

The Presence of Youth in the Process of Chinese Modernization

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Abstract: Chinese modernization is the only way to the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, and it is a profound process of social change and development. In this process, as the new force of social development and the most innovative social group, youth's social status and contribution should not be underestimated. This paper analyzes the unique importance and significance of youth in the development path of Chinese modernization by discussing the specific performance of youth present in the process of Chinese modernization, which provides practical guidance for promoting the all-round development of youth and the process of Chinese modernization in a better way.

Keywords: Chinese modernization; Youth; Presence; Significance

Youth is the hope of the nation and the future of the country, and it is also the backbone of building a socialist modern country. In the report of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China emphasizes the important role of youth in the process of comprehensively building a socialist modern country. In the historical process of Chinese modernization, the participation of youth groups is not only related to the overall development and value realization of individuals, but also directly related to the quality and speed of national development. With the rapid development of science and technology, the ideological concepts, behaviors, and value pursuits of youth groups have undergone tremendous changes. These changes have not only injected new vitality into the development of Chinese modernization, but also put forward higher requirements for the growth of youth themselves.

1. Youth's Presence in the Process of Chinese Modernization

In the magnificent journey of China's modernization, the youth presence refers to the active participation and contribution of young people in various fields such as economy, politics, culture, and ecological civilization. This presence is not only manifested in the development and progress of the youth group itself, but also in how they become an essential force driving the country's modernization. The presence of young people in the process of Chinese modernization, the improvement of youth's subjectivity, the positive interaction with the surrounding environment and the effective play of youth's power are the concrete manifestations of youth's presence, which reflects their responsibility and commitment.

1.1 Youth Power in Economic Construction

In the process of Chinese modernization, young people are the main forces of innovation and entrepreneurship to actively participate in economic construction. Among the newly registered registered market subjects since 2014, there are more than 5 million college entrepreneurs.^[1] In addition to the founding enterprises, many young people also actively engaged in scientific research work, and continuously injected new vitality into economic development by promoting industrial upgrading. Especially in emerging fields such as digital economy, green economy and artificial intelligence, young people have the courage to try new things and challenge traditional concepts, showing strong innovation ability and becoming an important force to promote economic transformation and upgrading.

1.2 Youth Voices in Political Participation

With the continuous progress of the construction of democracy and the rule of law, the awareness, form and ability of political participation of young people have been significantly enhanced. They express political views and participate in discussions on social hot topics through various forms such as social networks and media platforms, promoting policy formulation closer to the interests

and needs of young people. At the same time, an increasing number of youth directly participate in political life through channels such as elections, consultations, and supervision, becoming an important source of promoting political structural reform and social governance innovation.

1.3 Youth Responsibility in Cultural Inheritance

Young people are the main body of the traditional culture of the Chinese nation. They respected the tradition and have the courage to innovate. In addition to actively inheriting the traditional culture of the Chinese nation, the youth groups must also absorb and learn from the excellent cultural achievements of the world to promote the innovation and development of our country. Youth groups must actively inherit traditional Chinese culture while absorbing and learning from the world's outstanding cultural achievements to promote China's innovation and development. They promoted and carry forward our traditional culture by academic research, artistic creation, cultural exchanges and so on, which not only enriched the spiritual life of the people of Chinese people, but also enhanced the national cultural soft power and contributed to promoting the traditional Chinese culture. They built a more open and inclusive cultural environment for Chinese modernization.

1.4 Youth Action in Ecological Civilization Construction

Youth group actively responded to the national calls, participating in environmental activities such as tree-planting afforestation, energy saving and emission reduction, and garbage classification, advocating green low-carbon lifestyle, and contributing to the construction of ecological civilization. The "Clean Plate Clock in" project has attracted 1.603 million students from 1017 universities nationwide to regularly participate in food conservation actions, and related online topics exceeded 1.101 billion people.^[2] At the same time, they used technological innovations to solve environmental problems, promoting the coordination of economic development and environmental protection, contributing to the realization of the goal of a beautiful China. They added a touch of youth to Chinese modernization in environmental protection practices.

2. Theoretical Analysis of Youth Presence in the Process of Chinese Modernization

2.1 Synchronicity Between Youth and the Modernization Process

As a product of the times, young people's personal fate is closely related to the international status of the country. From an academic perspective, youth and Chinese modernization process are synchronous. Throughout the advancement of Chinese modernization, the youth group as the vanguard force runs through the whole time, showing the distinctive features synchronizing with the times. This synchronicity is not only manifested in the awakening and growth of the youth group, but also in their active integration and promotion of the modernization process.

2.2 The Internal Logic of Youth Presence

The internal logic of youth presence manifests in several dimensions. Firstly, as practical subjects, youth appeared concurrently with the historical process of Chinese modernization, becoming the pioneering force on the path of Chinese modernization. Secondly, the power of youth is embedded in the five distinct features of Chinese modernization, exhibiting qualities such as the integration of the whole and the part, the balance between the collective and the individual and so on. Lastly, from the perspective of strategic logic, the practice of youth in Chinese modernization should focus on the triple goals of strengthening the material foundation, enhancing spiritual strength, and achieving comprehensive human development.

2.3 Institutional Guarantee for Youth Presence

The realization of youth presence cannot be achieved without institutional guarantees. As an institutional arrangement for the Party to contact young people, the Communist Youth League has played an important role in guiding and serving young people and safeguarding their legitimate rights and interests. At the same time, the state has given full consideration to the will of young people and their universal aspirations for development through legislative decision-making and other means, providing a strong guarantee for their development. For instance, the issuance and implementation of documents such as "On the Youth Work of the Party" and the "Medium- and Long-Term Youth Development Plan (2016-2025)" reflect the country's great importance and institutional support for youth development.

3. Unique Significance of Youth in the Process of Chinese Modernization

In the magnificent journey of Chinese modernization, youth groups, with their unique vitality and creativity, have become the key force driving social progress and economic development. This process is not only a comprehensive innovation in economy, politics, culture, and ecology but also a profound call for youth's responsibilities and missions. Firstly, youth played the role of innovation leaders in Chinese modernization. They dared to break through the shackles of tradition and explore unknown areas,

and they are the first recipients and spreader of new technologies, ideas, and cultures. In the field of scientific and technological innovation, young scientists and engineers have overcome one technical problem after another with keen insight and unremitting efforts, providing a strong scientific and technological support for Chinese modernization. At the same time, their innovative spirit and entrepreneurial passion have also stimulated the innovative vitality of the whole society, and promoted the optimization and upgrading of the economic structure and the modernization of the industrial system. Secondly, youth groups are the cornerstone of talent in the process of Chinese modernization. With the continuous development of education, the overall quality of youth groups has been significantly improved. They not only have solid professional knowledge, but also have good comprehensive quality and international vision. These outstanding talents provided a steady stream of human resources for Chinese modernization, injecting new vitality and motivation into the development of various industries. Furthermore, youth played a bridging role in cultural inheritance and innovation in the process of Chinese modernization. They not only respected the tradition, but also had the courage to innovate. On the basis of inheriting the fine traditional Chinese culture, they actively absorbed the beneficial elements of foreign cultures and promoted the creative transformation and innovative development of Chinese culture. The integration and collision of culture not only enriched the cultural connotation of Chinese modernization, but also enhanced China's cultural soft power and international influence. Youth played an irreplaceable unique role in the process of Chinese modernization, and they injected strong vitality into Chinese modernization. Therefore, we should attach great importance to the growth and development of youths, providing them with a better growth environment and more development opportunities, so that young people will bloom more gorgeous glory in the great practice of Chinese modernization.

4. Conclusion

The report of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China points out that “the whole Party should take youth work as a strategic task.”^[3] Without youth, history cannot be continued; without youth, how can modernization be achieved? Reality is not only the continuation of history but also the anticipation and aspiration for the future. In the process of realizing Chinese modernization, the Communist Party of China has always regarded youth as a crucial force in building the path of Chinese modernization. Respecting, trusting, and relying on youth are important strategic measures for realizing Chinese modernization. The advancement of Chinese modernization requires the arduous struggle and creative efforts of generations of youth. The youth of the new era should respond to the call of the times with practical actions, always maintain the dual “presence” state of spirit and action, live up to the high expectations given by the Party and the people, and jointly write a new chapter of Chinese modernization.

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