

# Research on the Historical Implications and Contemporary Values of The Modern Chinese Hero Concept

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## Abstract

Since the Eighteenth National Congress of the Communist Party of China, General Secretary Xi Jinping has delivered a series of expositions on heroes on many important occasions and speeches, which fully demonstrates his deep feelings and great attention to heroes, and has formed a scientific, systematic and heroic concept with Chinese characteristics on the basis of practice. In the context of socialism with Chinese characteristics entering a new era, the study of Xi Jinping's concept of heroism has very important theoretical significance and practical value.

## Keywords

Heroic view; New era; Historical implications; Contemporary values.

## 1. Introduction

The Chinese nation has never lacked heroes, and the more difficult the Chinese nation is, the more heroic figures and heroic deeds can emerge, showing the heroic spirit of the sons and daughters of china who are indomitable, who sacrifice their lives and forget their deaths, and who face difficulties. Heroes and heroic spirit have played an important role in China's revolution, socialist reform and modernization construction and the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation in modern times.

## 2. The Specific Content of China's Modern Hero Concept

The new era of socialism with Chinese characteristics is an era of calling for heroes and achieving heroes. General Secretary Xi Jinping has repeatedly stressed that the realization of the Chinese dream of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation requires heroic feelings, and the rich connotations it contains mainly have the following four aspects, which provides a fundamental basis for us to establish a correct heroic concept.

### 2.1. Identify and Honor Heroes

Heroes come into being with the development of the times, and at the same time constantly promote the development of the times and the nation. General Secretary Xi Jinping regards heroes as the backbone of the development and progress of the Chinese nation, and cares about them at all times. "A nation with hope cannot do without heroes, and a country with a future cannot do without pioneers." With the change of social thinking, the "heroes" of today's society generally refer to people's heroes and national heroes. In the development of the times, countless heroes have shed blood and sacrificed for national rejuvenation, national prosperity and strength, and people's happiness with their indomitable faith, sacrificing their responsibilities and adhering to it without complaint or regret, and have composed heroic songs that touched the earth with their lifelong efforts. Advocating heroes is the conscience and conscious pursuit that a country and nation with a promising future should have, and it is also a value concept that a nation with bright hopes must have for its survival and development.

## 2.2. Reverence and Remembrance of Heroes

In modern times, those who have stubbornly struggled to resist foreign colonial aggression and shed their blood, those who have sacrificed their precious lives for national independence and liberation, and those who have devoted their youth for the reform and development of the country have hidden the great national righteousness in their hearts and raised the interests of the people above their heads; they are all the backbone of China, the heroes of the nation, and the glory of the country. Respecting heroes and making heroes in history indelible is to respect history, and only in this way can we not be abandoned by history and continue to fulfill the great goal of our revolutionary ancestors in striving for national rejuvenation all their lives. Only by remembering heroes, keeping in mind their heroic deeds, learning and inheriting their precious spirit of loving the motherland, being loyal to the people, selflessly dedicating themselves, and daring to sacrifice, enhancing national awareness, stimulating the motivation for struggle, and passing on the aspirations of martyrs, can we condense the magnificent strength of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

## 2.3. Care and Praise Heroes

A nation with hope cannot do without heroes, a promising country cannot do without pioneers, and the deeds and spirit of heroic and exemplary figures are a powerful force that motivates us to move forward, but heroes are also flesh-and-blood, living people, who need to be respected and cared for. We need to perceive the realistic demands of heroes and return them to the dimension of life. In 2020, since the outbreak of the new crown pneumonia epidemic, the vast number of medical staff have been fighting in the frontline of epidemic prevention and control, and Xi Jinping has repeatedly stressed the need to attach great importance to their protection, care and love. When General Secretary Xi Jinping went to Wuhan to inspect the epidemic prevention and control work, he praised the majority of medical workers as the loveliest people in the new era and the biggest contributors in the epidemic prevention and control work, and the party and the people should give them a head start, and also comforted the "heroes" of Wuhan community workers, public security cadres and grass-roots cadres who participated in the epidemic prevention and control battle. Xi Jinping has set an example for the whole society to pay attention to heroes and care for heroes.

## 2.4. Learn from Heroes and Defend Them

Heroes are the hope of a country's prosperity, a force for national unity and progress, and a value benchmark for social learning and promotion. With heroes, we must learn and defend heroes. Only by guiding the masses of the people to consciously study and recognize advanced models, heroic figures and their glorious deeds can we draw on heroic strength, ignite the heroic complex in our hearts, thus cultivating a sense of identification with heroic culture, and ultimately turning it into a force that inspires us to move forward. The Law of the People's Republic of China on the Protection of Heroes and Martyrs was passed on April 27, 2018, and in May of the same year, the Supreme People's Court issued a document to severely crack down on illegal and criminal activities such as smearing and desecrating the image of heroes and martyrs in accordance with the law, and protecting the legitimate rights and interests of heroes and martyrs in accordance with the law. Driven by laws and regulations, the whole society attaches more importance to the protection of heroes and martyrs, and pays more attention to safeguarding the dignity and legitimate rights and interests of heroes and martyrs.

## 3. The Historical Inheritance of China's Modern Heroic Concept

In-depth study and comprehension of Xi Jinping's series of expositions on heroic culture, comprehensively grasp its profound connotation, and deeply understand the era character of heroes in the new era with the theoretical character of advancing with the times are important

aspects of promoting heroic culture and realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. From Xi Jinping's series of important speeches, the three aspects of hero genealogy, hero connotation and hero character are sorted out, and then the cultural quality of heroes is understood.

### **3.1. The Heroic Genealogy From "National Heroes" And "Mass Heroes" To "Heroes of The Times"**

Genealogy is a comprehensive division of types and a systematic historical trace. By the common description of synchronic and diachronic, see the whole face of things. In Xi Jinping's series of speeches on heroes, there are several types of descriptions of heroes: First, national heroes. The national hero is first and foremost the leader of the Chinese revolution. "In modern times, all those who have sacrificed for the independence and liberation of the Chinese nation, all those who have fought heroically for the Chinese nation to get rid of foreign colonial rule and aggression, and all those who have mastered their own destiny for the Chinese nation and opened up a new road for national development are all national heroes." Third, the builders of the cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era "have the deep feelings of 'worrying about the world before the world, and enjoying the happiness of the world after the world', and are all national heroes who 'do earth-shattering things and bury celebrities in anonymity'!" The second is the hero of the masses. The "heroes of labor" and "heroes of battle" put forward by the Chinese Communists as the main composition of the "heroes of the masses", and "the masses are the real heroes" have become a red line consistent in the Chinese communists' concept of heroism. The third is the hero of the times. The meaning of the hero's words remains unchanged, but the specific connotations keep pace with the times. Based on the summary and improvement of the heroic spirit in the great cause of army building, the Long March of the Red Army, and the War of Resistance Against Japan, it is necessary to highlight the characteristics of heroes in the new era today.

### **3.2. The Fearless Heroism of "Serving the Country Faithfully", "Persevering", And "Forging Ahead"**

"Hero" as a word, through the accumulation of history and culture has been basically fixed. Shrouded in the Western view of heroic history, Sydney Hook said: "The so-called hero of history is such a person: in deciding a certain problem or event, he plays an overriding influence; And we have every reason to attribute such an effect to him, because without his actions, or if his actions were not as they actually are, the consequences of the problem or event would be completely different." It can be seen from this that the core of "heroism" is the combination of the indomitable spirit of fearlessness and the confidence of victory in the interests of the people and the interests of the nation, and the "high fighting spirit of revolutionary heroism at all times and under all circumstances." Spiritually, it is to serve the country with one's own body and loyalty to the country; In the will, it is indomitable and not afraid of violence; In faith, it is invincible and invincible. In a nutshell, "heroism" is the victorious belief based on fearlessness. "Heroism" does not exist in isolation, but is the result of the fusion of various spiritual forces.

### **3.3. "Loyal", "Persistent" And "Simple" New Era Heroes Have Distinct Character**

The three major qualities of heroes in the new era embody a profound people's nature and mass nature. We must not only clearly understand the relationship between heroes and the motherland, the people, and the nation, clarify the characteristics of the new era in which heroes advance with the times, institutionalize the advocating, defending, studying, and caring for heroes at the legislative level, create a strong atmosphere of advocating, defending, studying, and caring for heroes at the level of propaganda work, cultivate the grand ambition of "heroes from ancient times to teenagers" from an early age at the educational level, and take the praise of heroes as the eternal theme at the level of literary and artistic work, our great motherland

must be a heroic country, and the great Chinese nation must be a heroic people. The Chinese dream of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation will certainly be realized!

#### **4. The Epochal Value of China's Modern Hero Concept**

General Secretary Xi Jinping pointed out: "The countless revolutionary martyrs have laid a solid foundation for us to create a better life with their blood and lives, and the fine traditions they have left behind are precious assets that will always inspire us to move forward, and we must not lose them at any time." Today, when socialism with Chinese characteristics has entered a new era, it is of great significance to deeply understand, deeply grasp and deeply practice Xi Jinping's heroic concept to oppose historical nihilism, strengthen cultural self-confidence, cultivate socialist core values and realize the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

##### **4.1. It Has Strengthened the Strong Confidence of The Chinese National Culture**

To enhance the cultural self-confidence of the Chinese nation, we must first strengthen the confidence of cultural self-confidence, have the confidence to have a strong sense of pride, identity and belonging to their own national culture, can consciously assume the responsibility of adhering to, maintaining and inheriting national culture, and can better provide cultural support and value guidance for the realization of the Chinese dream of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. It is necessary to inherit and carry forward "the excellent traditional Chinese culture nurtured in the development of civilization over more than 5,000 years," to uphold and develop "the revolutionary culture and advanced socialist culture nurtured in the great struggle of the party and the people," and to "without the foundation and nourishment of China's excellent traditional culture, revolutionary culture, and advanced socialist culture, it would be difficult to be deep and persistent in faith and conviction."

##### **4.2. It Has Laid A Solid Foundation for The Cultivation of Socialist Core Values**

Cultivating the core values of socialism is the basic project for the Chinese nation to condense the soul and gather qi. In order to integrate the core socialist values into social life and transform them into people's emotional identity and behavioral habits, we must do a good job in the education and guidance of the socialist core values, public opinion publicity, cultural edification, and practice cultivation. Only in this way can the core values of socialism truly take root in people's spiritual pursuits and conscious actions, enhance their immunity and resistance to bad social atmosphere and negative social consciousness, and cultivate and shape new people of the times who can shoulder the great responsibility of national rejuvenation. The power of heroes is infinite, the exemplary demonstration of heroes will have a strong social guiding effect, where there are heroes, often where there will be more heroes in the form of a collective form. In real life, only by making good use of and giving full play to the role of heroic role models and inspiring people with the power of heroic examples can we better promote the cultivation and practice of the core socialist values internalized in the heart and externalized in practice.

##### **4.3. It Has Stimulated the Majestic Driving Force of The Great Rejuvenation of The Chinese Nation**

The Marxist theory of contradiction tells us that the source and motive force for the development of things is contradiction, and if there is a contradiction, it cannot be separated from the struggle. The great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation is the process of constantly winning new victories through great struggles and overcoming numerous contradictions in the course of constantly resolving old contradictions and constantly producing new contradictions. In today's new era, which is closer than at any time in history to realizing the Chinese dream of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, in order to turn this great dream into a great reality,

we must strengthen the lofty ideals and convictions of the Chinese nation, we must unite the majestic strength of the people of all nationalities throughout the country, and we must enhance the ability and ability of all the people to overcome all difficulties and obstacles. The heroic concept exalts the quality of the hero's perseverance and unswerving will, the spirit of unity and unity of all people, and the spirit of not fearing hardships and dangers and persevering, revealing the important reason why the Chinese nation can not be mentally "hypochondriasis", "think in one place, and work hard to make a difference", and firmly realize the confidence of the Chinese dream.

#### **4.4. It provides An Important Weapon Against Historical Nihilism**

The history of the Chinese nation is inseparable from the patriotism, dedication, struggle, and dedication of heroes, and countless heroes have sweated and shed blood in exchange for the independence and self-reliance of the country, the prosperity of the nation, and the happy life of the people; however, today some people openly peddle historical nihilism, and they vainly try to deconstruct correct values and spread erroneous values by subjectively distorting or even falsifying history, so as to create trouble for people to identify and recognize the essence of history, so as to achieve the purpose of fundamentally denying the great history of the Chinese nation. Extremely bad and extremely destructive. The modern concept of heroes adheres to the historical facts as the fundamental basis, makes a scientific and objective new identification of the hero subject, clarifies the essential connotation of the hero subject, affirms the great merits of the hero figure, and lays an important theoretical foundation for identifying historical nihilism; The heroic spirit is elaborated and condensed comprehensively, the core of the heroic spirit is clarified, the value of the heroic spirit is affirmed, and the important spiritual support is provided to resist the criticism of historical nihilism; The inheritance of heroes has drawn a comprehensive plan for systematic coordination, and built a "four-in-one" inheritance system based on advocating heroes, defending heroes as the guarantee, learning heroes as the core, and caring for heroes as the responsibility, pointing out the practical direction of countering historical nihilism, and providing scientific action guidance for the history of heroes, party history and national history. Conscientiously studying, comprehending and implementing Xi Jinping's concept of heroes, constantly learning heroic deeds, and carrying forward the heroic spirit can not only inject positive energy into people's spiritual world, strengthen ideals and beliefs and spiritual beliefs, consolidate and strengthen correct historical views and values, but also guide people to combat the arrogance of historical nihilists through practical actions, eradicate their living soil, and finally completely eliminate the tumor of historical nihilism.

### **5. Research Results and Discussion**

Heroes are the key to rely on, and heroic spirit is deep capital. Strivers in the new era must learn to understand thoroughly, practice Xi Jinping's concept of heroes, be good at drawing strength from heroes, cast the soul of the nation with heroic spirit, benchmark heroes, strive to be heroes, form a powerful joint force for the whole nation to forge ahead and forge ahead, and create an "ordinary great cause" worthy of the times and the people on the new journey of comprehensively building a modern socialist country.

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