

# People-oriented is a New Leap in the Theory of All-Round Human Development

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**Abstract.** The all-round and free development of human beings is the subject for which Marx and Engels struggled all his life in theoretical exploration and practice, and it is a never-ending process. "People-oriented" is the Sinicization of the Marxist theory of all-round and free development of man, and is the original inheritance and innovative development under realistic conditions.

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## 1. Introduction

As a great program of scientific communism, the manifesto of the communist party (hereinafter referred to as the manifesto) puts forward the key points that need to be further studied and explored in various aspects around the comprehensive and free development of human beings. In it, "instead of the old bourgeois society in which classes and classes opposed each other, there will be such a union, where the free development of every individual is a condition for the free development of all." [1] (P294) this sentence condenses the core content of marxist values and has been regarded as a relatively representative expression of marxist values in recent years. At present, as the core content of the scientific development concept, people-oriented inherits and develops the important thought of marxism, which makes China's development turn from excessive attention to economic society to realistic concern for people.

## 2. Theoretical Basis: Marxism's Understanding of "Man"

Marx and Engels believed that "the first premise of the whole human history is undoubtedly the existence of living individuals". [1] (P67) the people here, is not abstract, "but the reality of the individual, that is to say, these individuals are engaged in activities, material production, so it is in a certain matter, not swayed by their arbitrary boundaries, the premise and condition of the", [1] (71-72) is an essential property of rich objective existence. In "the free development of everyone is the condition for the free development of all", "everyone" refers to all individuals, including members of the former ruling class who have been overthrown. According to Engels, it is to "create living conditions for all so that each may freely develop the nature of the other." [2](P626) when clarifying the theory of human liberation, the declaration stated the essence of human beings from the perspective of the social relations and class relations of capitalism, and further developed the idea that the essence of human beings is the sum total of social relations. And "people-oriented" in the people, refers to the most broad masses of the people. In contemporary China, it is the broad masses of the people, including all strata of society, who are dominated by workers, peasants, intellectuals and other workers. Here, the positioning of all social classes is consistent with the orientation of "everyone" in the declaration (including members of the overthrown ruling class), and the scope of "the broadest masses of the people" is also consistent with the definition of "all people" in the declaration.

In *das kapital*, Marx also cares about people, cares about people. The object that his economics studies is not thing, however person, it is the relation between person and person. In his profound revelation of commodity fetishism, currency fetishism and capital fetishism, he clarified the relationship between people and always took the liberation of people as the fundamental goal. Especially in the analysis of capitalist production process, the total circulation process and production process, completely opened the mysterious veil of capitalism, the content and content of the

relationship of the relationship between perspective and saw the man's all-round and free development is the ultimate goal of human history development, show a deep understanding of human nature, suitable for people's comprehensive and free development of a strong focus on social conditions. "Putting people first" insists that people are the main body of development, that development is for the people, that development depends on the people, and that the fruits of development are Shared by the people. This and "das kapital" has always put people as the research object, pay attention to people, the development of people have the same line of value appeal.

### **3. Theoretical Interpretation: "The Comprehensive and Free Development of Human Beings"**

"The free development of man". The free development of human beings pursued by marxism means the development of human individuality, personality, creativity and independence to the maximum extent without any hindrance. The focus is on the free, individual, comprehensive development of the individual. "Declaration" is the proletariat in the realistic movement and the pursuit of value of the problem of free development of people, see the conditions of capitalism people's one-sided development or even abnormal development of social reality. Therefore, only by abolishing capitalist private ownership can each individual have his own personality and become the subject of free development. At this time, individual development is not at the expense of others' development, but also creates conditions for each other's development. That is to say, "in a class society, one's development is impeded by class relations, while in a communist society, one's development is not impeded by class relations. This is called free development. [3](P14) to achieve this development goal, "communists can summarize their theory in one sentence: the elimination of private ownership". [1](P286) its essence is to "eliminate the individuality, independence and freedom of the bourgeois". [1](P287) in this case, only human beings can be fully developed in various free activities, which Marx called the reduction of human beings to themselves or the humanization of human beings. Similarly, in *das kapital*, "the free development of human beings" includes not only the universal and comprehensive development of individual ability and personal relationship, but also the development of free personality. Marx regards the communist society as a society in which the comprehensive and free development of everyone is the basic principle, and also a society in which the comprehensive and free development of people is finally realized. This is entirely consistent with the declaration's definition of communism as "the commonwealth of the free development of all" and fundamentally distinguishes it from all the old societies. Of course, free development here does not mean that we can develop however we want without any resistance. The concept of freedom here is not abstract or liberal or anarchist. From this view, marxism believes that the free development of people in the future society is premised on getting rid of class oppression, and is the free development of people's ability, relationship and personality. People-oriented is precisely the absorption of marxism on the free development of human thought, pay attention to the multi-level needs of people to meet, improve the overall quality of people.

"Free development for all" and "comprehensive development". "The free development of every person is the condition for the free development of all people. On the face of it, this sentence is a bit confusing. "the free development of everyone" and "the free development of all people" seem to have the same meaning. However, "everyone" and "all people" are two different concepts in this sentence, the former refers to the "individual", the latter to the "whole", the former to the "present", the latter to the "future". Therefore, this sentence, as a concluding point of view of the declaration, is intrinsically linked to the overall thought elucidated in the declaration. Only in this way, it will not deviate from the original idea in the understanding. On the relationship between "free development" and "comprehensive development", Marx believes that "free development" is the premise of "comprehensive development". Without "free development", "comprehensive development" is meaningless. In a word, the all-round development of people based on free development embodies the social ideal and value orientation of marxism, is a real progress process, and clarifies the development direction for the current insist on people-oriented.

#### **4. Theoretical Trend: "Material-oriented" Returns to "People-oriented"**

According to historical materialism, the main body and motive force of human social development is the sum of productive relations, and the ultimate goal of development is the development of man himself. In China's decades of socialist construction and reform, several generations of central leading collectives have pondered and paid attention to the issue of human development in different periods. However, the influence left by the thought of "weights are light on people" is by no means an overnight thing. It has led to the blind pursuit of GDP and the "blind pursuit of people" in a very long period of time. The current central leadership has re-examined the problems in development and put forward the scientific outlook on development in a timely manner. Its core people-orientation is not only the faithful inheritance of marxist thoughts on human development, but also the realistic negation of the concept of "material-oriented" development. It can be said that people-oriented is a new leap of marxist theory on the comprehensive development of human beings in contemporary China. Because on the basis of marxist theory of all-round development of man, it scientifically answers such basic questions as for whom to develop, by whom to develop and how to distribute the fruits of development. It clarifies who is the practical subject and the value subject of development, and solves the major directional problems in seeking development and promoting development. It is the new crystallization of the scientific understanding of the law of socialist construction, the law of the ruling of the communist party and the law of the development of human society in the new stage.

The leap practice goal is the person's comprehensive and the free development. People-oriented fundamental focus is to promote the all-round development of people, people-centered, people-oriented purposes. Its development is reflected in three levels: the first level is to fully meet the needs of people. It includes meeting people's material, cultural and political needs, as well as the needs of human development for the natural ecological environment and social ecological environment. The second level is to comprehensively improve people's quality. Including people's ideological and moral quality, scientific and cultural quality, physical quality and psychological quality. The third level is to give full play to people's talents, including giving full play to their enthusiasm, initiative and creativity through guidance, education, competition and incentive mechanism. The three levels are interdependent organic unity, detailing the content of human development, and setting the ultimate practical goal of people-oriented on the comprehensive and free development of human. Therefore, the people-oriented understanding of the fundamental purpose of human social development is the same as that of Marx and Engels, but it involves a clearer level of human development and is more in line with the development needs of real people. At the present stage, it injects a new era connotation into the marxist theory of all-round and free development, realizes the realistic leap of the theory of all-round and free development, and further advances the scientific exploration and understanding of the theory of human development by our party in the new period of reform and opening up. Therefore, people-orientation is the specific application and development of the core proposition of the declaration on the future society in the practice of contemporary China, as well as the core value pursuit of solving various contradictions in development and guiding the cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics. Then, until the communist society fully realizes "the comprehensive and free development of everyone", we should always adhere to the people-oriented principle and create conditions for the ultimate realization of the comprehensive and free development of people. In this way, the thinking of development is clearer and the goal of development is firmer.

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In a word, Marxism is the unity of science and value. Its scientific nature is reflected in revealing the objective law of human social development, and its value is reflected in elevating the subject status of human beings and establishing the lofty goal of human all-round and free development. In combination with the reality, our party puts forward the idea of putting people first so as to make marxism "the comprehensive and free development of people" move from theory to practice and realize a new leap in the process of sinicization. Practice has proved that all the efforts we have made now and even in the future for human development have not exceeded the expectations of Marx in

that year. Marx's theory of "the comprehensive and free development of human beings" is still a great thought guiding us to build socialism with Chinese characteristics.

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