

# The Practical Logic of the Thought of Strictly Governing the Party in an All-round Way from the Perspective of Cultural Self-Confidence

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**Abstract.** This paper grasps the theoretical connotation of strictly governing the Party in an all-round way supported by cultural self-confidence, scientifically constructs the practical logic of strictly governing the Party in an all-round way from the perspective of cultural self-confidence, and insists on the organic unity of theoretical connotation and practical logic. Firstly, the logical approach between Marxism and Chinese culture is sorted out from the perspective of strict Party governance rooted in Chinese culture in an all-round way. The second is to break through the limitation of the one-way study of the influence of cultural self-confidence on the overall strict governance of the Party, and to study the dialectical relationship between the comprehensive strict governance of the Party and Chinese culture. Thirdly, on the basis of theoretical research, we should strengthen cultural self-confidence and promote the practical logic of strictly administering the Party in an all-round way.

**Keywords:** Cultural self-confidence, strict management of the Party, practical logic.

### 1. Introduction

From November 2012, General Secretary Xi Jinping first discussed that the Party should govern the Party and strictly govern the Party when he met with Chinese and foreign journalists at the Standing Committee of the 18th CPC Political Bureau. By October 2014, General Secretary Xi Jinping put forward and further deepened the idea of strictly administering the Party in an all-round way at the Summary Conference of the Party's Mass Line Education Practice. By February 2015, the idea of "four comprehensiveness" will be positioned in the strategic layout of the Party Central Committee. Then in October 2016, the Sixth Plenary Session of the Eighteenth Central Committee of the CPC made an in-depth study of the major issues of strict governance of the Party in an all-round way. This process presents in detail the development process from the germination, growth and maturity of the idea of strict governance of the Party. In October 2017, General Secretary Xi Jinping elaborated on the Party's construction in the report of the Nineteenth National Congress of the Communist Party of China, which took up one eighth of the total length of the report. The scientific proposition of "governing the Party in an all-round way and strictly is always on the way" is clearly put forward in the new era. Major deployments have been made to promote the new great project of Party building and to administer the Party strictly in an all-round way.

As soon as the idea of strictly governing the Party was put forward in an all-round way, it aroused great interest of many foreign scholars. They studied the orientation, connotation, characteristics, role and realization path of the idea, and paid great attention to and fully affirmed the idea of strictly governing the Party in an all-round way. In 2015, Professor Jennis Kambayev of Law School of Kazakhstan Institute of Management and Economic Strategies pointed out in his article "Four Comprehensive Aspects" are far-reaching theoretical breakthroughs that "comprehensive and strict governance of the Party and anti-corruption is the necessary basis for a more successful economic and political system. The "Four Overall" has formed a new development programme for China and is a far-reaching theoretical breakthrough. Kristin Dregger, director of international economics research at the Berlin Institute of Economics, Germany, believes that "the comprehensive and strict administration of the Party is an important guarantee for the healthy development of the economy." "We need to strictly administer the Party in an all-round way to ensure the sustained and healthy development of the economy." Annie Marie Bray, a professor of political science at Canterbury University in New Zealand, believes that the CPC should firmly adhere to its ideals and beliefs and



supplement the "calcium" of its spirit, and that ideological construction is the main content of stringent and comprehensive governance of the Party. Boris Gustadov, assistant parliamentarian of the State Duma of Russia, believes that "Ruling the country by law in an all-round way is an inevitable requirement for the realization of modernization and will also escort the development of various undertakings in China. At the same time, it will make the Communist Party of China a more efficient party organization and enhance its comprehensive ability to manage and lead social change by strictly administering the Party in an all-round way, curbing corruption and strengthening the discipline of Party members and cadres."

Generally speaking, foreign scholars have studied the related theoretical issues on the comprehensive and strict administration of the Party from different perspectives and fields. Some enlightening views and constructive opinions are put forward on how to achieve a comprehensive and strict administration of the Party. From the perspective of world politics, the idea of strictly governing the Party in an all-round way helps to eliminate foreign doubts about the ruling ability of the Communist Party of China and promote the development of world politics. From the perspective of cultural self-confidence, this paper analyses and studies the problem of strictly administering the Party in an all-round way.

### 2. Firm Cultural Self-confidence is the Spiritual Foundation for the Continuous Promotion of the Party's Construction and the Comprehensive and Strict Management of the Party's Great Project.

Cultural self-confidence is the general source of national self-confidence and a spiritual centripetal force. Cultural self-confidence gives the belief a foundation and the system a dependence. Firm cultural self-confidence can eliminate murmurs and enhance the Party's cohesion.

The report of the Nineteenth National Congress of the Communist Party of China clearly defines the general requirements and strategic deployment of the Party's construction in the new era. We need to comprehensively promote the Party's political, ideological, organizational, style, discipline and system construction. We will lead the Party from strict management to in-depth management, and create a new situation of strict management of the Party in an all-round way. To make Party building the grand goal of the ruling Marxist Party, which is always at the forefront of the times, wholeheartedly supported by the people, courageous in self-revolution, able to withstand the test of all kinds of storms and waves, and vigorous. Ruling the Party strictly in an all-round way is the fundamental guarantee for building a well-off society in an all-round way, the inherent need for deepening reform in an all-round way, the inevitable requirement for promoting the rule of law in an all-round way, and the only way to ensure that the Communist Party of China keeps its vitality, resolutely resists the outstanding problems existing in the Party, such as the impurity of ideology, organization and style, withstands the "four tests" and resists the "four dangers". The Communist Party of China can unite and lead the people of the whole country in the great struggle, promote the great cause and realize the great dream.

As an important strategic thought of Party building, the comprehensive and strict administration of the Party is based on "comprehensiveness". The key lies in "strictness" and "administration of officials". Whether the ideals and beliefs of Party members and cadres are firm or not is an important guarantee for the success of the Party's comprehensive and strict administration. General Secretary Xi Jinping pointed out at the Seventh Plenary Session of the Eighteenth Central Discipline Commission: "We should rely on cultural self-confidence and firm ideals and beliefs. Leading cadres should not forget their original intention and stick to the right path, but must be firm in cultural self-confidence. Without the foundation and nourishment of Chinese excellent traditional culture, revolutionary culture and advanced socialist culture, faith and belief can hardly be deep and persistent. "In this important speech, General Secretary Xi Jinping closely linked cultural self-confidence with ideals and beliefs, raised cultural self-confidence to an important position of foundation and premise, and emphasized it to a new height. Since the 18th Party Congress, General Secretary Xi Jinping has repeatedly stressed the important role of cultural self-confidence. In the report of the Nineteenth



National Congress, General Secretary Xi Jinping emphasized once again: "Cultural self-confidence is a more basic, deeper and lasting force in the development of a country and a nation. We must adhere to Marxism, firmly establish the lofty ideal of communism and the common ideal of socialism with Chinese characteristics, and cultivate and practice the socialist core values." "Culture is the soul of a country and a nation." Therefore, it is indispensable to strictly administer the Party in an all-round way without the support of cultural self-confidence, to gather tremendous spiritual strength with firm cultural self-confidence, to consolidate the ideological foundation for firm ideals and beliefs, and to "consolidate the foundation and thick soil" for administering the Party in an all-round way.

### 3. To Strengthen Cultural Self-confidence is an Important Part of the Great Project of Promoting the Party's Construction and Managing the Party Strictly in an All-round Way.

We should correctly understand the internal relationship between cultural construction and the strict administration of the Party in an all-round way. Cultural self-confidence is the ideological foundation of the Party's strict administration in an all-round way. On the other hand, it is the political guarantee to strengthen the construction of socialist culture with Chinese characteristics in the new era. They complement each other, cause and effect each other, and promote each other.

Since the Eighteenth National Congress, the construction of the Party and the study of the Party's thought of strict governance in an all-round way have been a process of gradual development and deepening, showing a trend of gradual deepening of the system and research depth, from a small number to a large number and from a narrow scope to a wide range. To govern the Party strictly in an all-round way is the inevitable requirement and the latest theoretical achievement of the Sinicization of the Marxist theory of Party building, which embodies the theoretical quality of keeping pace with the times and combines it with the realistic background of our country. As the theoretical guidance of the contemporary Party building, it has distinct characteristics of the times and is a new development of the Marxist theory of Party building. Wei Liqun and Wang Manchuan pointed out in their article "Coordinating and Promoting the Four Comprehensive Strategic Layouts" (2015), "Strictly Governing the Party in an All-round Way aims to improve the Party's advanced and purity, enhance its creativity, cohesion and combat effectiveness, and constantly strengthen and improve its leadership so as to make the Party always the core force leading the cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics. In a word, only by adhering to the leadership of the Party can we truly coordinate all aspects of the "four comprehensive" strategic layout scientifically, and coordinate and promote the smooth implementation of this major strategic layout in accordance with the correct direction and established goals. "This paper studies the importance of the Party's thought of strict governance in the four aspects. Professor Qi Weiping of East China Normal University pointed out in his article "Basic Thoughts and Main Characteristics of Ruling the Party Strictly in an All-round Way" (2015), "Daring to show courage, focusing on Problems and seeking practical results, seeking general ideas, showing pragmatic ground spirit, showing the main characteristics of the thought of ruling the Party strictly in an all-round way."

Cultural self-confidence is the spiritual foundation for effectively promoting the comprehensive and strict administration of the Party. Firm cultural self-confidence is of special significance to the strict administration of the Party in an all-round way. Some domestic scholars have studied the relationship between the traditional Chinese culture, especially the Confucian culture and the idea of strictly governing the Party in an all-round way. But generally speaking, there are more macroanalysis and less research on concrete realization, and the combination of theory and practice needs to be further promoted. It is necessary to carry out cultural self-confidence and strict Party management in an all-round way in line with the new requirements of the new era.



# 4. Firm Cultural Self-confidence is an Important Way to Effectively Implement the Party's Construction and Comprehensively and Strictly Administer the Great Project of the Party.

The more we push forward the Party's strict governance in an all-round way, the more we need to support the Party's self-confidence and self-consciousness with the strength of culture. Make it a party member of the broad masses of firm ideals and beliefs, adhere to the pursuit of value, maintain the correct political direction and the political nature of the Communists should be, consolidate honest and clean political thinking.

General Secretary Xi Jinping pointed out that to rely on cultural self-confidence and firm ideals and beliefs, leading cadres should not forget their first intention and stick to the right path, but must firm cultural self-confidence. Without the foundation and nourishment of Chinese excellent traditional culture, revolutionary culture and advanced socialist culture, faith and belief can hardly be deep and persistent. Cultural self-confidence is a more basic, deeper and lasting force. The close connection between cultural self-confidence and ideals and beliefs not only reflects the cultural concept and concept of "pioneering and advancing from the continuation of national culture" pointed out by General Secretary Xi, but also profoundly clarifies the important law of adhering to the values of Communists and strengthening ideals and beliefs. The so-called "no delusions inside, no delusions outside", "planters will cultivate their roots, and those who cultivate virtue will cultivate their hearts". Party members and cadres often accept cultural edification, in order to continuously improve the humanistic quality and Party spirit, and enhance the spiritual realm. We should cultivate ourselves with the strength of culture, construct ideological embankments and form action consciousness.

The Nineteenth National Congress of the CPC once again clearly put forward that it is always on the road to administer the Party strictly in an all-round way. This paper puts forward the general requirements for Party building in the new era, clarifies the basic principles of "two perseverances", clarifies the working ideas of "four bases", clarifies the overall layout of "5+2", clarifies the construction objectives of "five sentences", promotes the overall development from strict control of the Party to in-depth, and draws a grand blueprint for Party building.

# 5. Firm Cultural Self-confidence Demonstrates the Fruitful Results of the Party's Great Project of Building and Managing the Party Strictly in an Allround Way.

Since the Eighteenth National Congress of the CPC, more than 90 laws and regulations have been promulgated and revised to strictly govern the Party in an all-round way, and important experience has been gained in sticking to the unity of Ideological Party building and system governing the Party. Satisfaction of public opinion in building a clean and honest Party conduct throughout the country has increased year by year, from 81% in 2013 to 92.9% in 2016. The goal of not daring to corrupt has been initially achieved. The cages that cannot corrupt are more firmly tied and the dams that do not want to corrupt are being built. These achievements reflect the remarkable achievements made in the past five years in the strict administration of the Party in an all-round way.

The continuous improvement of China's cultural soft power and the concept of global governance of the community of human destiny have attracted many countries to study and share the experience of the Communist Party of China in strictly governing the Party. A positive, Self-introspective and open party never fears doubt or amendment. Its firm cultural self-confidence demonstrates the fruitful results of strict administration of the party.

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