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Analysis of the Construction Elements and Paths of the New Generations' Responsibility Ethics*

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Abstract—The report of the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China puts forward the goal of educating people of the "new generation of the times", which has important theoretical and practical significance. It is a new requirement for the mission of ideological and political education in the new era, new contradictions and new ideas. What kind of new generation of the times should cultivate and how to cultivate the new generation are the issues that must be clarified in the ideological and political education under the new situation. Strengthening the cultivation of new generation in the era must be combined with responsibility ethics. Responsibility ethics is of great value to the growth and social development of contemporary young individuals, and is also the vane of moral construction in the whole society and even in the future.

Keywords—new generations of the times; responsibility ethics; implementation path

I. INTRODUCTION

Each era has the development appeal of this era, and thus gives people of this era a specific mission and responsibility. No matter in which era, for education, the primary core issue is what kind of people to train. Entering a new era, building and developing socialism with Chinese characteristics needs to cultivate new generation in the era who can shoulder the heavy responsibility of national rejuvenation, which is the new connotation goal that the new era has given to China's educational development. Specifically, what kind of new generation to cultivate and how to nurture new generation in the times is a new topic that the whole society pays close attention to.

II. RESPONSIBILITY ETHICS: CULTIVATING THE VALUE APPEAL OF NEW GENERATIONS OF THE TIMES

General Secretary Xi Jinping stated in the report of the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China: "The core values of socialism are the concentrated expression of the contemporary Chinese spirit and condense the common pursuit of values of all people. It is necessary to

focus on cultivating new generation in the era of national rejuvenation, strengthen education guidance, practice development, and institutional guarantees, and give play to the leading role of socialist core values in national education, spiritual civilization creation, and spiritual and cultural product creation and production. The core values of the society should be integrated into all aspects of social development and transformed into people's emotional identity and behavioral habits." [1] It can be said that this is the first time the general secretary put forward the expression of "new generation of the times". This important ideological point of view profoundly answers the fundamental issues of the party's "cultivating what kind of people, how to train people, and who to train people for" in the new era, and points out the direction for the cultivation of talents with socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era. For the concept of new generation of the times, two aspects should be understood and grasped:

A. The Cognition of the Times

Although the new generation of the times has been proposed since the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, this concept can't be understood in a narrow way, but should be treated comprehensively in the historical development process. As mentioned before, people of every age, especially the young people of the times have their specific missions and responsibilities in this era. Therefore, for them, they can be called "new generation of the times" in their era. Since the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, socialism with Chinese characteristics has entered a new era. This era is different from any previous period and has its distinct new characteristics. Entering the new era, the principal contradiction in China has changed from the contradiction between the people's ever-growing material and cultural needs and backward social production to the contradiction between the people's ever-growing needs for a better life and unbalanced and inadequate development. This is precisely because economic development has entered a new normal condition, the political road has become increasingly mature and stable, and the ecological environment has been restored in an orderly manner, which not only gives people satisfaction, enjoyment, security and happiness in material life, but also gives them more respect and recognition in spirit and value, and gives them a sense of accomplishment

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and participation. Entering the new era, the Party Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping as the core continues to adhere to the people-centered development concept, and puts forward the priority policy of developing education, precision poverty alleviation and winning the fight against poverty to achieve the grand blueprint and improve the social governance ability for China's comprehensive well-off society in 2020 so as to benefit people's livelihood. Also due to the rapid rise of China in the 40 years of reform and opening up and the status quo of the world, people are more confident in entering a new era. People are confident in China and their future. The Chinese voice is more resounding on the world stage. The One Belt and One Road, the Chinese dream, the community with shared future for mankind and a series of new words that represent the Chinese culture and spirit are constantly showing Chinese characteristics, which make people more determined to "four self-confidence" in the new era, and strengthen people's mission and responsibility in this era to be the "new generations of the times".

B. Grasping the New Generations

There will be something old if there is something new, then what is new and what is old? In the view of dialectical materialism, the new concept is corresponding to the old, both of which are constantly changing and developing in the process of social history. For the concept of new generation, it is also a concept of relativity, and it cannot be fixed to a certain type or a certain period. In short, new generations are people who meet the latest needs of social development at a particular stage (or period). From this point of view, the new generation of the times proposed by the 19th National Congress specifically pointed to the specific historical period of the new era, that is, the historical stage in which the Chinese nation achieved great rejuvenation. The new generation at this stage is different from the "New Youth" who saved the country and saved the people in the 20th century. They are young people with the historical mission and responsibility of building a socialist modernization power with Chinese characteristics on the basis of the rapid development of science and technology in the 21st century. In other words, new generation must be closely linked to the times, must reflect the characteristics of the times, respond to the demands of the times, and meet the needs of the times. Therefore, compared with the past, "new generations of the times" are new in thinking, responsibility and action. New generations of the times are also the mainstay of building the great cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics and realizing the great dream of national rejuvenation. Therefore, cultivating new generations in the era is the key to promoting innovation and upgrading China's national strength. It also points out the goals and requirements for promoting people's all-round development and the way to realize the all-round progress of society. For the vast majority of young people who coincide with the historical opportunities of national rejuvenation, the new era means both responsibility and responsibility, and also means a broad stage for growth and development. The General Secretary is full of expectations for contemporary youth, the core group of the new generation, pointing out that the value orientation of the

youth determines the value orientation of the whole society in the future; it is necessary to release the youthful passion and pursue the youthful ideal in the struggle. He has repeatedly emphasized that the youth should "button up the first button up of life" and that "the majority of young people are pieces of jade, often with the true, the good and the beautiful to carve their own, continue to cultivate noble conduct and simple feelings, and strive to become a noble person" so as to establish the correct moral values and sense of social responsibility. Responsibility ethics emphasizes the high level of responsibility to regulate practice behavior, pays attention to the actor's responsibility for the consequences of his actions, emphasizes a sense of responsibility, requires the activity subject to analyze the situation, to be flexible, and spontaneously be responsible to people and things. In short, responsibility ethics is to examine human behavior from the perspective of ethics, and to conduct moral prejudgment and value guidance on the possible consequences, so as to promote people's moral values. It can be seen that responsibility ethics is a responsibility and ethical review based on the present and facing the future, reflecting the value appeals cultivated by the new generation of the times.

III. THE BASIC ELEMENTS OF THE ETHICAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW GENERATIONS' RESPONSIBILITY

The cultivation of new generation in the era has its distinctive characteristics of the times. This objectively requires that the mission of the times must be based on the mission of the times and the objectives of the new generation in the times. As mentioned earlier, responsibility ethics emphasizes responsibility from an ethical perspective. Young people of the new era, as the core group of new generation of the times, bear the historical responsibility of striving to realize the "two hundred years" goals and realize the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. "Having ideals, abilities, and responsibilities" is the most basic and core quality requirement for new people of the times.

A. The Firm Ideals and Beliefs as well as Solid Spiritual Foundation

The ideal is the longing and pursuit of the future society formed by people in practice. The belief is the attitude that people firmly believe and actively realize on the basis of certain understanding. The pursuit of ideals means that trust is correct and achievable, and that trust itself is a belief. Whether the new generation of the times have ideals and beliefs is not only related to their own growth and talents, but also to the future and future destiny of the entire socialist cause, and to the smooth realization of the great cause of the Chinese nation's rejuvenation. General Secretary Xi Jinping pointed out that "the ideal and belief is the 'calcium' of the Communists' spirit, without ideals and beliefs, the ideals and beliefs are not firm, and the spirit will be 'calcium deficiency', and people will get 'chondropathy'." [2] "New generation" must first have ideals and dreams, which is also the precondition and internal motivation for the new generation



of the times to practice their skills and shoulder the burden of history.

The ideals and beliefs of the new generation of the times are mainly embodied in the establishment of the common ideal of communism and the common ideal of socialism with Chinese characteristics. It is necessary to be a firm believer, which is the unswerving attitude of the new generation to the future and the development of the country and the nation, provides foundation for the new generation to create a new era and is the overall embodiment of the outlook on life, values and worldview on the goal of struggle. To be confident in the path, theory, system and culture of socialism with Chinese characteristics and to be ambitious strivers in the new era are the core requirements for new generations to the era. Supported by firm ideals and beliefs, with the eternal youthful background, the dream will eventually light up the reality to provide a strong and lasting motivation for the new generation to integrate the youth dream into the Chinese dream and shoulder the task of national rejuvenation, and firm the new generation's confidence and determination to realize the great dream.

B. The Excellent Ability to Consolidate Their Own Abilities

"Being capable" is a realistic response and practical test of "having ideals". It is the ability requirement for the new generation to cultivate the connotation of the times. Xi Jinping values the role of youth's quality and ability in the Chinese dream, and has always stressed that young people must "master the true skill and genuine knowledge and practice excellent ability". [3] "Being capable" is especially important support for the new generation in the era of national rejuvenation. It reflects the ability of "how to achieve" of the new generation. Therefore, the excellent ability, by increasing knowledge and enriching experience, is the concrete power to realize lofty ambitions and assume responsibility for the times. It is the youthful energy of the new generations of the times to achieve their goals in life. It is the important factor in mastering the construction of the motherland and the real talents of the times. This is also the guarantee for the Communist members to lead the people through all difficulties and obstacles and lead the cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics to develop continuously. At present, facing the changes in the world, the national conditions, and the party's conditions, the "ability panic" affects the realization of the goal to a certain extent as well as the realization of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. It is the urgent need of the new generation to build the great cause of socialism to have the spirit of doing solid work and the outstanding ability. Therefore, having the ability is the foundation for the new generation of the times to undertake the national rejuvenation. Seeking genuine knowledge, practicing real skills and possessing rich knowledge and professional skills are the important cornerstones for the new generation to achieve all-round development. Xi Jinping demanded that the young people "boost the basic knowledge and update the knowledge in a timely manner, not only study the theory but also actively master the skills, and constantly improve the quality and ability to adapt to the development of the times and the

requirements of the cause". [2] It is the inevitable requirement for the new generation to take on the social progress and development to strive to be both virtuous and competent, to push forward great undertakings with real talents, to constantly strengthen innovation and keep pace with the times. It is an instinct to practice hard skills. Being capable and being willing to do solid work is the necessary foundation for the new generations of the times to undertake the national rejuvenation and contribute to the country and the people.

C. The Strong Sense of Responsibility to Achieve Selfachievement

Taking responsibility is the spirit of the times, which means taking the initiative to shoulder the great responsibility of national rejuvenation. It is a fine tradition of the Chinese nation to dare to think, do, act and take responsibility. It is what the times demand, the nation hopes and the people expect. "Having the responsibility" is the spiritual outlook of the new generations in the era of national rejuvenation. It reflects the question of "what kind of mental state to strive for" and it is the standard of the new generations of the times. For the individual, the new generations of the times must have ideals and pursuits, and the pursuit, motivation and backbones of life must be supported by the spirit of responsibility. Cultivating the beliefs, confidence, will and courage to be responsible can make the undertaking become a kind of consciousness so as to realize the personal life value. It is necessary to experience in the undertaking to grow up in doing one's duty. For the collective, the realization of the great rejuvenation is the greatest dream of the Chinese nation. The new era is the era closest to this dream. The new journey of the Chinese nation to "be strong" requires new generations with a strong and conscious sense of responsibility, with the political courage to dare to innovate, actively create a new course in the development of socialism with Chinese characteristics, which is also the scientific connotation of the new generation of the times. In the complex and ever-changing international environment and domestic situation, in the task of realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, no matter major challenges, major difficulties, or major contradictions, it is necessary for people to dare to carry out complex struggles, which have provided young people with valuable opportunities to make their lives colorful and realize their values. It is the spiritual essence of the new generations of the times to have a strong sense of responsibility, thus contributing to the realization of the Chinese dream of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

IV. THE IMPLEMENTATION PATH OF THE NEW GENERATIONS' RESPONSIBILITY ETHICS CONSTRUCTION

As an educational activity for cultivating people, cultivating new people in the era should start with the difficult problems faced by the objects of education, educators and the educational environment. The healthy growth of the younger generation is the responsibility of the whole party and the whole society. It is the staunch force for the modernization of socialism with Chinese characteristics



in the new era. To nurture young people into new generations who take on the responsibility of national rejuvenation, it is necessary to correctly guide, create a good environment, improve the contemporary young people's sense of social responsibility and enhance the education of their responsibility, which is the specific appeal of the new era. The construction of responsibility ethics and the effective construction of the responsibility ethics system fostered by the new generation of the times are complex and cannot be rushed for success. It needs to be achieved through multi-faceted collaborative promotion.

A. Taking Socialist Core Values as the Guide

Value orientation is vital to the healthy development and good functioning of society. In any social development, individuals as members of the state must have certain standards as value guidance. In modern society, the value orientation of society also appears in the form of the state. As the expressive force of society, the state has become the main body of social value orientation. The core value of socialism is the core ideology of the socialist country. It is the dominant value established in accordance with the law of social development and adapting to the needs of social development. Only by adhering to this mainstream ideology can people ensure the healthy development of socialism with Chinese characteristics and ultimately establish a "social form based on the free and comprehensive development of everyone" as the basic principle [6]. The socialist core values are the intrinsic value pursuit of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics. This is an incisive interpretation of "cultivating new people to take on the great responsibility of national rejuvenation" [1] on the era proposition of "cultivating what kind of people and how to cultivate people" in the new era. To nurture new people in the era, it is necessary to unswervingly arm the mind with Xi Jinping's thought of new era of socialism with Chinese characteristics to guide the practice in the new era. The construction of the responsibility ethics of the new generation of the times should meet the requirements of the development of the times, meet the needs of the people's interests, and strengthen the value recognition of the new people of the times based on the core values of socialism. The core values of socialism bring together the values and pursuits pursued by all the people. They are the manifestations of the current Chinese spiritual core. The construction of socialist core values should also be regarded as a fundamental project. Therefore, at the national level, entering a new era, it is needed to continue to strengthen young people's ideological and moral education, help them establish an accurate history, national, cultural views and innovate in the system, because education guidance and practice training are inseparable from the system safeguard. It is necessary to construct a complete, scientific and effective system of operation. The system design needs to reflect scientific normativeness, and the implementation of policies must be oriented. The formulation of laws and regulations must also demonstrate authority to achieve the country's prosperity, democracy, civilization and harmony. At the social level, it is necessary to play a leading role and enhance "emotional identity". The cultivation of core values is not an empty slogan, but a kind

of warm feeling. Attention should be paid to deeply grasp the characteristics of the ideological activities of the broad masses of the people and have a deep understanding of the people's spiritual and cultural life. It is necessary to carry out various activities related to the core values of socialism, to convey the voice of the masses, to achieve social freedom, equality, justice, and the rule of law. On a personal level, it is necessary to participate extensively in social activities, consciously combine Chinese excellent traditional culture with it, earnestly study research-led and mainstream thinking, and constantly improve ideological and political literacy, which is a kind of activity that cultivates and practices selfconsciousness and internalizes into self-consciousness through practice. It is also necessary to sincerely love and support the Chinese Communist Party, serve the people, contribute to the country, achieve patriotism, dedication, integrity and friendship.

B. Taking the Mission of the National Era as Responsibility

Marx believes that the essence of human beings is "the sum of all social relations in its reality." [6] Individuals are individuals in society, and society is a society composed of individuals. General Secretary Xi Jinping pointed out in the commemoration of the centennial of the May Fourth Movement that without the needs of the motherland and the interests of the people, any self-respecting will fall into a narrow world that is narrower and narrower. [4] Therefore, individuals cannot be understood separated from society, and individuals must be integrated into society and be understood in the interaction between the individual and the society. Similarly, society cannot be understood simply without the individual. Society is composed of individuals, is the way of individual existence, and is the sum of individual will, emotion and interests.

To cultivate new people in the era with a sense of historical mission and sense of responsibility in the times, it is needed to enhance the recognition of the identity of new generations of the times. The identification of the new generations of the times is to recognize the various situations faced by the new era. On the basis of understanding the requirements of the new era, they should spontaneously shoulder the historical mission and responsibility of the times for socialist modernization and the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, consciously demanding themselves with the standards of the new generations of the times. It is necessary to conscientiously safeguard the unity of the motherland and social stability, dare to resolutely combat all separatist activities and words and deeds that endanger stability, and be wisdom while expressing ideas and emotions. Now that people are in a peaceful and stable environment, they must pay attention to current affairs and society in a timely manner, prepare for social development, recognize the opportunities and challenges brought about by environment, and be alert to those who have ulterior motives in an attempt to adapt history and uglify leaders, etc. It is also necessary for people to feel morality from the heroes and the model of the times, encourage themselves to learn from them, fulfill their responsibilities, and effectively enhance the "four consciousness" and "four self-confidence" to give full play to



their roles. It is necessary to carry out the feelings of the home country and grasp the direction of progress. Only when the country and the nation are in good conditions can individuals be good.

C. Strengthening Capacity Building in Practice

Practice is the objective material activities of human beings to purposefully and actively transform and explore the real world. It is an activity process of unity and regularity. "Knowledge starts with practice", and successful practice is the main source of true knowledge. The construction of responsibility ethics is the process of practice. The cultivation of the responsibility ethics of the new generation should pay attention to the generation of its subject consciousness so that the new generations as the main body realize the responsibility they should take, and focus on the cultivation of the consciousness of the contemporary youth responsibility, which means to give full play to the sense of autonomy and stimulate the youth subjective consciousness and subjective consciousness. In the process of creating a happy life, human beings embody the quality of hard struggle. In colleges and universities, youth is the main body of education. It is especially necessary to strengthen the subjective role of youth. Creating opportunities and encouraging young people to participate in social practice activities is an important part of the cycle to promote responsibility ethics, so that when the moral standards are internalized into a sincere and subjective dynamic sense of responsibility, the intrinsic driving force for actively and spontaneously undertaking obligations can be achieved. It is also necessary to consciously cultivate independent individual consciousness, actively absorb healthy and upward information, temper selves in a tough environment, enhance the ability to distinguish between good and bad, develop good habits of learning theoretical knowledge, and inspire the self-motivation of young people to contribute self-power to realize Chinese dreams. It is necessary to combine the actual situation to draw up the goals of life that suits yourself. It is needed to study hard and assiduously and pursue progress. The first thing to do is to study, actively participate in mathematical modeling competitions and Înternet "+" and other project plans, gain knowledge beyond the books to improve the overall quality. Innovation is the main theme of the times, therefore, it is necessary to participate in scientific research activities and improve your comprehensive quality and independent thinking ability. Practice is the realistic support of young people to realize their own values, and is an effective way for young people to contribute to the construction of socialist undertakings. Experiencing and playing different roles in practice is conducive to young people's cognition of different ethical norms brought by different roles, so that new generations in the times can firm ideal in practice, improve ability and enhance the ability to bear responsibility.

D. Paying Attention to the Collaborative Cultivation of Family, School and Society

The cultivation of new generations and the construction of responsibility ethics require the collective efforts of the family, the school, and the society to actively build a platform for collaborative education and jointly promote the construction of the responsibility ethics of the new generations. In family education, parents should pay to cultivating their children's consciousness and their sense of responsibility for their own behaviors, and enhance the pertinence of education. The development of family habits determines a person's literacy. To strengthen the function of family rearing, it is necessary to cultivate the education of self-responsibility and fulfillment of duties, and cultivate the ethical awareness of responsibility of new generations. In school, teachers can give students a sense of responsibility ethics, lead by example, and according to the school's motto, combined with local culture, give full play to the subjective initiative of teachers and students, strengthen students' sense of responsibility and moral subject consciousness, and cultivate good behavioral habits. Teachers should also persist in setting an example and give play to the role of themselves. In the process of building student responsibility ethics, teachers should also strive to create opportunities, and constantly expand and strengthen the links between the various educational subjects. Teachers should put the responsibility ethics construction into all aspects of students' study and life, give play to the main status of college students' responsibility education, guide students to correctly understand the related relationship of responsibility ethics, strengthen the construction of campus culture, create a good educational environment and strengthen the cultivation function of the school by stimulating the creativity of the main body and strengthening the atmosphere and practice of responsibility education. The cultivation of new generations in the era also requires the participation of the whole society to create a good environment for the construction of responsibility ethics. Social culture plays a subtle influence in cultivating the ethical spirit of college students' responsibility. It is necessary to adhere to the correct public opinion orientation, and make full use of various media means to vigorously advocate active and healthy civilized values. Meanwhile, it is a necessity to vigorously promote the building of social spiritual civilization, strengthen the "Chinese Dream" and socialist core values and other ethical spirits of advancing with the times, to standardize the moral behavior of new generations of the times, strengthen the sense of responsibility and self-discipline, enable young people to be constantly inspired by mainstream values and to stimulate their senses and emotions, and strengthen social cultivation function to promote the mutual transformation of knowledge, emotion, consciousness and action of new generations of the times.

V. CONCLUSION

As new generations of the times, it is necessary to have strong talents, shoulder the heavy responsibility, have ideals as well as skills and have the sense of responsibility. Paying attention to the cultivation of new generations in the era from the perspective of responsibility ethics conforms to the basic rules of education and responds to the strong demand for social development. According to the requirements of responsibility ethics, living a responsible life with ethical



significance is not only the key to cultivate new people in the era, but also the way to achieve happiness.

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