



On the “Two Answers” for the Chinese Communist Party to Break the Cycle of History and Their Interrelationship

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Abstract. The history of the Chinese Communist Party’s century-long struggle is, to a certain extent, a history of exploring the answer to the question of “how to break out of the historical cycle”. From Mao Zedong’s people’s supervision to Xi Jinping’s self-revolution, it spans the long history of a political party from establishment to strength, from survival to prosperity, reflecting the CPC’s accurate grasp of historical trends, a vivid embodiment of the Party’s adherence to the main position of the people, and a manifestation of the Party’s continuous improvement of its governing ability. In the new journey of party construction, it is important to adhere to the combination of “two answers” of people’s supervision and self-revolution.

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1 Introduction

Xi Jinping pointed out in his speech at the second plenary session of the Sixth Plenary Session of the 19th CPC Central Committee: “Our Party has such a long history, such a large scale, and has been in power for so long, how can we jump out of the historical cycle of the rise and fall of governance and chaos The historical cycle of the rise and fall of the Party? Comrade Mao Zedong gave the first answer in the kiln in Yan’an, which is ‘only by letting the people supervise the government will the government dare not slacken’. After a century of struggle, especially the new practice since the 18th Party Congress, our Party has given a second answer, which is self-revolution.” [1]. General Secretary Xi Jinping once again emphasized the importance of self-revolution for our Party in the report of the 20th Party Congress. As soon as our Party was founded, it established the struggle for communism and socialism as its action program, always kept its original mission in mind, and carried out a series of great explorations for this purpose, creating great achievements at different stages and writing a unique Chinese chapter with practical actions.

In the process of our Party’s development and exploration, in the face of the test of governance, Comrade Mao Zedong proposed “people’s supervision” and General

Secretary Xi Jinping proposed “self-revolution”. These two answers to break out of the historical cycle are of great theoretical and practical significance, and are the source of motivation for our Party to always maintain its advancement and purity.

2 The “Two Answers” to Break Out of the Historical Cycle

The “historical cycle” is something that no country or regime has been able to avoid in the past. The historical cycle rate was first proposed in China by Huang Yanpei, a famous patriot, political activist and educator in modern China. Huang Yanpei was a former Qing dynasty scholar, accepted progressive ideas, joined the League, experienced the Xinhai Revolution, the abdication of the Qing dynasty, the establishment of the Republic of China, the Beiyang warlords, the new Kuomintang warlords and other dazzling regime changes, he witnessed these regime changes to the country, to the nation brought great disaster. In his pain, he kept thinking about how to break out of the cyclical turbulence of the rise and fall of regimes, and discovered the phenomenon of historical cycles, and put forward the historical proposition of “how to break out of historical cycles” in a dialogue with Mao Zedong in 1945.

2.1 People’s Supervision: The First Answer to the Question of How to Break Out of the Cycle of History

In 1945, Huang Yanpei talked with Mao Zedong about the historical cycle during a study tour in Yan’an. Huang Yanpei pointed out that no individual, family, group, political party, place or country could avoid the problem of the cycle.

Mao Zedong replied: “We in the Communist Party have found a new path and are able to jump out of this historical cycle. This new path is democracy. Only when the people are allowed to supervise the government will the government dare not slacken; only when everyone rises up and takes responsibility will the government not be destroyed.” [2]. This reply is also known as the “Kiln Pair”. This is the first time in the history of the Chinese Communist Party that the answer to the question of breaking out of the historical cycle is to promote democracy and accept the supervision of the people.

2.2 Self-Revolution: The Second Answer to Break Out of the Historical Cycle

Since the “kiln pair”, the party leaders have been concerned about this topic, and since entering the new era, the party has been fighting against corruption with unprecedented intensity, so that the party will always be awake and alert.

“According to incomplete statistics, Xi Jinping has mentioned the issue of ‘historical cycle rate’ more than 20 times in different occasions, such as the plenary session of the Central Committee, the plenary session of the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection and the National United Front Work Conference, etc. He also borrowed the phrase ‘Farewell My Concubine’ from the King. ‘the death of the people and the government’ ‘the end of the road’ ‘the death of the party and the death of the country’ and other historical allusions to warn the whole party.” [3]. In the report of the 20th Party Congress, General Secretary Xi Jinping mentioned the Party’s self-revolution several

times in the full text, revealing the second answer to break out of the historical cycle of the rise and fall of governance, which is the Party's self-revolution, making the term "self-revolution" one of the core and hot words of the 20th Congress report.

3 Out of the Historical Cycle Rate "Two Answers" of the Relationship

3.1 Internal Consistency

1. Theoretical basis: Marxism

Xi Jinping stressed that "the fate of Marxism has long been closely linked with the fate of the Chinese Communist Party, the fate of the Chinese people, the fate of the Chinese nation, its scientific and truthfulness has been fully tested in China, its peoplehood and practicality has been fully implemented in China, its openness and modernity has been fully manifested in China!" [4]. Marxism is the theoretical source of the Party's jump out of the historical cycle "two answers" formation.

From the point of view of the people's supervision, Marxism's theory of insisting on the subjectivity of the people is very full. Marxism insists that all the rights of the state belong to the people, attaching importance to the power of the people in history, and that the process of exercising state power is not unseen, but requires the supervision of the people, so that the work of government runs under the sun.

From the perspective of self-revolution, our Party has always been a very revolutionary political party. It has always been the fine tradition of the Communist Party of China to be brave in self-revolution and to rise to difficulties.

2. Political stance: people-centered

As a Marxist party, the Communist Party of China has always been concerned about the needs of the people. In the 100-year history of the Party's glorious struggle, the people have been the fundamental driving force of the Party's advancement and the strongest backing of the Party, the Party's "trump card". The "two answers" stand firm on the people's position, never forgetting the original intention of seeking happiness for the people, allowing the people to supervise the operation of the rights of the people, the realization of the people's democracy, is a vivid embodiment of the adherence to the main position of the people, at the same time, the fundamental interests of the people is the deepest courage and the most solid bottom of the party's continuous self-revolution to the knife edge.

The one who wins the hearts of the people will win the world. The people are a force that cannot be underestimated at any time. As the saying goes, "Water can carry a boat, but also can overturn it. It is not difficult to see this rule from the change and alternation of regimes in ancient China. Likewise, in the process of exploring out of the historical cycle, the people are a group that cannot be ignored.

Since the 18th Party Congress, the Party Central Committee, with Comrade Xi Jinping as the core, in exploring the answer to jump out of the historical cycle, insisted on the deep people's sentiment of "I will not fail the people without me", always put the people in the first place, insisted on serving the people wholeheartedly, carried out the work of the Party's style with unprecedented breadth and strength, stressed that the

Party’s There is no time to finish the work style construction, only the present time, constantly carry out the revolution from the inside out, clean up the poisonous tumor in the party, with a more active, more courageous pace to promote the great project of the party’s work style construction in the new era, forging always ahead of the times, stronger, more pure Marxist party.

3. Power source: the original intention and mission

From the founding of the Communist Party of China in 1921 to the present, it has always kept its original mission in mind, and this is the treasure of the Party that has endured. From the “first answer” of people’s supervision to the “second answer” of self-revolution, from the “two imperatives” to the “three imperatives From “two imperatives” to “three imperatives”, our party has not changed its original intention and mission, and answered the question of the times, the question of the world and the question of the people forcefully with practical actions, and marched to the second hundred-year goal with more determined steps, and answered the question of how to jump out of the “historical cycle” with practical actions.

The “two answers” to break out of the historical cycle of the rise and fall of governance have a common source, namely, the Party’s original intention and mission, no matter when, where, and at what stage of China’s development, the Party has always been on the same front with the people, solidarity and solidarity. From the fundamental interests of the people and the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, the “two answers” vividly explain that the Party always adheres to the fundamental interests of the people, always rushes in the front line, fights in the front line, fights in the front line, not for any special interests, only because it has the people, the country and the rejuvenation of the nation in its heart.

4. Common goal: security of governance

Our Party has always explored the answer to jump out of the historical cycle in order to avoid the deterioration or tastelessness of the regime due to external or internal interference or threats. Maintaining the security of governance has been a major issue for the Party since its establishment, and requires not only an internal revolution to improve the Party’s ability to govern, remove harmful and discordant elements within the Party, create a good internal atmosphere, strengthen the Party’s style of work, and continuously improve its ability to deal with major risks, but also requires external supervision, and the people’s supervision of power is one of the important means to maintain the security of governance.

The common goal of the “two answers” is the security of governance, but the “two answers” have their own focus. The answer of “people’s supervision” focuses on how to ensure that power is used by the people and benefits are sought by the people in the new era, maximize the advantages of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, and continuously work on the issues of gathering the hearts of the people and benefiting the people’s livelihood; the answer of “self-revolution” is more The answer to “self-revolution” focuses on the internal style of the party, and is dedicated to forging a more revolutionary and more durable Marxist party, starting from the inherent purity and advancement of the political party, as the saying goes, “iron needs to be hardened by itself”, and the party’s self-revolution is particularly important in the historical issue of maintaining the party’s security of governance. A political party that always maintains

excellent style is important for people's happiness, national prosperity and national rejuvenation.

All in all, both the "first answer" of people's supervision and the "second answer" of self-revolution are dedicated to maintaining the long-term stability of the country, to consolidating the Party's ruling position at every stage of development, to enhancing the Party's ability to properly deal with and resolve major risks and challenges, and to building a comprehensive and stable political system. The first answer, or the second answer of self-revolution, is dedicated to maintaining the long-term stability of the country, to consolidating the Party's ruling position at every stage of development, to enhancing the Party's ability to properly deal with and resolve major risks and challenges, and to escorting the comprehensive construction of a modern socialist power and achieving the second 100-year goal.

5. The question of the times: "How to govern" and "How to govern for a long time"

Whether the "first answer" or the "second answer" is proposed, our party is faced with the same issue of the times. The Party has been exploring the road of people's supervision and self-revolution, and has found the "two answers" to break out of the cycle of history.

The "two answers" are aimed at answering common issues of the times. For Marxist parties, "how to govern" and "how to govern for a long time" are particularly important. Whether it is the answer of "people's supervision" given by Mao Zedong in the kiln in Yan'an or the answer of "self-revolution" proposed by General Secretary Xi Jinping since the new era, both are the answers to the question of "how to govern" and "how to govern for a long time" of our party. "and "how to govern for a long time".

3.2 Evolutionary Development

1. Theoretical dimension

The "second answer" of self-revolution is the enrichment and expansion of the "first answer" of people's supervision, a further answer to the test of the times of how to jump out of the historical cycle, and an important magic weapon for the Party to keep awake in the new era. People's supervision outside the Party is one of the sources of power for the Party's internal self-revolution, which is the evergreen way for the Party to flourish after a century of vicissitudes.

Self-revolution is identified as the "second answer" for the Party to break out of the historical cycle of rise and fall of governance, which is the inheritance and development of the lessons learned from foreign countries and the good traditions of the country. One of the important reasons for the collapse of the Soviet Union was the prevalence of bureaucratic practices in the Party, which was seriously detached from the people. The Party has learned a heavy lesson from the collapse of the Soviet Union and always attaches great importance to the construction of the Party's style, always keeping a high degree of sensitivity and vigilance. Secondly, the Party has always attached importance to the internal style of the Party, from Comrade Mao Zedong's "two imperatives" to General Secretary Xi Jinping's "three imperatives", all reflecting the determination of the Party leaders to insist on an internal revolution by turning the blade inward.

Self-revolution is not a single concept, but an issue of the times rich in layers and containing multiple meanings, a very inclusive and extensive theoretical category, a self-revolution based on people’s supervision, a self-revolution to carry out strict governance of the Party to the end, insisting on leading the social revolution with the Party’s self-revolution, further developing the “first answer” in terms of theoretical content. At the same time, the research on how to break out of the historical cycle has reached a new level.

2. Practical dimension

From the practical dimension, the “second answer” of self-revolution is more in-depth than the “first answer” of people’s supervision. Following the “first answer”, successive generations of leaders have summed up in history and explored in practice, from the “new road to democracy” to the “entrance examination”, from the “two imperatives” to the “three imperatives”. From the “two imperatives” to the “three imperatives”, the Chinese Communists have been exploring the path of jumping out of the historical cycle on the fertile soil of the motherland, one step after another, one stick after another, on the new road of catching up with the examination.

Since entering the new era, the Party has been exploring the second answer, deepening its understanding and practice of the first answer, innovating the way of democratic supervision, carrying out the work of safeguarding people’s democracy in a comprehensive, multi-directional and wide-ranging manner, and exploring the second answer of self-revolution on the basis of people’s supervision, making the path of jumping out of the historical cycle wider. This makes the road to democracy out of the historical cycle broader and smoother, and marks a new height in the Party’s exploration of jumping out of the historical cycle.

3.3 Mutual Reinforcement

1. Internal and external factors

General Secretary Xi Jinping made an incisive elaboration in his important speech at the sixth plenary session of the 19th Central Commission for Discipline Inspection: “Over the past hundred years, the Party has relied externally on developing people’s democracy and accepting people’s supervision, internally on ruling the Party comprehensively and strictly, promoting self-revolution, courageously insisting on the truth and correcting mistakes, and courageously turning the blade inward and scraping the bones to heal the poison, ensuring the Party’s longevity and continuous development and growth.” [5].

This assertion of General Secretary Xi Jinping, for our party to jump out of the historical cycle of the rise and fall of governance “two answers” to make a scientific and accurate research. “Dialectical materialism believes that the change and development of things is the result of the common action of internal and external factors, internal factors are the source of the movement of things, determine the basic trend of things change and development, external factors are the conditions, external factors work through internal factors to promote or hinder the development of things.” [6].

On the one hand, without people’s supervision or if people’s supervision is absent or weakened, the courage of self-revolution will slacken and the momentum will decay.

While the CPC attaches importance to self-revolution, it has never neglected people's supervision. On the afternoon of June 24, 2019, Xi Jinping stressed during the 15th collective study of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee on "Remembering the original mission and promoting self-revolution" that "we cannot close the door to self-revolution, but must We must listen more to the people and consciously accept the people's supervision." [7].

On the other hand, without self-revolution, people's supervision will be ineffective. Contrary to the Soviet Union's practice of detaching itself from the people, the CPC has been listening to the people's criticism and suggestions, and has been facing problems head-on, carrying out internal revolution with unprecedented courage and courage, and always forging a Marxist party that can stand the test of the times. Self-revolution, in the philosophical sense, is "the self-renunciation of the subject in the active and conscious sense, that is, the 'negation of negation' in the process of development of things" [8].

2. Foundation and key

Between the "two answers" of the party to jump out of the historical cycle of the rise and fall of governance, not only is the relationship between internal and external causes, but also the relationship between the foundation and the key. The "first answer", that is, democratic supervision, is the foundation, and the "second answer", that is, self-revolution, is the key. The deepening and development of the "two answers" is the deepening of our party's understanding of the laws of governance. Democratic supervision is an essential prerequisite, self-revolution is the key to solving the problem of security of governance faced by the party.

"Ultimately, the many problems that affect the party's advanced nature ultimately rely on the party's self-revolution to solve. Supervision without self-revolution is not good, and even democratic chaos can occur. Democratic supervision in a broad sense requires the participation of the people, but the people's understanding of democracy is not the same, democratic literacy is also different; most of the demands are reasonable, but there are also unreasonable and invalid, so it is also necessary to focus the views of the masses on, both of which are indispensable. Without democratic supervision, then there is no foundation, no self-revolution, the problem can not be solved." [9].

3. Complementary and dialectical unity

The "two answers" are the "two wings" of our party to break out of the problem of historical cycle, they are interlinked, inseparable, complementary and mutually reinforcing.

On the one hand, better supervision by the people is a catalyst for the Party's self-revolution. The impetus for the Party's self-revolution comes from both internal and external sources, namely, the Party's original mission and the inevitable requirement of its advancement and purity as a Marxist party, and external supervision by the people, which effectively ensures that power is used by the people and that the exercise of the people's right to supervision is the thrust of the Party's self-revolution, which constantly promotes and facilitates the Party's self-revolution to be deeper and more thorough.

On the other hand, active self-revolution is a strong guarantee for democratic supervision. Although China's democratic supervision is developing in a good trend, there are inevitably some problems that restrict the effective play of the "first answer". Since the new era, the Party has paid more attention to the construction of the Party's style,

cleared the poisonous tumor in the Party with unprecedented strength, made the people’s desire for a better future as the goal, stood firm on the people’s position and insisted on the main position of the people. Adhere to the main position of the people, in the great self-revolutionary revolution of the Party, effectively protect the people’s right to supervision, to ensure the realization of the whole process of people’s democracy.

4 Out of the Historical Cycle of “The Combination of Two Answers”

4.1 Insist on the Significance of the Combination of “Two Answers”

Today, we are striding into the era of fully building a modern socialist power, and as the whole Party, the whole army and the whole nation march towards the second century goal, closely unite around the Party Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping as the core, and always maintain a high degree of sobriety and firm stance in the new road of catching up, the combination of “two answers” The combination of the two answers is of great significance.

The report of the 20th Party Congress has put forward clear requirements for the “two answers”, and we should look at the logical relationship between criticism and self-criticism to understand the “two answers”, the first answer emphasizes that we should accept criticism and supervision, which is the role of external forces The first answer emphasizes that we should accept criticism, accept supervision, is the role of external forces, to promote their own discipline and growth; the second answer from the party’s style of construction, to the party’s internal as the entry point, emphasizing self is to refine their own skills, enhance their ability to resist change, especially to overcome the “four dangers” to make up for the “four deficiencies” of the important The initiative. The “two answers” are complementary and inseparable unity, multiple choice questions rather than single choice questions.

People’s supervision is the premise and basis of self-revolution, and self-revolution is the key to the realization of people’s supervision. Without people’s supervision, self-revolution loses its support, and without self-revolution, people’s supervision loses its guarantee. Therefore, it is of great significance to promote the all-round combination of people’s supervision and self-revolution. The democratic supervision of rights and the self-revolution of the Party’s style issues are the driving force that propels the wheel of history to roll forward. Without democratic supervision, the self-revolution will lose the most basic motivation, and without self-revolution democratic supervision is difficult to guarantee, and the exercise of the people’s right to supervision will be greatly reduced. Only by combining the “two answers” can we ensure the thoroughness of the self-revolution and the all-roundness of democratic supervision, so that the CPC can maintain a high degree of sobriety in the new road of catching up.

4.2 Realistic Requirements for Insisting on the Combination of “Two Answers”

1. Always adhere to and strengthen the leadership of the Party and maintain the authority and centralized leadership of the Party Central Committee

The Communist Party of China has been the backbone of China's cause at all times, and the achievements China has made now have been made by generations of Communists, with blood. After decades of reform, "it can be said that the easy, all happy reforms have been completed, the delicious meat has been eaten, and what remains are the hard bones that are difficult to gnaw." [10].

Entering the new era, our party has to carry out reforms with greater resistance and more difficulties, "two answers" are carried out under the leadership of the Communist Party of China, the correct leadership of the party is a strong guarantee for the full realization of the "two answers".

Therefore, we should always adhere to and strengthen the leadership of the Party, maintain the authority and centralized and unified leadership of the Party Central Committee, implement supervision by the people, remove the "tumors" existing in the Party through self-revolution, innovate institutional arrangements and methods and strategies for maintaining the authority of the Party Central Committee, and guarantee that the great practice of building a socialist modern country in all aspects can be carried out in a smooth and stable environment. The Party will also be able to operate in a stable and stable environment.

2. Adhere to the guiding ideology of Marxism, in-depth study of the socialist ideology of Chinese characteristics in the new era of Xi Jinping

To promote the combination of "two answers" in the new era, we must always adhere to Marxism as the guiding ideology, study Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era in depth, make the scientific and systematic theoretical knowledge into the brain and heart, continuously develop the whole process of people's democracy, ensure the democratic rights and interests of the people, let the people better be the masters of their own house, and make the party's self-revolution more thorough, and strengthen the party with self-revolution.

To promote the combination of "two answers" in the new era, the whole party must comprehensively and systematically master the basic principles of Marxism, facilitate the transformation from "knowledge" to "action", carefully study the latest theoretical achievements of the party, and arm the mind with the latest theory. The new era will see the new generation of the party's theoretical achievements, armed with the latest theories, using the ideological weapons, and working hard on "action" to constantly strengthen the faith in Marxism and move forward to a new journey of building a modern socialist power with a more vigorous attitude.

5 Conclusion

In this paper, we analyze the relationship between the "two answers" and how the "two answers" can be organically combined in the new era and the new journey from the "people's supervision" and "self-revolution". "It analyzes the relationship between the two answers and how they can be organically combined in the new era and new journey. Through the analysis, there are the following relationships between the "two answers" of our party to jump out of the historical cycle: 1. Internal consistency. The "two answers" always adhere to Marxism, adhere to the people as the center, always bear in mind the original intention and mission of the Chinese Communists, devote themselves to

maintaining the security of national governance, and answer the questions of the times of “how to govern” and “how to govern in the long run. 2. Evolutionary development. The “two answers” are not only one and the same, but also the “second answer” is an expansion of the theory and in-depth development of the practice of the “first answer”. 3. In fact, the “two answers” complement each other, dialectical unity, both the relationship between internal and external factors, but also the relationship between the foundation and the key. In the new road of catching up, our party is facing a more serious situation and more complicated tests, how to ensure the security of governance is a topic of the times that must be considered in depth, we must always adhere to the leadership of the party, maintain the authority of the central party and centralized leadership, adhere to the basis of democratic supervision and the key to self-revolution “two answers” combined with each other. Write a new chapter in our party’s exploration of the answer to the historical cycle of rise and fall out of governance.

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