

# Discussion on the Consciousness Level of Community and Its Ethical Construction

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**Abstract:** As the premise of individual survival, the community is constantly constructed in the process of human civilization progress. At present, there are few literatures on the study of community consciousness, which in the final analysis is the lack of theoretical basis for its construction of consciousness. Therefore, this study analyzes the construction process of community consciousness from three aspects: the consciousness level of community construction, the construction path and the value concept of ethical community, so as to build the ethical system of community research and improve the theoretical basis of community research.

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As an foreign concept, community has its broad significance in that it is a social group based on some commonality. “Community” is based on the survival of individuals, and there is a close connection between individuals, both are indispensable. The relationship between community and individual is not only a measure of the development of human community<sup>[1]</sup>, but also to observe the state of human freedom. The concept of community originated in the ancient Greek period, which was expounded by Plato and Aristotle. The most original explanation is that when individuals cannot rely on their own to meet their own needs, it is necessary to convene other individuals to form a group, and each individual within the group should rely on each other to meet the different needs of each individual, and then the public residential area of this group is called a community. Therefore, “community” is defined in this study as an organic organizational group created by a group of people with common beliefs, directions and purposes in pursuit of common interests and common good. A community understood based on this concept is a group established to meet people’s needs and strive for common interests and common good.

## 1. The emergence of a sense of community

A community is made up of people, so individuals are a very important constituent element in a community. Then the sense of community is also composed of many individual consciousness. Then you can examine the sense of community from an individual point of view. Individual consciousness is innate, which can be divided into autonomous consciousness and passive consciousness. Passive consciousness can be called an unconscious consciousness. Like getting food to fill your stomach, or multiplying. These are relying on the self instinct to complete things, is no need to realize what. There is no difference between humans and animals in this respect. Autonomous consciousness is a kind of conscious consciousness, which is a kind of self-consciousness driven by personal thoughts. This sense of autonomy is not common to everyone, and the people with it must be mature and have the characteristics of human life. That is to say, the people with this sense of autonomy must first develop healthily, and second, they must have the characteristics of the group life, rather than the people who live independently from the group. So the community consciousness refers to the self-consciousness, which is a kind of inward consciousness. This consciousness is not generated spontaneously. It is slowly produced in the moral habits and self-discipline cultivated in the later period.

## **2. Ethical construction at the level of community construction consciousness**

### **2.1 Cultivate the concept of family community**

Individual is the constituent element of the community, and family is the ethical nature of the community. Family is the smallest community composed of men and women, which is mainly composed of marriage and blood relations voluntarily by men and women. It is a common life that can be maintained through love, mutual respect and mutual care and emotion. In other words, the family is a micro-community based on the relationship of father, mother and children, and it is the most important community of community experiences. It still serves as a natural life community in today's human life. As a natural communication community, the family is gradually marginalized in the agitation of human civilization, but it still acts as the most important life community in people's private life and the communication community linked by the affection and love.

### **2.2 The integration group tends to be equal**

No matter how sound, perfect family community will eventually face disintegration, as the children age, after being admitted as adults have legal personality, namely they have the ability to have free property and have the right to form a family, constitute their free personality of the first family will have to retreat to a secondary position, this situation belongs to the natural disintegration. Therefore, in order to properly distinguish good and evil, we must be separated from the natural community into a free individual, and then integrated into a new collective. This new collective can be composed of friends, partners, acquaintances, close neighbors, etc., or can be composed of people without any intersection. In the new collective, people can use trust and friendship. Clear communication norms can enable the new collective to better achieve justice and gradually tend to equality. Aristotle believed that it is difficult to build friendship between people based on trust, and that in his view, only individuals with good character can build friendship. Trust is indispensable in the community of communication and life, so only excellent individuals in the community can establish friendship seems not consistent with the actual situation. Trust between people can completely trust both parties to each other. So gaining trust is a catalyst for improving your dignity. Trust can make themselves in the process of releasing pressure and relieve the body and mind. In addition, in the process of building trust with the other party, they also shoulder the responsibility of the other party's commitment to themselves and the lasting friendship between the two sides.

### **2.3 Ethics awareness of the community**

The ethical consciousness of the community is the conscious community, which refers to the community as lust and impulse<sup>[2]</sup>. Members can win the will in the community of consciousness, this will is free, is a truly unlimited free will. A true community of consciousness is only by helping people realize free will and realizing that it exists and depends on it. About the Will When constructing the view of the country, Hegel once believed that the country was the reality of ethical concepts, and that it was the ethical spirit taken as a displayed, self-aware substantive will. The spirit of the country as the earth is able to realize itself and to make itself real, and then as another thing in nature, as a dormant spirit. That is a real country when it knows that it exists in consciousness and that it is the object of its existence. The primary task of whether a community of consciousness or a community of countries is to enable the internal members to act exactly as they think, and to have a full and free will. The freedom of this study is the freedom to be regulated by reason, not the freedom to desire from bondage. Only when freedom is realized can he become a free man in the true sense, and then have rights. Individual power and obligations are equal, with as much power as they have, and vice versa. But in the general will and the special will, the obligations and rights are the same. Rights come from concepts of self-consciousness and concepts of reason rather than people. The individual is only the owner of the power, and he is the representative of the many people who have the power.

## **3. The values of the ethical community**

In the process of building a community, human beings explore the ideal construction path by virtue of the constructed rationality and self-consciousness, which not only shows that human beings have become citizens after separating from the most comfortable family, but also become free-will people while having rights and obligations. The essence of free will belongs to the ethical spirit, which symbolizes that human beings can embark on a spiritual journey to realize the freedom of will. Reason is particularly important. This also emphasizes that the ethical construction of the community must have practical significance such as justice, rationality and friendship.

### **3.1 Building an ethical community based on justice**

Justice, as one of the categories of ethics, contains fairness and justice, justice and integrity, without any partiality. This can also be called one of the virtues of communication behavior. Aristotle also held a similar view, he believed that justice is the overall virtue of communication behavior, justice must be complete. Because it is complete, those who are just and virtuous can apply their virtue not

only to themselves, but also to their good virtue to others. In addition, Liao Shenbai also believes that justice is an extremely important behavior of morality, and also the most important morality in the communication community. Justice can encourage individuals to be a good citizen, and then, encourage individuals to tend to do just and just things<sup>[3]</sup>.

### **3.2 Building an ethical community with reason as its purpose**

Reason is the will and ability of human beings to carry out various behavioral activities according to their own knowledge and laws, which is developed in human cognition, thinking and practical activities. The purpose of rational existence is to provide a suitable environment for the subjects in the community, and then to use fair and reasonable words and norms of conduct and to ensure that the members within the community can obtain equality and freedom. After all, as a rational animal, man should eventually follow reason and live a rational life. A community constructed with the purpose of reason will be just, reasonable and equal. The members of the community can also reach a consensus and gain the freedom to regulate with reason. Not the unfettered freedom.

### **3.3 Building an ethical community based on the premise of friendship**

Friendship is the virtuous person with “friends” or “partners”, and in the process of mutual attraction, mutual attachment, mutual trust, mutual understanding, mutual help, and mutual learning. Friendship is one of the essential emotional elements in our common life. Friendship has always existed in the community, on the premise that the members of the community treat themselves and their friends how. Every body in the community wants the existence of friends, the reason is that every body has the desire to share, and life wants to share the sour, sweet, bitter and hot with friends. This behavior is very helpful for the venting of negative emotions such as mental stress and burden. Similarly, according to Aristotle, a perfect friendship was an established feeling between a dignified individual and a similar German person. Such friendship with “virtue” makes both sides treat each other sincerely and become true friends.

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