# Research on College Students' Demand for Ideological and Political Course

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### **Abstract**

President Xi Jinping put forward six requirements for ideological and political theory teachers at the forum of teachers of Ideological and political theory at school, namely, strong politics, deep feelings, new thinking, wide vision, strict self-discipline and positive personality. According to the content of President Xi's speech, this study summarizes the needs of college students for ideological and political theory course as firm ideals and beliefs, strengthening national identity, cultivating dialectical thinking mode and improving moral quality.

## **Keywords**

Ideological and Political Course; college students; demand.

## 1. The Demand to Strengthen Ideals and Beliefs

After taking office, President Xi Jinping has repeatedly emphasized that young people must strengthen their ideals and beliefs. As pointed out in the May 4th Youth Day in 2014, the socialist core values repose on the ideals and beliefs of the Chinese people. The life of young people should be a life of faith, dream, struggle and dedication, so that life can be meaningful and so on [1]. Therefore, college students should have the demand of firm ideals and beliefs.

The ideal in ideal and belief emphasizes that people pursue the highest level of ideal. And the belief in ideals and beliefs focuses on taking the highest goal in the ideals pursued by the people as the highest value, so as to make oneself highly convinced and respect what they are pursuing, so that it can lead our spiritual life and become our spiritual sustenance. The state of perseverance and persistent pursuit. In short, ideal and belief is the organic unity of the highest level of ideal and the highest form of belief [2]. And the ideals and beliefs of each of us are hierarchical, the most basic is the ideals and beliefs at the personal level, followed by the ideals and beliefs at the social level.

The ideals and beliefs that college students should have are no exception, including personal ideals and beliefs, such as personal life ideals and beliefs, professional ideals and beliefs, moral ideals and beliefs. It also includes the social level of ideals and beliefs, such as the common ideal of socialism with Chinese characteristics and the common belief of striving for the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation and communism. The ideal and belief of individual level is only the starting point of ideal and belief education, while the ideal and belief education of social level is the foothold. Therefore, in the ideal and belief education of ideological and political theory courses in colleges and universities, the ultimate goal is to cultivate college students with a firm common ideal of socialism with Chinese characteristics and a common belief in achieving the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation and communism.

# 2. Demand to Enhance National Identity

President Xi Jinping put forward four requests to the youth at the forum of teachers and students at Peking University. The first point is "patriotism and patriotism. It is the deepest and most lasting emotion in the world. It is the source of human virtue and the foundation of

meritorious service." [3] As the builders and successors of the cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics, college students' national identity is related to the future and destiny of the country. In the overall framework of "core literacy of Chinese student development" released in 2016, "national identity" is listed as one of the core literacy of student development. Therefore, college students should have the need to enhance national identity to enhance patriotism. The demands of college students to enhance the sense of national identity mainly include the needs of political identity, historical and cultural identity, national identity and the needs of national identity.

First, the need for political identity. In the ideological and political theory courses of colleges and universities, it introduced the efforts and contributions of the Communist Party of China for the independence, liberation and rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, as well as detailed explanations on the theory, system, and roads of socialism with Chinese characteristics. Under the premise of fully understanding the history of the Party, the history of the country, and the theories, systems, and roads of socialism with Chinese characteristics, college students can enhance their political identity and increase their trust in the Communist Party of China and the country.

Second, the need for historical and cultural identity. People always live in a certain historical and cultural environment. In the course of historical development, our country has created a world-renowned rich and colorful Chinese culture. This historical culture has developed to this day and has been baptized by time. "Remove the dross and take the essence" and then integrate it into the Marxist culture with Chinese characteristics, and it becomes the socialist culture with Chinese characteristics.

Third, the need for national identity. College Students' national identity is the identification of the Chinese nation and the sense of belonging and identity of the Chinese nation. College students shoulder the hope of the country and the future of the nation. They should carry out national theory education and cultivate their sense of national identity, so as to enhance the cohesion and sense of belonging of the Chinese nation, so that they can better fight for the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

Fourth, the need for the identification of the motherland. To cultivate college students' sense of motherland identity is to cultivate college students' recognition and sense of belonging to the territory, culture and people of the motherland, so that they can inherit and carry forward the spirit of the Chinese nation and become qualified builders and successors of the socialist cause.

# 3. The Demand of Cultivating Dialectical Thinking Mode

During the youth festival in 2014, President Xi Jinping put forward four requirements for young people to set up and foster socialist core values: one is to distinguish clearly, to distinguish right from wrong, and to be good at making decisions [1]. Therefore, college students should have a dialectical way of thinking.

The dialectical thinking method discussed in this article is a dialectical unity of dialectical thinking method and modern scientific thinking method. When studying dialectical thinking, college students should pay attention to continuously enhancing their thinking ability in practice. These thinking skills include dialectical thinking ability, historical thinking ability, strategic thinking ability, bottom line thinking ability and creative thinking ability.

First, the need for dialectical thinking skills. The ability of dialectical thinking refers to the ability of people to analyze and solve problems by grasping the key points, finding the key points and the law of food development from the point of view of the relationship between things. College students are generally in the period of psychological development is becoming mature. At the same time, they are lack of social experience, and they are generally faced with

different contradictions in society and school. Therefore, it is necessary to cultivate students' dialectical thinking ability to correctly analyze and solve problems.

Second, the demand of historical thinking ability. Historical thinking ability refers to the combination of dialectical thinking and historical view, that is, the ability to learn from history, know the past and learn from the present, use historical perspective to understand and analyze problems, so as to better understand the past, grasp the present and predict the future. In recent years, with the rapid development of network informatization and the acceleration of global integration, some western countries, under the guise of "re evaluating" history, have made some false statements about China's history, especially modern history. This trend of historical nihilism is having more and more influence on college students. Today's Hong Kong riots are a vivid example. Therefore, college students should have the ability of historical thinking, be familiar with Chinese history, party history, national history, socialist development history and world history, so as to summarize historical experience, grasp historical laws, recognize historical trends, consciously resist the erosion of historical nihilism in western countries, and establish the direction of socialism with Chinese characteristics.

Third, the need for strategic thinking ability. Strategic thinking ability mainly emphasizes the integrity, overall situation and long-term nature of thinking. Strategic thinking ability is related to the remote deployment and macro planning of social development. The purpose is to seek long-term development and the overall interests of the country. The fundamental task of ideological and political theory courses in colleges and universities is to train socialist builders and successors who have comprehensive development of moral, intellectual, physical, artistic and labor. Therefore, the strength of the strategic thinking ability of young students is directly related to the future of the country and the hope of the nation.

Fourth, the demand for bottom-line thinking ability. President Xi Jinping once emphasized, "We must be good at using the bottom line thinking method, prepare for the worst in everything, strive for the best result, be prepared for trouble, not panic in case of trouble, and firmly grasp the initiative." [4] According to Xi's expression of bottom-line thinking, bottom-line thinking ability refers to the ability of the thinking subject to objectively preset the lowest expectation when determining the goal, based on this lowest point, and strive to achieve the maximum expectation. In their daily study, life and work, college students should grasp the degree of doing things well. According to the objective situation, they should set a minimum goal of struggle, and at the same time, they should try to be the best with a positive attitude. And college students must strictly observe the bottom line of being a person, doing things, making friends, etc. in daily study and life, and actively draw a bottom line in thought and clear boundaries in action.

Fifth, the demand for innovative thinking ability. Innovation is to think about what the predecessors did not dare to think and do what the predecessors did not dare to do. The ability of innovative thinking refers to the ability of thinking subject to break away from conventional thinking, not to be conservative in seeking innovation and change, and to creatively raise and solve problems. As a part of intellectuals and as builders and successors of the cause of socialism, college students need to have the ability to think about sex scenes and strive for the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

Fourth, the need to improve moral quality. At the National Conference on Ideological and Political Work in Colleges and Universities, he pointed out that cultivating people by virtue is the central link of ideological and political work and the fundamental task of ideological and political work [5]. And require young people to strengthen moral cultivation and pay attention to moral practice when establishing and nurturing core socialist values. Therefore, college students should have the need to improve their moral quality. Among the four courses of ideological and political theory in colleges and universities, the main course of moral education for college students is "basic". According to the content of moral education for college students

in this course, it can be seen that the moral quality that college students should improve includes socialism. Ethics, social ethics, professional ethics, family virtues, and compliance with the law.

First, the needs of socialist morality. In the aspect of socialist moral education, the ideological and political theory course in Colleges and universities mainly aims to cultivate college students' awareness of serving the people, correctly handle the relationship between individuals, others and society, so as to form a harmonious and stable social environment and promote the healthy development of socialist market economy. At the same time, in the aspect of socialist moral education, we should pay attention to the cultivation of College Students' Collectivism consciousness, so that they can correctly understand the relationship among the three, so as to guide them to correctly handle the interest relationship among individuals, collectives and countries.

Second, the demand of social morality. As the mainstay of the future society, as the builders and successors of the socialist cause, college students will not only affect the morale of the entire society, but also affect the future and destiny of the entire nation and country. Therefore, college students should consciously cultivate the awareness of public morality and develop good habits of observing public morality.

Third, the demand of professional ethics. College students are the main force of employment in various industries in the future. How their professional ethics quality is related to the development of all walks of life in the future, but also related to whether the future society can be sustained, healthy and orderly development. Therefore, college students should be trained to have the professional quality of loving their jobs, being honest and trustworthy, fair in handling affairs, serving the masses and contributing to the society.

Fourth, the need for family virtues. Family virtue refers to the code of conduct that an individual should abide by in order to maintain the harmony of the family in family life. It is the code of conduct that should be followed when regulating the relationship between family members and dealing with family problems. It mainly covers the family style, love view and marriage view. College students generally have love problems, and they are about to face marriage and family. Therefore, we should cultivate college students to have a correct view of love and marriage in order to deal with complex emotions and interpersonal relationships, so that they can grow up healthily and successfully.

Fifth, the need to abide by the law. Observing discipline and Law means that every citizen must abide by discipline and law, which is also the obligation of every citizen and the cornerstone of building a harmonious socialist society with Chinese characteristics. The report of the 17th National Congress of the Communist Party of China pointed out that we should implement the basic strategy of ruling the country according to law and accelerate the construction of a socialist country ruled by law. Local college students are builders and successors of the socialist cause and an important force to promote the basic strategy of "ruling the country by law". How their legal literacy is directly related to the achievements of the construction of socialist rule of law with Chinese characteristics. Therefore, college students should be trained to have the awareness of learning, knowing, abiding by and using the law, so that they can firmly maintain the legal authority, consciously abide by the law, and have the ability to observe and analyze social problems from the perspective of law.

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