

Textual Logic of Xi Jinping's Thought of Youth Ideological and Political Education

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Abstract

Since the 18th CPC National Congress, General secretary Xi Jinping has published a series of important exposition on youth ideological and political education, which are profound in thought, rich in content, systematic and scientific, and has a strict logical structure. It is an important text of the party's latest theoretical achievements in Ideological and political education for young people. From the perspective of text logic, grasping the internal logical system of his thought from the connotation dimension is an important prerequisite for us to learn and study Xi Jinping's thought of youth ideological and political education.

Keywords

Xi Jinping; Youth; Ideological and political education; Textual logic.

1. Introduction

For the majority of Marxist learners, the text exploration of "original ecology" is the basic premise of ideological and theoretical research. General secretary Xi Jinping published a series of important exposition on youth ideological and political education, which are rich, profound, systematic and scientific, and contain inherent textual logic. Based on the logical base item, starting from the logical beginning item, reaching the logical end item through the logical middle item, "it is like a priori structure"[1] 48, that is, the Chinese youth in the new era "shoulder the heavy task - grow into talents - build a dream and realize a dream". Based on the logical perspective of "transcendental structure", exploring the rich connotation of Xi Jinping's thought of youth ideological and political education will be "the correct way of science"[2] 615.

2. Base Item: Chinese Youth in the New Era

"In the final analysis, ideological and political education is the work of being a man"[3] 655, Xi Jinping's important exposition on youth ideological and political education has made a systematic and scientific answer to the fundamental educational issue of "Cultivate who, how and for whom". The core of the question and the core of the answer are highly unified, which points to "people", that is Chinese youth in the new era. As far as the integrity of the logical system is concerned, the logical base item determines the logical start item, logical middle item and logical end item. Chinese youth in the new era being as the logical basis for Xi Jinping's important exposition on youth Ideological and political education has always been the logical foundation for laying a foundation for the whole "transcendental structure" and also for the whole logic procedure, and is determined by the central position of the youth in the whole text logic system.

3. Start Item: Shouldering the Important Task of National Rejuvenation

If thinking has a path and thinking has a journey, the concern and care for young people is the beginning of Xi Jinping's important exposition on youth ideological and political education. In

other words, it is the starting point and starting item of logic. "Youth is the hope of the country and the future of the nation... I sincerely hope that every youth will become a socialist builder and successor, not humiliating the mission of the times and living up to the expectations of the people"[4]11, which is general secretary Xi Jinping's expectation for the youth, and also a requirement. The 19th CPC National Congress put forward "cultivating new people of the times for the great task of national rejuvenation", which emphasized that the important task of Chinese youth's national rejuvenation in the new era lies on their shoulders. Then, shouldering the important task of national rejuvenation being as the logical starting item of the whole text logic system is like an axiom that does not prove itself in mathematics, and there is no need to explain it any more.

4. Middle Item: Multi-directional Cultivation with Growth as the Main Line

Lenin said, "to truly understand things, we must grasp and study all aspects, all connections and 'intermediaries'"[5] 294. In the whole text logic system, the logical middle item connects the logical start item and logical end item, and plays a vital "intermediary" role. The important exposition of fostering young people's growth and development is an important part of Xi Jinping's important exposition on youth ideological and political education, which is an important "intermediary" content of Xi Jinping's important exposition on youth ideological and political education.

4.1. Important Exposition on Strengthening Ideals and Beliefs

"The core content of Ideological and political work is ideal and belief education"[6]539, youth's lofty ideals and firm belief are important contents of Xi Jinping's important exposition on youth ideological and political education. In June 2020, general secretary Xi Jinping gave a reply to all the members of the volunteer service team of the Communist Manifesto of Fudan University, which is "If you believe, you can travel far". Facing the future and taking the long march of the new era, we need to strengthen our ideals and beliefs and be determined to work hard. The bright vision of the future is inseparable from the struggle and persistence of the present, Chinese youth in the new era can neither be obsessed with the "Utopia" of beauty and fantasy, nor be the "Bernstein" of the 21st century. Instead, we should adhere to and develop socialism with Chinese characteristics and firmly be a thorough pursuer of Marxism and communism.

4.2. Important Exposition on the Spirit of Patriotic Struggle

Patriotism is the core of the Chinese national spirit and the eternal value pursuit of the Chinese nation. National rejuvenation is a distinctive theme of contemporary Chinese patriotism. In the speech at a symposium with teachers and students of Peking University, general secretary Xi Jinping emphasized that "Patriotism is the deepest and most lasting emotion in the world. It is the source of morality and the foundation of meritorious service"[4]11. And in the reply to all the "post-90s" party members of Peking University's aid medical team to Hubei, general secretary Xi Jinping clearly pointed out: the vast number of young people have proved by their actions that Chinese youth in the new era are good and worthy of great responsibility! The patriotism and ambition of Chinese youth in the new era are "rational things" and "unconditional things" that everyone has in Hegel. It is also the sincere love and noble feelings of the Chinese people for their country and family that are instinctively rooted in the Chinese cultural tradition and permeated in the blood of the Chinese nation.

4.3. Important Exposition on Actively Practicing the Socialist Core Values

Since the 18th CPC National Congress, general secretary Xi Jinping has talked about the study, practice and education of socialist core values many times in his series of important speeches. General secretary Xi Jinping inspected the Heng-qin new campus of Macao University,

encouraged the young students to establish self-confidence and national pride through learning, and let the Chinese culture penetrate into our bone marrow and emphasized the importance of "educating students with socialist core values and guiding them to fasten the first button of life is the mission of Ideological and political work in Colleges and universities"[7]38, which is also the requirement of the times for Chinese youth to become firm believers, active communicators and model practitioners of the core socialist values in the new era.

4.4. Important Exposition on Chinese Excellent Traditional Culture

The excellent Chinese traditional culture is a prominent advantage of the Chinese nation. Today, it is still a powerful spiritual force to promote the cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics. General secretary Xi Jinping emphasized in his signature article "firm cultural confidence and building a strong socialist culture" that youth is an important force to promote historical development and social progress, and is also the key body to strengthen cultural self-confidence. "We are Chinese people. We should understand the history of the Chinese nation, uphold the gene of Chinese culture, and have national pride and cultural self-confidence"[4]12, and constantly absorb the abundant nutrients in the excellent traditional Chinese culture. In the new era, Chinese youth should strengthen their cultural self-confidence, constantly "enhance their backbone and foundation to be Chinese people"[8]162, and more importantly, they should confidently sound the strongest voice of the times of Chinese excellent traditional culture.

5. End Item: Realizing the Chinese Dream of Youth

To cultivate qualified socialist builders and successors in the new era is the value proposition of Xi Jinping's thought of youth ideological and political education. General secretary Xi Jinping emphasized that the majority of young people are in a great era and have such a great goal of national rejuvenation, which can be said that life comes at the right time and we should constantly strive for it. In the new era, Chinese youth should aim high, pursue their dreams and strive tirelessly for the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation and the construction and development of China's socialist modernization.

5.1. Go with History and Build A Beautiful New Era

General secretary Xi Jinping stressed: "every generation of young people has their own opportunities. They must plan their lives and create history in their own times. The responsibility of the times is entrusted to the youth, and the glory of the times belongs to the youth"[8]167. China's development has entered a new era. China's influence on the world has never been as comprehensive, profound and long-term as today, and the world's attention to China has never been as broad, deep and focused as today. This is the youth opportunity and historical opportunity of Chinese youth in the new era. Following the trend of historical development and keeping up with the pace of the times, Chinese youth in the new era should strive for youth and a better new era in the face of opportunities and challenges that have not changed in a century.

5.2. Walk with China and Create A Dream of National Rejuvenation

"Striving to realize the Chinese dream of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation is the theme of the Chinese Youth Movement"[8]53. On May 2018, during the talks with the teachers and students of Peking University, general secretary Xi Jinping pointed out that the Peking University Students in 1981 shouted together the slogan of "unite and revitalize China", today, we still have to shout this slogan and work together to realize the Chinese dream. Socialism with Chinese characteristics is the right path that our party has led the people to find through thousands of hardships to realize national rejuvenation. In the new era, Chinese youth should

integrate their beautiful dreams into the development process of the country and nation, move forward with the motherland and create the great dream of national rejuvenation.

5.3. Stay with the People and Build A Happy Road for the People

General secretary Xi Jinping emphasized that "all achievements achieved by our party are cohesive youth's enthusiasm and dedication"[7]8, and encouraged the majority of young people to make a difference, they must devote themselves to the great struggle of the people and struggle with the people, so that their youth can be bright. And only when we move forward with the people, youth can be high, and dream with the people, youth can have no regrets. The party flag refers to the direction of youth's struggle, seeking happiness for the people is the party's original intention and mission. It should also be the original intention and mission of Chinese youth in the new era, and it should also be the responsibility of Chinese youth in the new era. Never forget the original intention, forge ahead, "Looking forward to the future, China's young generation will have great prospects and achievements"[8]50. In the new era, Chinese youth should devote themselves to the people and serve the people, and realize their dreams with their youth and struggle.

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