

Research on the Cultivation of Contemporary College Students' Rule of Law Literacy

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Abstract: The rule of law is an important part of the core socialist values and an inevitable choice for contemporary China. How to effectively improve the rule of law literacy of college students is an inevitable choice for the construction of socialism with Chinese characteristics and the need to implement the basic strategy of the country according to the rule of law. This paper aims to explore the practical significance, existing problems and approaches of cultivating college students' legal literacy, so as to promote the cultivation of contemporary college students' legal literacy in China.

Keywords: College Students; Rule of Law Literacy; Cultivation

Introduction

Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, China has attached great importance to building socialist rule of law with Chinese characteristics, implemented the strategy of comprehensively following the rule of law, and made steady progress in building the rule of law in China. The improvement of citizens' legal literacy is an important part of the national legal construction. Xi Jinping pointed out that we should “improving the rule of law and moral standards of the whole nation” .^[1] In 2021, the Eighth Five-Year Plan for Law Popularization emphasizes once again that: As China enters a new stage of development, it is urgent to further enhance citizens' literacy in the rule of law and promote the whole society to respect, learn and abide by the law. As the builders and successors of the socialist cause in the new era, the improvement of college students' rule of law literacy is of great significance to the construction of socialist rule of law with Chinese characteristics and the improvement of the rule of law literacy of the whole society.

1. The practical significance of cultivating college students' role of law literacy

1.1 It is the necessary requirement for realizing advancing law-based governance

“Comprehensive promotion of advancing law-based governance requires the participation of the whole society and the need to enhance the concept of the rule of law in society that must promote the spirit of socialist rule of law in the whole society and construct the socialist rule of law culture.”^[2] Only by instilling the consciousness of the rule of law into the masses, making it their belief, and allowing the masses to participate in the practice and construction of the rule of law, can we ensure the implementation and realization of the rule of law. As an important group of people of law-based governance, college students have independent way of thinking and can distinguish right from wrong well. They are the mainstay of future national construction. As the builders of the rule of law construction, the rule of law literacy of college students themselves basically reflects the level of the rule of law literacy of Chinese citizens in the future. Therefore, whether college students have the rule of law literacy not only has a significant impact on the level of citizens' rule of law literacy, but also

has a strategic, fundamental and long-term impact on ensuring the realization of the comprehensive rule of law and promoting the construction of national rule of law.

1.2 It is the important guarantee for carrying forward core socialist values

The rule of law is an important content of core socialist values. Strengthening the cultivation of college students' quality of rule of law is the proper meaning of carrying forward core socialist values. The value of rule of law is closely linked and organically unified with other core socialist values. If the quality of the rule of law is lacking, the value of the rule of law cannot be firmly established. That will restrict the cultivation and practice of other core values such as democracy, freedom, equality and justice, and will be difficult to promote the core socialist values. Therefore, only by strengthening the cultivation of rule of law literacy among college students, guiding them to internalize the spirit of rule of law and externalize it and truly learning, respecting, abiding by, using and protecting the law can the values of rule of law take root and germinate in the hearts of college students and the socialist core values be put into practice.

1.3 It is the inner need of personal healthy growth

The cultivation of university students' rule of law literacy helps them to develop rule of law values, and guides them to consciously use rule of law thinking and legal knowledge to analyze and solve real-life problems, both in law as a powerful weapon, safeguard their rights and law-abiding, perform their duty, to the rule of law to promote the healthy growth of the individual. At present, the situation of weak awareness of the rule of law and lack of rule of law literacy is by no means an isolated case in the process of growth and development of college students. Some college students have embarked on the path of delinquency during their college studies, which seriously affects and hinders their healthy growth. Therefore, strengthening the cultivation of law literacy of college students is conducive to the awakening of legal awareness, guide them to actively and orderly participate in the practice of the construction of socialist legal system with Chinese characteristics, so as to meet the internal needs of all-round development of college students and promote their healthy growth.

2. Problems in the cultivation of college students' rule of law literacy

2.1 College students' rule of law literacy needs urgent improvement

At present, through the rule of law education in the whole society, college students' rule of law quality has been improved, and their understanding of the spirit of rule of law has been deepened, which has achieved certain results. However, from the "Fudan poisoning case" and other cases of illegal crimes committed by college students to the repeated violations of college students' rights and interests such as campus loans in recent years, all reflect the current situation of the lack of rule of law literacy among college students to varying degrees. Some college students think that the law is far away from their lives, and their understanding of the rule of law is superficial, one-sided and simple, which leads to the lack of enthusiasm to actively learn the knowledge of the rule of law, resulting in the lack of cognition of the rule of law, unstable belief in the rule of law, weak thinking of the rule of law and other phenomena.

2.2 The cultivation of college students' legal literacy is Insufficient

The lack of effort and attention to the cultivation of rule of law literacy among college students in some colleges and universities is another hindrance to the cultivation of college students' rule of law literacy. It is mainly manifested in two aspects: Firstly, the cultivation of college students' rule of law literacy lacks systematization. It is very fragmented and the course of rule of law education for non-law students is relatively single, mainly the course of "Ideological Morality and Rule of Law" opened in freshman year. It is generally limited to teaching some basic knowledge of law and less for the part of law and the learning time. In the limited teaching, there will be a problem of tight class hours and heavy tasks, and it is difficult to teach students according to their aptitude and resulting in poor teaching effect; Secondly, the cultivation of college students' legal literacy lacks practicality. At present, the cultivation mode of college students' law literacy is mainly based on the indoctrination of legal theory knowledge, which is limited to classroom teaching. This makes practical education insufficient

and lacks ways to train college students' rule of law literacy in practice, resulting in a certain degree of disconnect between college students' theoretical ability and practical ability in the rule of law, so that making it difficult to externalize the legal knowledge they have learned and unable to scientifically, timely and accurately apply rule of law thinking, rule of law ability and rule of law means to solve the difficulties they encounter.

3. The path of cultivating college students' rule of law literacy

3.1 Activating college students' consciousness of rule of law

The cultivation of college students' law literacy should focus on activating their legal consciousness and cultivating their legal thinking. The main goal is to guide college students to become faithful admirers, conscientious abiders and firm defenders of the socialist rule of law, and to cultivate their awareness of the rule of law and thinking about the rule of law with bottom-line thinking, awareness of rules, the concept of rights and obligations, the spirit of contract and belief in the rule of law as the main contents. On the basis of mastering certain legal knowledge, students should be guided to explore and think about the origin and connotation of the rule of law, the great significance of good law and good governance to individuals, society and the country, and the value orientation of socialist rule of law with Chinese characteristics. It will make them rise from the knowledge level of knowing the law to the level of consciousness such as rule consciousness, democracy consciousness and responsibility consciousness, so that the value implication of the rule of law such as freedom, equality, fairness and justice is internalized in their hearts and form a solid and conscious rule of law consciousness and rule of law thinking.

3.2 Cultivating the foundation of rule of law literacy through curriculum

reform

First of all, ideological and political courses should play a leading role as the main channel of legal education. Taking Xi Jinping's thoughts on the rule of law as the guidance of the times, combining the characteristics of the curriculum, integrating rule of law education into classroom teaching, , so as to timely convey the theory and spirit of the rule of law to students and reflect The Times of education. Secondly, by setting up law-related courses, inviting well-known experts, scholars and legal practitioners to give lectures on cases. The content should mainly focus on knowledge relevant to college students such as beware of employment traps and new types of frauds to effectively help college students cope with difficult problems in their lives and improve the relevance of education.

3.3 Innovating the practice form of cultivating law literacy

The rule of law literacy of young students also needs to be improved and improved in the process of understanding national conditions, deepening reality and participating in practice. The society, government, enterprises, mass organizations and colleges and universities should work together to expand the channels of practical education. Through the construction of practical education base, students are encouraged to actively participate in off-campus social practice and rewarded by comprehensive assessment. Such as Organize students to become volunteers in community law popularization, lead students to conduct off-campus law preaching, guide students to participate in public legal aid and arrange students to go to judicial organs for internship. In this way, college students will be placed in the atmosphere of the rule of law society, participate in the construction of the rule of law in society, test their knowledge and improve themselves in practice. At the same time, the campus cultural activities and campus network should also be infiltrated with rule of law practice activities, such as regular mock courts, legal knowledge competitions, legal advisory services and other activities, and take "12-4" National Constitution Day as an opportunity to carry out education activities on the theme of National Constitution Day, so as to nourish the rule of law literacy of college students in practice.

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