# The Theory of a Community with a Shared Future for Mankind Guides Cultural Confidence

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### **Abstract**

The awakening and revival of the nation is premised on the awakening and confidence of culture. The modern History of China is a history in which the Blind Faith in Western Culture is gradually destroyed and the cultural confidence of the Chinese nation is enhanced. On the basis of expounding the origin and attitude of the Blind Faith in Western Culture , this paper illustrates the leading role of the theory of human community of Shared future in cultural confidence, clarifies the top-level design of Chinese nation's strengthening cultural confidence, and helps to dispel the Blind Faith in Western culture .

### **Keywords**

Community with a Shared future for mankind, the Blind Faith in Western Culture, cultural confidence, modernization.

#### 1. Introduction

Western culture accompanied by western evil road of modernization invaded China forcefully, and gradually formed the Blind Faith in Western Culture in China. China's modern history is a history of constantly breaking away from the Blind Faith in Western Culture and enhancing the cultural confidence of the Chinese nation. Under the leadership of the Communist Party of China, the prosperity of socialism with Chinese characteristics provides a realistic basis for cultural confidence, but it is more important to seek the top-level logic of Chinese cultural confidence from the whole human development. The theory of a community of Shared future for mankind marks that the cultural thinking of all mankind has entered a new stage of win-win cooperation and abandoned the zero-sum cultural thinking of the initial stage of mankind. This top-level logic leads China's cultural confidence and helps dissolve the Blind Faith in Western Culture.

# 2. Dispel the Blind Faith in Western Culture ,Building Cultural Confidence

### 2.1. A Modernization Accessory - The Blind Faith in Western Culture

In the book modern History of China, Jiang Tingfu raised a development question: can Chinese people modernize? [1] The premise of this problem was that Modern China must be modernized to handle the relations between the East and the West. Modernization became a game initiated by the West. As the victim of western evil modernization, Why did China strive to adapt to the logic of the aggressor, instead of the aggressor reflecting on his wrong behavior? The important reason is that when the Western world decided to use his logic to plunder the East, he became the beneficiary of modernization and formulated a series of unequal rules in favor of themself, thus turning modernization into an imperialist movement with no possibility of self-reflection. The collapse of the tributary system established by China was broken, China had no recourse but to adapt to the imperialist rules made by the Western world and embark hardly on the road of modernization.

After 180 years of Modernization attempts, China has embarked on a modernization road different from that of the West .It has realized the transformation of implements, institutions and culture, China has established, enriched and developed socialism with Chinese characteristics, and regain the world status.On the one hand, the great practice of socialism with Chinese characteristics requires us to destroy the Blind Faith in Western Culture and build Cultural Confidence. On the other hand, to achieve the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, the Chinese nation should have the courage to explain Chinese logic, contribute Chinese solutions and Chinese wisdom, let the world understand China, resolve the conflicts between eastern and Western civilizations, and promote the integration and development of human cultural logic.

# 2.2. Getting Rid of Blind Faith in Western Culture is an Inevitable Requirement of Cultural Confidence

The Japanese modern thinkers Fu ze yu ji put forward a plan "to the western civilization as the goal"[2]. The Chinese modern thinkers HuShi is the representative figure of new culture movement in China, he believes "we must recognize that China has no advantage over other countries, the physical mechanical, the political system , morality, knowledge , literature, music, art , the body is inferior to any other country"[3]. what's more, the scholar Chen Xujing put forward a suggestion "wholesale westernization". these are performance of the blind faith in Western Culture.

In modern times, the eastern and western world must establish their status and relationship due to the great geographical discovery. Who is the new favorite of the destiny of the 19st world? Whether China ,which was considered to have a gift for politics ,has played a good hand badly? And does the West, as a latecomer, has the right to laugh at the East? Those who have become rich overnight by burning, killing, and pillage ,believe that their victims are inferior in every respect to themselves. This kind of zero-sum game cultural thinking is not only a manifestation of the immaturity of western civilization, but also a significant manifestation of the initial stage of human cultural thinking. Can hundreds of years of glory in the Western world outweigh thousands of years in the Eastern world? Today's Chinese nation stands tall in the East of the world. The theory of Chinese cultural confidence firmly answers this question: Chinese culture is extensive and profound and has a long history, so we must strengthen our cultural confidence. In the "four self-confidence" of road confidence, theory confidence, system confidence and culture confidence, cultural confidence is a deeper, more lasting and deeper self-confidence, which is also the foundation and premise of road confidence, theory confidence and system confidence.

## 2.3. The Theory of Community with a Shared Future for Mankind is the Toplevel Design of Cultural Confidence

The East and the West really met in modern times. World history has endowed modernization with the mission of promoting world peace and development. Instead of fulfilling its mission, the Western world turned modernization into an opportunity to oppress the Eastern world. The western world has given mankind a bad start in modern history, but this is inevitable because of their zero-sum game thinking of western civilization. What China needs to do now is to lead the Eastern world to give the correct answer to mankind's destiny, namely, the theory of a community of Shared future for mankind. The zero-sum game in the West is a manifestation of the primitive state of human culture, while the theory of community with a Shared future proposed by China is a huge step beyond the cultural thinking of all mankind.

The reason why China sees that world modern history has entrusted modernization with the mission of promoting world peace and development is closely related to China's political tradition. The Chinese society was unified earlier than that of the Western world, and the degree

of unification was higher than that of the Western world. The Chinese people lived under the common political system with different quality of life, which exposed the differences in people's destiny and thus triggered the thinking about the common destiny more easily. China was the first country in the world to put forward the concept of a great society. It was also the first country in the world putting forward a community of Shared future for mankind. The reason why Marx has influenced countries all over the world is probably closely related to his position of liberating all mankind. China's proposal of a community with a Shared future for mankind is not only a critical inheritance of China's traditional culture, but also the modernization of Marxism, and more importantly, a long-term concern for the destiny of mankind. The famous Sinologist Ai Kai once interviewed liang Shuming, the representative of neo-Confucianism. Liang Shuming said that the hope of the world lies in the East and the hope of the East lies in China[4], which coincides with the opinion that Chinese culture will unify the world expounded by the famous British historian Toynbee[5]. In addition, Liang Shuming said in a Brief Talk on Chinese Culture, "The ancient culture that preceded Chinese culture in history has either died early or changed, or lost its independent national life. Only China, with its own culture, can live forever as an independent nation". It can be seen that Chinese culture has a long history and is extensive and profound. We should strengthen our cultural confidence.

# 2.4. Strengthen Cultural Confidence Instead of Western Cultural Disenchantment

David Ray Griffin once mentioned in the Postmodern Spirit that "disenchantment" has emerged in western capitalist countries due to modernization[6], and the mysterious charm of culture has been removed and replaced by the seemingly rational but actually disenchantment of modernism. In this context, David Griffin's pessimistic view of modernism deserves China's attention. China attached great importance to economic construction in the early stage of modernization, and more or less followed the old road of western countries in economic construction, resulting in ecological and human relations crisis. After the 18th CPC National Congress, the leadership of the CPC Central Committee with Xi Jinping as the core attaches great importance to cultural construction and cultural confidence. Therefore, China is determined not to follow the old road of western "cultural disenchantment", but to strengthen cultural confidence and maintain the charm of Eastern culture.

At present, the most significant part of Chinese cultural confidence in the vision of mankind is the theory of the community of Shared future for mankind, which is not the spiritual product of narrow individualism, collectivism, nationalism, nationalism and other human zero-sum game thinking. This is a higher-order thinking that transcends individuals, societies, nations and countries, and is the spiritual product of the win-win cooperation mentality of mankind. This theory will push all mankind out of the Cold War mentality and into a new stage of human development. The logical confidence contained in the theory of a community with a Shared future for mankind is the more fundamental and leading level of cultural confidence and the top-level logic of cultural confidence. Samuel Huntington in "The Clash of Civilizations and the Reconstruction of The World Order" mentioned that there are seven or eight civilizations in the world, the reason of conflict and the possibility of further conflict comes from civilization[7]. Cultural logic is the root cause of the clash of civilizations. China must face squarely the difference between eastern and Western cultural logic, dare to demonstrate Chinese logic, and dare to offer Chinese solutions and wisdom, so as to give the Western world a chance to thoroughly understand China. The encounter and collision in the field of cultural logic is the premise of enhancing cultural understanding and mutual trust. After the comparison of objects and institutions in the three dimensions of modernization, the eastern and western worlds have entered the new stage of soft power competition represented by culture, and the final stage of cultural competition is the competition of cultural logic. The process of cultural logic collision

and integration, namely the process of civilization conflict and reconciliation, which is the beginning of Chinese culture becoming the future of world culture.

#### 3. Conclusion

Cultural confidence not only needs practical basis, but also needs spiritual belief. China must get rid of blind confidence in Western culture, and will be guided by the theory of community with a Shared future for mankind.

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