rules of students' ideological and political education work. The whole university supports students' ideological and political education to promote the work.

**To improve the security system of college students' ideological and political education.**

The budget must be carefully made to ensure the increase of funding for college students' ideological and political education. Such education work should be an important indicator of the evaluation of the functional departments.

It is an important strategic task as well as an urgent realistic task to strengthen and improve the ideological and political education work for college students. The university should take it as a key project to catch, fully implement the related document spirit, seize the opportunity, strengthen confidence and strive to create a new prospect of ideological and political education of college students.

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