

The Research on the Leftist Phenomenon of Chinese Youth Thought

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Abstract

China has a huge number of young people, and the ideas of young people will become important ideas in society in the future. The left-leaning thoughts of Chinese young people have become increasingly prominent along with the economic and social development of China. By analyzing the case study of Chinese young people's left-leaning ideas and combining it with the trend of China's social development, we hope to analyze and discuss the origin of Chinese young people's left-leaning ideas.

Keywords

Chinese youth, Left-leaning ideology, Phenomenon research.

1. Introduction

According to the Tsinghua University Library, in 2020, Mao Zedong's Selected Works and Marx Engels' Complete Works ranked among the top two books borrowed by the university. On Beili Beili, a video site often visited by young Chinese people, there are thousands of videos explaining Selected Works of Mao Zedong, and the number of viewers can often exceed millions; some young people often take the content of their social media accounts from Selected Works of Mao Zedong and turn pictures related to Selected Works of Mao Zedong into their social account avatars... ..

New Weekly once reported in 2021, "When young people read Mao Zedong's Selected Works, what exactly are they reading? In the report, it depicted the scene when young people read the Selected Works of Mao Zedong: "Listening to the Selected Works of Mao and brushing up the pop-up screen on B station have become the new posture of reading the Selected Works of Mao for the post-90s and even the post-00s now. In the song of "International Song" before the reading starts, a screen full of pop-ups follows. The older generation may find it hard to imagine that the grandchildren, who are pursuing "individuality" and "independence", are listening to Chairman Mao's teachings in such a way and in such a "collective" atmosphere. "

2. Content Analysis

What is causing China's youth to become increasingly nostalgic for Mao's ideas and increasingly leftist in their thinking? The pressure of social development, the widening division between the rich and the poor or the increasing level of education may be all of them. By talking to the young people around us, we analyze the origin of the left-leaning thinking of Chinese young people from three dimensions: education level, development prospect and income level.

2.1. Level of education

The level of education is one of the most critical indicators of the quality of the population. Even now, China's overall education level is still significantly lower than that of developed countries. But the younger generation is rising rapidly and may be able to reach the level of developed countries in the next two decades. Everyone knows that China engages in nine years of

compulsory education. But what year was the Compulsory Education Law promulgated, 1986, less than thirty years ago? In other words, compulsory education only started from the post-80s generation. The year when compulsory education was really implemented and the gross enrollment rate of junior high school reached 100% was 2010, which is more than ten years ago. Now every year during the graduation season, people say things like "the admission rate is high and college degrees are devalued". In 2014, the figure is 37.5%, and in 2022, the figure will exceed 50%. 2000, when the expansion of China's universities has just begun, the rate of admission to higher education is only about 10%, and India, Bangladesh, Vietnam and other countries, not as good as Indonesia and Iran. Then let's look at the situation in developed countries: In recent times, Japan is a country known for its emphasis on education. According to the Asahi Shimbun, Japan's gross enrollment rate in higher education is 53.9%, with the highest Tokyo metropolis reaching 72.5 U.S. gross enrollment rate of more than 70%. However, because of the exceptionally high number of older undergraduates in colleges and universities, the U.S. generally uses the net enrollment rate rather than the gross enrollment rate. The net enrollment rate in the United States is about 40% Britain, France, Germany, Italy and other major European countries are in the level of 50-60%. This shows that we have reached or surpassed the old developed countries with significant growth in the scale of higher education and the number of educated people after more than twenty years of development, and higher education has entered the universalization stage.

The rising level of education, on the one hand, can lead to a faster rise in civic awareness. Citizens' awareness of their rights, duties and civic responsibilities is constantly reinforced. On the other hand, in the highly developed information-based social platform, no suffering is impervious to the wind, and suffering and injustice can be particularly outrageous due to the amplification of public opinion.

Educated citizens can empathize with the unjust and the suffering, which makes it easier for leftist ideas to arise. This is a good thing, as it can contribute to the improvement of governance and the modernization of society's thinking. But there are also some problems, such as blind leftist worship that ignores the objective role of the market economy in China's development and even leads to a biased interpretation of historical objectivity. It is absurd for many young people to worship Chairman Mao Zedong while belittling the historical achievements of his successors and even considering them revisionist. I made the same mistake in high school, and in fact, when I understood the market mechanism more completely and Marxism more fully, I would endorse some decisions that were considered "right". If one's thinking is left, but one's understanding of Marxism is one-sided and radical, then this will create a huge political risk(Shen Huaixi,2023).

On the philosophical level, young people, especially college students, have left-leaning ideas from their years of education, and their knowledge and thinking come from book knowledge, or purely theoretical study and research, lacking social practice, which leads them to look at social problems and analyze them purely from the theoretical level, without combining with social practice, and their way of thinking and analysis is pure.

2.2. Development Prospect.

Economic development in the new era is moving toward transformation, with slower economic growth and higher quality. The original rugged industrial development route and the matching more-fast-and-good talent cultivation are both challenged today and in urgent need of adjustment. The worldview of this generation of youth has to be formed in this painful and slow transition. As a result, the contemporary youth, on the one hand, receive a more idealistic and advanced education, believing that their strengths can match the society, but on the other hand, are unable to grasp the rapidly changing direction of the society, and this contradiction and conflict has cast a haze over the choice of aspirations of the youth. A large number of young

people have left their hometowns for major central cities due to the huge difference between the labor force and the demand for talents. This is the more common social mobility situation in previous years. Back then, it was this kind of social mobility that gave birth to the first group of "confused wanderers" - such as "northern drifters", "deep drifters". They were forced to come to the big cities to make a living, and in their leisure time, they also gave birth to the modern wanderer culture, and a group of rock and folk pioneers were born here. However, contemporary youths do not know enough about the current social mobility situation and mistakenly believe that their difficult situation is all due to society. In fact, the quality of talent is more important than the quantity, and the strength of the contemporary era is dominated by opportunities, so you can't just focus on the so-called "mecca of success" and neglect to improve your strength and show your creativity. On the one hand, the big cities such as the North can indeed provide quality jobs to fulfill some people's aspirations, but to pay for this is the cost of accommodation, living, education and the city's increasingly prominent "big city disease" problem. In the environment is difficult to effectively ease from the demographic impact of the situation, the youth feel unsatisfied with the volunteer and by leaving their hometown to develop the so-called "hollow heart disease" is not difficult to understand. In fact, frankly speaking, contemporary youth really "hollow disease" is a vicious circle, uncertainty of ambition to come to the big city, the social environment leads to the inner emptiness, the inner emptiness to make their own aspirations even less firm. However, many contemporary young people are influenced by the culture, blindly following the crowd, moaning about nothing, attracting attention, calling themselves "hollow disease", and their aspirations are "wandering", which is difficult to be allowed and is a naked "pseudo-hollow disease". It is reasonable to encourage the youth of today to abandon this kind of dodging aberrant thinking, more implementation to achieve their own personal and social values.

The future can be very confusing. The future feels both clear and transparent to us, but also as if it is in a fog. It's transparent because your future is pretty much arranged by the major you choose in college and the development of your college. You can clearly see the course of your future development in the next ten years or even decades. For young people, a group with a strong desire to know, such a known life. It is as if you are watching a movie, a TV show gives you the spoilers. Resulting in your easy lack of interest in life, and thus begin to pendulum lie flat. This may also be one of the reasons why young people have a high crime rate. Seeing through to a boring life and future leads to youth social groups seeking excitement, which leads to the path of crime. You should not rush to refute me by saying that you can work hard, try new things, learn new things and find fun in life. What you are saying is thinking from the few affluent young people of today, or from the few successful humble students. Human energy is limited, when you study hard to get into a not very good, not too bad undergraduate he has spent 18 years of your life. When you understand the need to work hard, is it still too late. When you want to try something new, not to say a small success but at least to succeed it, after all you need to solve the problem of life it. And how much money and time you need to invest in it. Is your family's financial strength can afford it. Isn't it true that your family has already paid a lot to train you for college. So the vast majority of people will more often choose a road to the end, I study is a teacher class I become a teacher or public examination. I learned the medical class, I take the doctor or nurse, and so on. In fact, when you walk into college that moment many things are already predetermined. Some interest development you have to consider your future life. After all, life is the focus, you will have your family, you have to support your parents. Many decisive factors limit your choices. So this is why I say that we feel transparent about the future. Because of the lack of curiosity about the future, both known as the desire to explore. The lack of desire to explore in some ways makes the pendulum swing bad for contemporary youth. Of course, this is only part of it, but the root cause is because of the laws of society. The cold family has long since become a thing of the past, and effort is to a certain extent, no, it should be to a

large extent completely outweighed by capital. This is the Jewish effect. You a good family he in your learning input on the proportion must be greater than living expenses, while a normal family he first need to solve the problem of food and clothing. The higher the investment, the higher the investment means the higher the return. A cycle is formed, basically the richer the family is getting better and better. This is something we have to admit, and is one of the laws of the jungle in society. Similarly, although our country is trying its best to solve the problems, such as the elimination of supplementary education, the overall well-off, common wealth. But there are some things he is determined by the competition of human groups. It can only be improved, not solved. And to a certain extent it can not be solved. Competition is the solution between the lack of resources and the needs of different individuals in society. Heisenberg's book "Attack of Homo sapiens" points out that scarcity is an important driving force of human progress. Some people may think you are contradicting yourself by saying this. You say that the youth of today are lying flat because they lack the desire to explore, but the reasons for lying flat cannot be solved. In fact, I would like to borrow the word "degree" which is often used in human geography to explain, and the key to alleviate this problem is to grasp the degree. Just as in the book "Guns, Germs and Steel", relative environmental pressures make people take the initiative to modify their environment so that they can barely adapt to survive. Absolute environmental pressures lead to two outcomes; either migration or extinction. As for the degree of control will need to be regulated by the state. This is also a reflection of the superiority of our system. Of course, this degree may not be controlled by the formation at present, but I hope that such a day will come soon. Because the transparency of the future can not motivate the youth of today, lying flat may be the choice. Many people around me may also start to lie flat because of various things, and maybe some people start to think about the meaning of life. Confusion, sobriety, these two words are opposites but in my article is also unified. Why confused it. Pressure. Because of the current state of our population, the aging of serious, gender imbalance. The result is that many young people are not yet out of society is already destined to assume a large part of social and family responsibilities. For male youth more prominent. Marriage, support the elderly, take care of the family. These are all pressures. So with what I mentioned above, there are not a lot of choices in life. So I look at the world as if it is all wound up robots. There are many good pursuits in life, but under pressure they become bigger burdens. These burdens also create a lot of social pressure, which is reflected in social problems, such as suicides, robberies, and fraud in recent years. Yes, on the one hand because of the progress of society, resulting in the increase of fraudulent means and methods, but the epidemic he revealed its deeper causes ----- stress. A moderate amount of stress can promote development, but a heavy mountain of stress will only crush the heart and body of an adult. Under the epidemic: mortgage, life, etc. crushed how many people. China has alleviated the problems to some extent because of government policies, but the West has shown him nakedly. This problem is something that needs to be solved. The high price of housing, bride price, to just out of society youth has been tied up. With the pressure forward is not destined to run far, when you can not run, can only do sit and gasp, powerless to shout. The romance of the Tang Dynasty will not be scattered on the land of today's world, because people are running around for a living and do not care to see the scenery.

2.3. Income level.

In recent years, words or news similar to social animals, playing workers, 996, take-away riders trapped in the system, sudden death of a girl in Pindo, inward rolls, lying flat, always resonate greatly on the Chinese network every time. The root cause of this is because more and more people are dissatisfied with the serious rich-poor divide, class solidification, the lack of strong protection for vulnerable groups, and the hegemony of capital. In this process, the anxiety and dissatisfaction of young people are especially prominent, they actually experience that life is not easy, and cruelly find it more and more difficult to change their fate by struggling, even if

they can't afford to buy a house in big cities even after a lifetime of hard work, while returning to small cities, there is a great lack of job opportunities. Under the dilemma, young people's negative emotions continue to accumulate. At the beginning of the reform and opening up, Deng Xiaoping said that poverty is not socialism, polarization is not socialism, and the essence of socialism is common prosperity(Wen He,2023). Thus, on the basis of the lessons learned from the past, he proposed to let some people and regions get rich first, and to bring the rich to the rich later, in response to the backward reality of being poor at that time, to move towards common prosperity. If in the first 40 years of reform and opening up China mainly solved the problem of widespread poverty and backwardness and achieved great development of the national economy, then today, while continuing to develop the economy, more attention should be paid to bringing the rich first to the rich later and solving the problem of fairness and justice, so that all people can share the dividends of the country's development. Only in this way will Chinese socialism be more appealing.

When educated young people found that no matter how hard they tried they could not change their economic conditions, the public opinion field in China gradually emerged with such Internet buzzwords as "Buddha", "lying flat", "inward scroll" and "playing workers". "and "worker" have gradually emerged as Internet buzzwords. When young people find that they can't "get on the train" no matter what, they have to start accepting this reality helplessly, and choose to give up their efforts to make themselves as comfortable as possible when they find that their efforts can't be changed. When the ideal socialist model was intertwined with the cold reality, this sense of tearing and powerlessness made the young people's thoughts begin to waver, and they began to look for answers from the Maoist era, which further contributed to the left leaning of the young people's thoughts.

3. Literature References

3.1. Literature reference method

This paper is a social science research article focusing on qualitative research methods. First of all, the research content articles and documents are available in the China Knowledge Base of academic papers, and there are more than 1,000 articles on Chinese youth thought, covering youth culture construction, youth ideological and political education, youth political education methods and theoretical system construction, involving different humanities and social disciplines such as higher education, political science and sociology.

Before 2020, the study of Chinese youth thought focused on the mission of young people in terms of history and national responsibility, with the traditional Chinese literati's sense of mission that "if you reach the world, you will help it, but if you do not, you will do it alone". Since 2020, the research on Chinese youth thought has started to focus more on their own improvement, influencing the country and society through self-happiness, such as Guizhou Normal University's Liu Bo's 2022 article on the influence of the "Buddhist" subculture on the ideological and political education of college students and the study of countermeasures, and Northeast Normal University's Chen Xin's 2022 article on the new era The study on the concept of good life and its cultivation among college students in 2022 and Chen Xin's study on the new era of college students' concept of good life in 2022 both interpret the youth's perception of society and the country from the youth's own perceptions, which are very modern youth's sense of the times.

3.2. Field survey

The author of this article is also a Chinese youth, and most of his colleagues are young people. Through chatting and working with young colleagues around him, he discovered and summarized the current thinking of young people, especially in the new era when Chinese

youth are facing the "unprecedented changes of the century" in the context of economic transformation and social change, and found out the real factors of the leftist thinking of Chinese youth and the factors of the leftist thinking of young people under the real factors of increasing education level, economic pressure and bottleneck in development prospect.

4. Conclusions

When young people in China, especially those with higher education, are overwhelmed by the impact of ideals and reality, in the confusion of income and class, career and development, they naturally go back to their perceived sense of tear to find answers, and the classic practices of the Mao era become the ideal place for their answers to belong.

Of course, today's left-leaning thinking is also very different from the past, they just want to find a balance between the ideal and reality, and find their own position in career development. Today's Chinese young people, who are responsible, responsible and will think, will definitely find their own light in the confusion.

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