

The Importance of Dialectical Materialism in University Counselors' Work

—Helping College Students to Establish the Correct Dialectical "New Three View"

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Abstract—College students, the special group, have a wealth of theoretical knowledge. They are the mainstay of socialist modernization, so developing its socialist mainstream thinking is essential. When dealing with a variety of things and various relationships, the views of nature and human society of the students will be formed gradually based on their own opinion. And college counselors can only use the basic principles, perspectives and methods of dialectical materialism to guide the work of college students, so that they could explore the law of ideological change from the interaction between the students' idea and objective environment, and helping college students establish correct ideology "practice view, truth view, cognition view", and using the new three ideas to guide their own actions.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The values of any society are not single, and the society but have many differences and conflicting values which constitute a complex system. In a blending of ideas' society, ideological culture of college students are different. Therefore, the "new three view" is the "new product" of the Period. College counselors, the important part of the social fabric, has long been engaged in the ideological and political education. They bear directly both the opportunities and challenges brought about by the Socialist.

In a sense, we believe that strengthening and improving the construction of college counselors in new period should be based on the theory of dialectical materialism of Marxist philosophy, which could change the team's way of thinking, and continuously improve the scientific level of instructors in colleges. Then college counselors can help students to establish the correct dialectical "new three view".

II. DIALECTICAL MATERIALISM INTERPRETATION OF MARXIST PHILOSOPHY

Marxist philosophy based on the practical point of view, give a reasonable solution to the relationship between thinking and the existence of the problem. Philosophy is both a world view and a methodology, belonging to the core components of social science, which can play an important role in improving the quality of people and people's understanding of society. With the philosophy of education, college students can set a correct concept of life, and thus forming good morality and accomplishment. Therefore, the current counselor's important task is to strengthen the philosophy education of contemporary college students.

Dialectical materialism is a philosophical theory and a basic spirit of Marxist philosophy. Engels said: "The real unity of the world lies in its materiality." [1] The human understanding is the movement of the objective material world that has been refined in the human brain.

In today's social life, we often refer to a concept called dialectical. Marxist philosophy advocates positive and dialectical to look at the problem, and dialectical thinking is more and more applied to the work of colleges and universities. College counselors should learn to use dialectical thinking to guide students to work in order to improve the relevance and effectiveness of their work. In logical thinking, things are generally "non or not", "true or false", but in dialectical thinking, college counselors should know that things can be "true" and "false" at the same time without interfering with the normal conduct of thinking.

Only in this way, college counselors can fully grasp the law of ideological and political work, analyze the causes of thinking. Then they can differ the different consequences from the individual words and ideas, helping college students continue to adjust their ideas and behavior, and to consolidate

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their correct understanding, which could prevent what should not happen.

III. THE IMPORTANCE OF DIALECTICAL MATERIALISM IN THE WORK OF COLLEGE COUNSELORS.

Dialectical materialism is based on the objective relationship between all things in the world, carried out to further understanding the world, and feeling the relationship between man and nature in the process of thinking, and then get a conclusion. We all know that all things in the world are changing. The same thing can reflect different problems, and the same problem may be reflected in different things.

Therefore, dialectical thinking mode requires the dynamic development of the point of view to see the problem in the process of observing and analyzing the problems.

A. *Using the dynamic development of the point of view to see the problems of students.*

Dialectical thinking methods requires college counselors to be able to observe things and problems with the development of the eyes. Everything is not eternal, absolute, and still, but movement, change, and developing. There are a variety of possibilities and trends for students with their development. Therefore, the thinking, words and deeds of college students can't be seen as immutable.

For those who have made mistakes and been disciplined, the counselor should look at them with a dialectical materialist view and give them a timely and full affirmation of their progress. The counselor should be good at creating conditions, to ease the positive transformation of college students, so that the students achieve a new change from quantitative change to qualitative change. For outstanding students, communist, and student cadres, the counselor should care and guide them instead of ignore them, to prevent their thinking and behavior developing to the negative and backward aspects.

B. *Seeing the essence through phenomena of students' language and behavior.*

The real world and the virtual spaces are coexistence in modern people's lifestyle, and diversity status of information requires that counselors have the basic ability of screening. [2] Only in this way, counselors can work effectively according to the requirements of party and national education policy.

The college counselors must understand the laws of dialectical materialism in order to real use dialectical materialism in their work. The law of unity of opposites, the law of quality change and the negation of negation are the basic laws of materialist dialectics. Knowledge comes from practice, and then knowledge services practices. Practice, understanding, re-practice, re-understanding, cycle, and even infinite, this is process which the college counselor should use in guiding contemporary students to correctly understand the world and actively transform the world's infinite development. Phenomenon is the performance of essence.

Therefore, the college counselors should be good at sorting out the truth and illusion, understanding the nature through the phenomenon, and distinguishing the causes, internal

contradictions and development trends of students thinking, which can help college students fundamentally to solve problems about thinking, ideas and methods.

C. *Solving the thinking problems of students with thought analysis methods.*

College counselors should learn and master the Marxist ideas and methods, to improve continuously the strategic thinking, innovative thinking, and dialectical thinking ability. [3] The "ideological analysis" for the ideological problems of college students is the inheritance and development of the ideological method of Marxist analysis. There are three types specific methods of thought analysis shown in Table 1.

We can see from Table 1 that dialogue is the main path for the implementation of thought analysis methods including "PEACE", "FITT" and "LEARN" when there are problems occurring.

TABLE I. THREE METHODS OF THOUGHT ANALYSIS COMPARING

Numble	Thought analysis	Interpretation	References
1	PEACE	Problem, Emotion, Analysis, Contemplation, Equilibrium	[4]
2	FITT	Free-floating, Immediate problems solution, Teaching as an international act, Transcendence	[5]
3	LEARN	Listen, Eliminate, Analyze, Regulate, Nourish	[6]

With the big background of humane care in political education, the thought analysis method is proposed. The aim is to strengthen humanistic concern in the ideological and political education. Process of thought analysis is the process of doubts, but also a process of humanistic concern.

IV. COLLEGE COUNSELORS SHOULD HELP STUDENTS ESTABLISH THE CORRECT DIALECTICAL "NEW THREE VIEW"

A. *Developing correct values of students.*

Under the influence of the market economy which is affected by the tide of personality development, the scale of life value of some college students is gradually shifted to "utilitarian" because of the influence of the so-called "affordable" and "personal utilitarian" factors. The political life, cultural life and spiritual life of some students are also changing. The Western political views, philosophy of life and rotten means of life affect the modern college students through a various of channels with a lot adverse effects.

The problems of study style existed for students in national college were discussed and several typical performances of corruption of study style were elucidated. [7] The causes of unhealthy study style are explained briefly from three aspects

including the individual students, the schools and teachers as well as the national and social. So developing correct values of students for study is the main task.

On the other hand, natural science and social science are established on the basis of previous practice of knowledge, which is rich in dialectical materialism. In teaching, teachers should further explore the hidden wealth of dialectical materialism in the teaching material content, and combine organically of ideological education and knowledge transfer. Then the purpose of both teaching knowledge and teaching people would be achieved.

B. Implementation the quality-oriented education of students.

This requires college counselors must use a certain method to achieve the goal of affecting the object of education. There is a major change of content and goal of ideological and political education of college students under the new situation. College counselors should focus on the development of college students' potential and quality education actively. It is in order to promote the coordinated development of ideological and moral quality, scientific and cultural quality and healthy quality of college students, and guide students to study hard, be good at creating and be willing to sacrifice. Then the students would become ideal, cultural, disciplined new socialist people.

However, there are college students' cheating in examination, which requires counselors should not only see students' ideological problems but also contact with the analysis of the existing examination system, a scholarship system of existing problems and find appropriate solutions. For example, students will not cheat by strengthening their honesty and credit education; students can't cheat through a strict examination system; students are prevented from cheating through severe punishment system. [8]

C. Establishing the correct dialectical "new three view"

It is stipulated clearly by China's higher education law: "Higher education must implement the national education policy, serve the socialist modernization construction, and combine with the productive labor, so that educators become the Socialist builders and successors with comprehensive development of the moral, the intellectual, and the physical. " With the education content including the fresh ideas and knowledge, college counselors should also guide students to actively establish a dialectical "new three views" - that is the practice view, truth view, and cognition view.

Wang C. et al. [9] briefly discusses several typical psychological errors of graduate in national college during searching jobs, including urgent psychology, fear and inferiority, comparison and jealousy, and accomplish in an action. The establishment a dialectical "new three views" would help college students put mind and find the right position during searching jobs.

Counselor' information literacy is the essential condition of developing college students' ideological and political education, and is an intrinsic requirement for facilitating the professionalization and specialization of instructors. [2]

Boosting counselor' information literacy will be of great significance in improving and promoting the ideological and political education work for college students in the new era.

V. CONCLUSION

Counselors have access to understand basic principles of Marxist philosophy to grasp the ideological rule of college students.

In promoting the ideology of college students, counselors not only enable students to learn to survive, but also enable students to establish the correct understanding and thinking. It is an important task of contemporary college counselors in their ideological and political education work that the students are cultivated to be people with ambition, ability and political integrity. In the era of rapid change and development, college counselors should guide students to increase scientific content in their ideology and value orientation with the scientific progress and the development of the times.

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