

Theoretical Support for Strengthening Network Ideological and Political Education of County Meteorological Cadres in the New Era

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Abstract: The county-level meteorological cadre team is an important component of the cadre team led by the Party, and is a key minority that is crucial to the orderly development of meteorological undertakings and the high-quality development of the economy and society. The National Cadre Education and Training Plan (2023-2027) points out that it is necessary to continuously optimize education and training methods, fully leverage the advantages of online training, and continuously improve cadres' ability to promote high-quality development, serve the masses, and prevent and resolve risks. The full text explains the theoretical support for strengthening the network ideological and political education of county-level meteorological cadres in the new era from three dimensions, thereby laying the theoretical foundation for enhancing the modernization construction ability of county-level meteorological cadres in the new era.

Keywords: County level meteorological cadres; Network ideological and political education; Theoretical support

Introduction

The "Opinions on Strengthening and Improving Ideological and Political Work in the New Era" issued by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the State Council in July 2021 pointed out that "strengthening network ideological and political work" should "promote the deep integration of traditional advantages of ideological and political work and information technology"^[1]. The report of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China also pointed out the need to "improve the system of ideological and political work" and "build a high-quality cadre team that is politically capable, adaptable to the requirements of the new era, and capable of leading modernization construction and capable of shouldering the heavy responsibility of national rejuvenation"^[2]. This explains the core requirements and main goals of online ideological and political education for cadres in the new era from a macro perspective. As an important component of the cadre team led by the Party, county-level meteorological cadres need to strengthen online ideological and political education and improve their meteorological service guarantee capabilities. Therefore, explaining the theoretical support for strengthening the network ideological and political education of county-level meteorological cadres in the new era is of great value for enhancing the modernization construction ability of county-level meteorological cadres.

1. Theoretical support: adhere to the guidance of Marxist ideological and political education theory

The Marxist theory of ideological and political education and its latest achievements in combination with China's reality are the core theoretical sources guiding the ideological and political education of CPC cadres. Leading cadres need to "learn, understand, and implement the innovative theory of the Party". Only by being "theoretically clear" and learning Marxist positions, viewpoints, and methods can they be "politically firm".

1.1 Adhere to the leadership of the party and clarify the direction of education

The key to running China well lies in the Party. The network ideological and political education of county meteorological cadres must adhere to the leadership of the CPC. Marx and Engels believed that communists "emphasize and uphold the common interests

of the entire proletariat regardless of nationality”, “always represent the interests of the entire movement”, and “never neglect to educate workers to be as aware as possible of the hostile opposition between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat”^[3]. Therefore, the leadership and implementation of proletarian ideological and political education by the Communist Party has unique advantages, and it is inherently inevitable to carry out ideological and political education activities for the working masses. Lenin pointed out that “only the vanguard of the working class can lead their own country”, and that to uphold the party’s management of cadres, “we need a large army of experienced communist revolutionaries, ... which is the party”^[4]. This also explains that the core of promoting ideological and political education for county-level meteorological cadres is to adhere to the principle of Party management of cadres. The work of the Party school must adhere to the correct direction of education, always adhere to the Party school’s surname, and adhere to the principle of Party spirit. It is necessary to cultivate the kind of cadres the Party needs. At the same time, it is emphasized that cultivating inner strength and enhancing self-cultivation to achieve “firm belief and loyalty to the party” is a professional requirement for party members and cadres. This requires that both the organizers and educators of the ideological and political education network for cadres must adhere to the leadership of the party, and the party’s leadership must be implemented throughout the entire process. In line with the political standpoint of “cultivating cadres for the party”, the direction of education for the cadre team must be ensured to be correct.

1.2 Strengthen the education of Marxist innovative theory

Having the guidance of Marxist scientific theory is the basis for the CPC to strengthen its belief and grasp the historical initiative. To educate and cultivate county-level meteorological cadres, it is necessary to guide them to comprehensively, systematically, and practically study and apply Marxist innovative theories. Marx and Engels believed that the liberation of the proletariat required ideological and political education, and that it was necessary to “regard philosophy as their spiritual weapon”, arm the minds of the working masses with “philosophy”, form the class will of the proletariat, and “refute the myth of the specter of communism”. Only in this way can we ensure the socialist orientation and proletarian nature of ideological and political education, eliminate the “bourgeois ideas about freedom, education, law, etc.”, and fight against the class will of the bourgeoisie. This explains that the use of advanced proletarian theories to carry out educational activities has become an important part of the Communist Party’s ideological activities. In order to strengthen the proletariat’s theoretical arming of innovation, Lenin also pointed out that it is necessary to overcome the “deepest and strongest ideological resistance” of capitalists. Therefore, he urged that we should not just learn without using, or just speak some fashionable words, but should “be a conscious supporter of materialism represented by Marx”. In the new era, “Marxist stance, viewpoints, and methods are the key to doing a good job”, and we need to “strengthen theoretical learning, strengthen theoretical foundation”, effectively “observe new situations, research new situations, and solve new problems”. Admittedly, this answers the key question of “what to educate” in the ideological and political education training of county-level meteorological cadres in the new era, that is, to arm the mind with the latest theories of sinicization of Marxism, grasp its basic views, scientific system, worldview, and methodology, and achieve true learning, understanding, belief, and application, so as to guide and promote the orderly development of various work.

1.3 With the aim of promoting the comprehensive development of cadres

Marxist humanistic theory highlights the core content of human nature theory, subjective generation theory, and all-round development theory, which derives the theoretical basis, source, core content, and ultimate goal of cadre network ideological and political education. Marx and Engels believed that “historical activities and thoughts are the thoughts and activities of the masses” “Ideas cannot achieve anything on their own, to achieve ideas, people who use practical power are needed”^[5]. This explains the inherent logic between ideological education activities and the realization of the comprehensive development of cadres. At the same time, Marx and Engels believed that the essence of human beings is “the free and conscious activity of the species”, “the sum of all social relations”, and “starting from oneself”. This means that cadre network ideological and political education should focus on practical activities as the content, social relations as the form, and human needs as the motivation, paying attention to the precise matching between the supply and demand of cadre network ideological and political education, and optimizing practical and social relations. Of course, human subjectivity is the subjective initiative of human beings, which means that they can actively exert their abilities to transform and create society. Marx and Engels believed that “people know how to produce according to any standard, and know how to apply the inherent standard to the object everywhere”^[6]. In line with this logic, Lenin also pointed out that “to enrich one’s mind with the understanding of all facts, without such understanding, it is impossible to become a modern educated person”^[7]. This requires cadres to start from social practice and unleash their initiative in self-directed learning. To implement the social activity of online ideological and political education for cadres, it is necessary to accurately grasp the characteristics of the education object, promote the initiative of the education subject through various channels, and achieve the comprehensive development of cadres

themselves as the ultimate goal. Of course, what kind of cadres to cultivate is an unavoidable issue in cadre network ideological and political education. Marx and Engels believed that cadres should possess the professional qualities of “understanding the conditions, processes, and general results of the proletarian movement”, and require people to study scientific socialism, in order to achieve the comprehensive development of labor ability, social relations, and free personality. Lenin also pointed out that “to manage, one must be knowledgeable, must be proficient in all aspects of production, must understand the modern level of production technology, and must have received certain scientific education”^[8]. This clarifies that the ultimate goal of cadre network ideological and political education is to promote the comprehensive development of cadres and become “experts”. In the new era, cadres should “learn from the needs of their work” and strive to “learn from what they do and make up for what they lack”. This requires county-level meteorological cadres in the new era not only to learn theoretical knowledge, but also to “learn by doing, learn by doing”, practice internal skills well, and reserve new knowledge and skills to do their job well.

2. Conclusion

Ideological and political education is an important way to enhance the modernization construction ability of county-level meteorological cadres in the new era, and is an important lever for the construction of China’s modern cadre team. By adhering to the guidance of Marxist ideological and political education theory and interpreting the theoretical direction of how to strengthen the online ideological and political education of county-level meteorological cadres in the new era, the theoretical foundation of how to do it has been laid.

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