Research on the Status of Patriotism in Socialist Core Values

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Abstract. Patriotism thoughts run throughout the history of national construction, showing different specific connotation in different times. In the current era background, patriotism belongs to the main category of China's socialist core values. It plays an extremely important role in promoting and implementing the socialist core values. It not only can have important influence on the comprehensive implementation of core values by serving as the important foundation of the practice of socialist core values, but also can provide inexhaustible power to the effective work of practice to promote the sustainable and healthy development of the practice work of socialist core values.

Introduction

The Communist Party's Eighteenth National People's Congress report clearly put forward the basic connotation of socialist core values and summarized the main content of the values with three propositions. In this category, patriotism became an irreplaceable part. In the long development process, each nation is bound to form its unique patriotic spirit and cultural tradition, as long as the country which bears the nation exist, patriotism will be able to lead the masses to national prosperity by serving as an important power of motivating and condensing popular feelings. Based on this, in this paper, the research on the status of patriotism in socialist core values has certain theoretical and practical significance.

The scientific connotation of patriotism

Patriotism, simply said, is a very deep feeling of all social members in all nationalities and countries in the process of social construction on their own country. It is showed not only in the love of beautiful rivers and mountains, national compatriots of one's own country, but also, from a deeper analysis, is reflected in the identity of the national system and national culture. In the study, in order to be able to conduct deep analysis on the scientific connotation of patriotism in our country, the specific links between patriotism and other related concepts musy be cleared.

First, the country which patriotism points at refers to the motherland, having differences with the country in the modern sense. In modern society, the concept of country has a certain political nature, which belongs to the category of history. While the concept of motherland belongs to a kind of cultural geography. For human individuals, country is elective, but motherland is in their blood. Motherland has already been determined since one's birth. Such as the motherland of an ethnic Chinese must be China, while his/her nationality can be any country in the world.

Second, there are certain dialectical unification relations between patriotism and nationalism. First of all, both have certain differences and are not completely equaled in the process of theoretical research.[1] Analyzed from time, the generation of patriotism is earlier. Patriotism has a profound historical origins and was officially endowed with corresponding political connotation in the seventeenth century. And the emergence of nationalism is relatively later. Analyzed from the nature level, nationalism can be viewed as the variations of patriotism. But although the two are not the same, both are not completely opposite. To some extent, the two also have a certain unity. In a single country and nation, patriotism and nationalism is coupled. Specifically, the nation based on cultural significance in the process of national construction was gradually given some certain political connotation and formed a community of country, therefore country and nation started to be consistent.
Finally, the definition of the concept of patriotism has a certain historic nature. Affected by the political environment in different historical period, its specific content is not the same. In today's society, patriotism thought is mainly presented in the maintenance of national unity and territorial integrity as well as the participation of socialist modernization construction, making certain contributions in promoting the national prosperity. For political environment of socialism with Chinese characteristics, loving the country has a high concordance with loving the party. Only by insisting on the leadership of the party, uniting around the party, steadfastly walking the road of socialism with Chinese characteristics, can society truly achieve socialist modernization construction as well as maintain national stability.

The important status of patriotism in socialist core values

**Patriotism is an important principle of the practice of socialist core values.**

Historically, it often takes patriotism as the criterion of the implementation of moral education and political education on people in the process of the construction of a nation, advocating and carrying forward which from the macroscopic level. The socialist construction of our country is the same, any one person in China's society is inevitably growing in our socialist country and the Chinese nation. And the future of personal development is closely related to national construction. Only when the national is developed could a good environment be created for personal development as well as could a person get happiness in his/her personal development. Therefore, any changes in the values of individuals under the background of any society, patriotism must be an eternal theme in the values of individuals. It can be said that patriotism has rich connotation. As an important part of socialist core values, it may limit basic position of socialist core values in the aspect of principle. In our contemporary society, the theme of patriotism based on the time background is the love of socialism, contributing corresponding force to the maintenance of national unity and further urging the public to work together to promote socialist modernization process, really promoting the realization of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.\[2\] So if we wanted to practice socialist core values under the background of current society, we should combine the basic ideas of socialist core values with those of patriotism, conducting scientific and reasonable explanation on the practice work of values, avoiding the phenomenon of overall westernization maximally based on the current social construction situation in our country. Only in this way can the role of patriotism be played in promoting the practice and breeding work of socialist core values, the direction can be indicated to encourage the development of the work to promote the construction of our country's socialist better.

At the same time, patriotism is able to measure the success or failure of the work on cultivating and practicing the socialist core values. In judging whether an individual can really understand the socialist core values in personal development, one of the most important standards is the understanding and practice situation of patriotism. Only when one truly loves his/her country, and is willing to contribute his/her corresponding power for national construction can one only be concluded that he/she has correct understanding of the basis of the socialist core values. Based on this, one can have more in-depth socialist core values guide.

**Patriotism is the ideological approval basis of the practice of socialist core values.**

The existence of patriotism lies a solid ideological approval basis for cultivation and practice of socialist core values in our country:

First of all, the existence of patriotism can provide a certain amount of political identity for cultivation and practice of socialist core values through the guidance of the spirit. Analyzed from the national property, our country belongs to a socialist country with proletarian leadership. The state government of our country is the people's congress. While the basic state system of our country is the multi-party cooperation and political consultation and leadership of the Communist Party of China. The determination of these systems is the final choice of the people and the history of a country in the long historical development process of history, accessing to the political identity of the general public of the entire society in China. And advocating and cultivating the main ideas of socialist core values inevitably needs certain political identity. Taking civilization of core values for example, only when it has won the people's political identity, can it analyze the political civilization and inherent and carry
forward the civilization and national ideology in socialist core values based on basic political system; while democratic in socialist core values is also the same, the basic foothold of the Chinese socialist democracy is socialist, therefore, implementation and practice work of democratic thought must be adapted to our country's basic political system and national condition, and the basis of the integrative development of socialist democracy with our country's basic political system and national condition is also political identification. Only based on the current China's political identification, can the the Chinese socialist democracy be promoted to develop practically to lay good political basis for the practice of socialist core values.

Second, the existence of patriotism thought also provides the practice of socialism core values with certain cultural identity. The ancestors of the Chinese nation created a rich traditional culture in the development process of five thousand years, Tang poem Song ci verse among the ancient classic traditional culture left a good name forever, Confucianism of Confucius and Mencius and Philosophical thoughts of Lao Tse and Chuang-Tzu not are only inherited in our society, but also have a certain influence on reform and development of the thought of the world, deeply loved by the masses. In modern times, in the face of social unrest and domestic strife and foreign aggression of national construction, the communist party in China realized the independent of nation and country with the help of Bolshevism, Marxism and Mao Zedong thought and other advanced thought more made the right direction to the development of socialism with Chinese characteristics, promoting the Chinese nation to glow vitality. Continuously raising of social cultural confidence of the masses to a certain extent reflects social masses' high identity on national culture. The socialist core values is essentially a kind of cultural form, both highly concise of our country's culture and an important component of socialist culture with Chinese characteristics. So masses' high identification on culture in China society is also the cultural identity of socialist core values. It can have certain positive influence on the cultivation and practice of socialist core values.

Finally, the existence of patriotism thought also provides the practice of socialism core values with certain social identity. The love of country is also the love of the brothers and sisters of Chinese nation, being able to dedicate one's own strength consciously in the process of the construction of a harmonious socialist society. The rapid development of today's social economy in our country is still based on a stable and harmonious social environment, while the construction of a stable and harmonious social environment requires every social individual's efforts and support. Only a relatively stable and harmonious social environment can maintain the stable development of the country. And stable social environment is the necessary condition to cultivate and practice the socialist core values, only on this condition can socialist core values be cultivated and practice smoothly and make a correct guidance for social development.

Patriotism thought is the driving source for cultivation and practice of socialist core values.

Due to the strong influence on the spirit, patriotism thought can consolidate the power of society and effectively stimulate the subject initiatives. It plays a certain spiritual impetus function in promoting national construction and development, able to encourage all the members of society to contribute corresponding forces in building the dream of China. At the same time, maintaining the national development and national independence, devoting to the great revival of the Chinese nation is also the Chinese nation among the nations passing from generation to generation, making tremendous contributions in the maintenance of world peace. One of the important reasons why the Chinese nation can achieve one thousand years' inheritance is its always insisting on the spirit of patriotism as the core of tradition in developing, even taking patriotism as life's work of inheritance and development of the Chinese nation. Whenever encounters difficulties of social unrest and national development, the people of the Chinese nation is able to abandon the traditional contradiction dispute, showing surplus strong national cohesion in the lead of the patriotism thought, contributing corresponding strength together for the country's construction and national development. It can be seen that patriotism has strong ability of social integration in socialist core values, able to unit all nationalities, regions of the entire society in our country closely and further encouraging the public to go towards the common goals of development, having certain positive effect on socialist spiritual civilization construction and socialist modernization in our country. In addition, patriotism
also has a certain individuals motivation ability, combining the wisdom and strength of the individuals together through the guidance of spirit dynamically and further striving for mutual benefit, striving to achieve the goal of build a well-off society in an all-round way.

As a powerful thought, patriotism is also able to provide the corresponding power support for cultivating and practicing the socialist core values. Under the background of the current era, the socialist core values to a certain extent reflects the nation's basic development needs. It simply describes China's future development outlook, which not only deeply rooted in the hearts of the people, leading the public spiritual beliefs, but also combined with the thought of the masses to grasp the core of the masses, making the right guidance for the practice work of socialist core values.\[5\] Analyzed from the national level, patriotism has socialism with Chinese characteristics including love prosperous and strong, democratic, civilized and harmonious. While from the social level, it is the love for socialist China about freedom, equality, justice, rule of law characteristic. From the individual level, it is about the love for socialist China about characteristics of professionalism, honesty, friendliness, unity etc. While this kind of core idea have inherent motivated effect on the practice of socialist core values of the public, playing a crucial role in promoting the socialist spiritual civilization construction and the completion of the well-off society in our country.

**Conclusion**

To sum up, stirring patriotism plays an extremely important role in the practice work of socialist core values. Only insisting on patriotism thought, can the cultivation and the practice work of socialist core values be put into effect and be moved in the right direction. So patriotism should be highlighted in the process of cultivating and practicing socialist core values so as to promote the process of the practice of socialist core values with patriotism as well as the sustained and healthy development of the socialist modernization construction practically.

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