



The Basic Consensus Origin of the China Dream

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Abstract

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INTRODUCTION

China dream is the ideal goal, values and cultural symbols, under the new historical conditions, focusing

on the realization of national prosperity, national revitalization and the people’s happiness. It stirs up the emotional resonance of the Chinese people, including overseas Chinese people, longing for a harmonious society. Xi Jinping pointed out, “achieving China dream, is to achieve the great rejuvenation of Chinese nation, is to achieve national prosperity, revitalization of the nation, and people’s happiness” (*The Selected Important Documents Since*, para.7, 2014, p.234).

I believe, when Chinese Communist Party has been founded in 100 years, a comprehensive well-off society goal would be achieved; when a new China has been founded in 100 years, a prosperous, strong, democratic, civilized and harmonious modern socialist country would be achieved; the dream of the Chinese nation’s rejuvenation would come true. (*The Selected Important Documents Since*, para.7, 2014, p.84)

The three “would”, point out the China’s target in twenty-first century to all the Chinese people. And the realizations of China dream “must go China road”, “must carry forward the spirit of China”, “must gather the strength of China” (*The Selected Important Documents Since*, para.7, 2014, pp.234-235), and must find a peaceful development way, compatible with the world. China Dream gradually being recognized and accepted as the people’s consensus lies in the following three, the scientific connotation of China dream, Serving the Community, and aiming at absolute perfection.

1. BECAUSE OF ITS SCIENTIFIC CONNOTATION, CHINA DREAM WILL BECOME THE NATIONAL IDEOLOGY GUIDE

About the scientific connotation of China dream, “the core content is the great renaissance of Chinese nation”, “the basic connotation is to achieve national prosperity, national revitalization, and people’s happiness”. It is the

scientific understanding of subjective into the objective. As to the roots of its scientific quality, we can find it in Chinese modern history since 1840. Before the Opium War, although the total economic output of China accounts for about 30% of the world, but it was still in a low productivity state. Behind productivity and weak economic foundation lead to a mediocre corrupt political superstructure. And political corruption in turn exacerbates the economy and the army. This inherent contradiction of modern society is the root of the tragedy that modern agricultural civilization collapsed in the face of industrial civilization. From the Opium War to the People's Republic of China founded, China had signed 745 unequal treaties during the 109 years (Gao, 1999, p.20). The unequal treaties, the western capitalism's "civilization" way, brought to China, not equality, development and vitality, but humiliation, sovereignty forfeiture and destitute people. Economist Qi (1926) said:

the warlords colluded with imperialism, aggravated our nation's strife, plundered our nation's money, and massacred our people, which were unable to conceal. While, the unequal treaty was the most convenient and beneficial tool for the warlords to collude with imperialism.

"Unequal treaty actually was our nation's bondage shackles and traps". The unequal treaty became the most powerful sword to help Western country control China's economy and politics, just as a chain winding China tightly.

After many bloody battles, the person with breadth vision gradually realized: Not to overthrow the reactionary rule of corruption, China will never get rid of the unequal treaties; not to explore a way excluding western capitalism, China will never get rid of the exploitation. After suffering many setbacks, China found a suitable theoretical weapon—Marxism. In the practice process of the Marxism applying, the Chinese recognized that the various ethnic aggressions were in the name of "saving" or "promoting the civilized"; reflected the justice of the national independence and people's liberation; captured the historical mysteries of the two pairs of relations: the productivity and the production relations, the economic base and the superstructure; and insight into the inherent association between the two major historical tasks: "national independence and people's Liberation" and "national prosperous and strong". Chinese people came to realize that only through violent revolution overthrowing "the three big mountains", they could establish people's sovereignty nation, achieve the goals of "national independence" and "people's liberation". That is, Mao Zedong said,

China should be a prosperous, strong, independent, freedom, and unity country, and should not be poor, weak, split, and in a semi-colonial or semi-feudal situation. In semi-colonial, semi-feudal and divided China where, in order to develop industry and national defense, benefit the people, and achieve national prosperity, many people had worked for many years, but entirely

disillusioned. Many educators, scientists and students immersed themselves in their work and study apolitically, they thought they could use what they had learned serve the country. But it just became a dream, also entirely disillusioned. (*The Selected Works of Mao Zedong [Volume 3]*, 1991, p.1080)

"National independence and people's Liberation" is the premise condition or political guarantee of "national strong and prosperous". After a series of unremitting struggle, Chinese people finally achieved the first major historical task in 1949. And opened the second major historical task of "national prosperous and strong". China dream is just a new historic realm for the full realization of the second major historical task. Accompanied by the humiliation in modern times, the hard struggle and plain living after the founding of New China, and the tremendous achievements after reforming and opening up, China dream is birth-formed. It comes down in one continuous line with the two historical tasks. It precipitated the nation's memory, carrying the national hope of revival, with the inevitability of historical development and the scientific theory logic. It will become the ideological guidance of national unity and development in the 21st century. The scientific connotation of China dream is the deep theoretical and scientific foundation of its consensus. If you put aside its scientific connotation, it's hard to find a solid foundation of China dream consensus.

2. BECAUSE OF ITS SATISFYING IDEAL, CHINA DREAM WILL BE PEOPLE'S BEHAVIOR GOAL

When Chinese Communist Party has been founded in 100 years, a comprehensive well-off society goal would be achieved; when a new China has been founded in 100 years, a prosperous, democratic, civilized and harmonious modern socialist country would be achieved; the dream of the Chinese nation's rejuvenation would come true. The three "would", point out the China's target in twenty-first Century to all the Chinese people, and, fit the wishes and purpose of the Chinese people. Since Deng Xiaoping put forward in 1979 "the modernization of China style" namely "well-off" society so far, the goal of the well-off society is increasingly clear, "better education, more stable work, more satisfying income, more reliable social security, higher levels of medical and health services, more comfortable living conditions, more beautiful environment, looking forward to children growing better, working better, and living better". With the achievements in the thirty years' reform and opening up, it is more easy and favorable for China to build a well-off society in an all-round way. But, time wait for no man. It's only 6 years left to the time of the "Chinese Communist Party has been founded in 100 years". This means that Chinese people must address the real problems in the society, economic, political, cultural, social, ecological and other

aspects, implement a full range of punishment, prevention and Construction, unite the people, and practice thrift.

Building a well-off society in an all-round way is the foundational step of China dream, realizing the modernization is the key step. Modernization needs developed labor productivity, while China has not completed transforming from the agricultural society to the industrial society. But in the international arena, the industrial society begins to upgrade to information society, which makes China feel necessary to change ideas, innovate technology, restrict industry, and improve the level of science and technology. Since People's Republic of China was founded, China has gone through two hundred years developments of western. But the other side of the rapid development is the diachronic contradictions in West Country compressed into synchronic contradictions in China, and concentrated outbreak. In addition, though China has the largest population in the world, it has not been turned into human resources. China's development attracts the attention of the developed countries. The "China Threat Theory" and the "China Collapse Theory" are all on stage, which makes the domestic and foreign people confused. China is facing the world challenges: across the "middle income trap", and realizing the modernization. In the 1970s, Mexico, Argentina and some other countries had already reached the current level of China. But so far, its per capita income still did not break \$ 10,000. At the same time, many problems were frequently and constantly emerging, such as economic stagnation, corruption, excessive urbanization, growing polarization between the rich and the poor, employment, lack of belief, social unrest, the shortage of social public service, a fragile financial system. Malaysia had also suffered the pains of the "middle income trap" (*The Selected Important Documents Since*, para.7, 2014, p.70). After more than 30 years' efforts, Malaysia began to gradually towards harmony. So, in such a good period, China should break the barriers of the interests curing, adapt the psychological gap between the expectations and the status quo, reduce and avoid the internal friction, unite the people, and realize modernization.

The great renaissance of Chinese nation is the fundamental goal of China dream. Without a doubt, the revival of Chinese nation is to recreate its brilliant performance. But the prerequisite of this brilliant performance is the realization of the well-off society and the modernization. China is a nation with faith. It commits to the people and for the people. Even if they were beaten and occupied, the Chinese people still sticks to their ambitions. Just as Mao Zedong declared in the Anti-Japanese War,

Our Chinese have the courage to fight their enemies until their last drop of blood flowed, have the determination to recreate their brilliant performance on the basis of self-reliance, and have the ability to stand proudly among the world nations. (*The Selected Works of Mao Zedong [Volume 1]*, 1991, p.161)

Even if in a backward state, China still maintained its aspirations,

China has completely changed during the forty-five years, from the 1911 Revolution to this year. After another forty-five years... just coming into twenty-first Century... China will become a powerful industrial socialist country. China should be that, should do something for the people, because it is a country with a land of nine million six hundred thousand square kilometers and a population of six hundred million. But China had done too little in the past, which makes us feel ashamed. (*The Collected Works of Mao Zedong [Volume 7]*, 1999, pp.156-157)

China dream implicates to be a strong country, but not the meaning of hegemony, power, and expansion. China will not stir things up, not occupy territories and resources of other countries in the name of international justice, and will not bring military conflict, cultural conflict, and ecological crisis to the world, which are hard to heal. China dream advocates world peace and development, in line with the wishes of the majority of the people, and will be the people's behavior goal.

3. SINCE IT AIMS AT ABSOLUTE PERFECTION, CHINA DREAM WILL BE PEOPLE'S RATIONAL AND CONSCIOUS RELENTLESS PURSUIT

China dream is the pursuit of multi-dimension values, not one-dimensional values. It pursues the unity of the national interests and individual interests, realistic construction and great ideal pursuit, national rejuvenation and contributing to the world. War is able to show strength, but cannot highlight the charm of a country.

If the border between countries determined by military interests, this kind of requirement will be endless... This border can never be delineated definitively and fairly, because every time always the victor forces the vanquished to accept his conditions, which sowed the seeds of a new war. (*The Selected Works of Marx and Engel [Volume III]*, 1995, p.25)

"The nation oppressed other nations will not be liberated; because the power he oppress to the other nation will finally turn to revolt to himself." (*The Selected Works of Marx and Engel [Volume III]*, 1995, p.242) The Chinese are good at obtaining wisdom from history and Marxism, and adhere to "harmony above all". "Harmony" and "peace" are the ultimate value orientation of Chinese nation, and have rich historic foundation. They have already infiltrated into Chinese people's blood, and determined the decision of the target selection, connotation, and implementation path.

In twentieth Century the famous Western philosopher Russell praised Chinese nation's character.

Chinese people did not abuse other races like Whites... They are naturally tolerant, friendly, courteous, and grateful, at the same time they hope others would be the same to them. As long as Chinese people willing to, they can create the world's

most powerful nation. However, what they are pursuing is only freedom, not domination. (Luo, 1996, pp.153-154)

“Although China has a large population and abundant resources, it will not pose a threat to the foreign.” Luo, 1996, p.151) British historian Arnold Toynbee believes, in the future China will provide endless cultural treasures and ideological resources to the world. In the past years, Western countries had brought the world into a unified market economy by force, and maintained the leading position of economy and technology. This furthered the process of other countries learning from the Western countries, and also strengthened the influence of Western countries in the world economy and technology. But in politics, it brought about the consequences of the conflict between nation-states. Chinese civilization maybe creates a permanent peace and tranquility of the people. Future peace and prosperity of human society relies neither on military force, nor on democracy and elections, but cultural. It is Chinese civilization, which is always advocated pacifism and cosmopolitans in history, and will become the common spiritual wealth of mankind.

For Chinese people, the faith to “Harmony” originated from the traditional culture of “Human beings is an integral part of nature”. In Chinese culture, subject and object are unified; Human beings is an integral part of nature, so, human beings, society, and nature are unified. “Book of Changes”, “Yellow Emperor”, Taoism, Neo-Confucianism, “Art of War” and so on, are the representatives of Chinese traditional culture. As the practice results of systems science and systems engineering in the ancient, “Dujiangyan project” and “qunzhaohuizhu technology” are considered as the wonders of humanity. Chinese people are faithful to “Harmony”, and admired the traditional culture of “Human beings is an integral part of nature”. So they adhere to treat the things as a contradictory unity. For example, in China economy, China implements the national macro-control and the market-economy; in politics, implements “the party’s leadership, people in power, the rule of law”, and the unification of deliberative democracy and electoral democracy (*The Selected Important Documents Since*, para.7, 2014, p.512); in the culture, implements the socialist core value system as the leading ideology, compatible with the other thought, adhere to the cultural principle of the unity of ethnic characteristics and common humanity; in the people’s livelihood, implements the unite policy of the individual self-reliance and social security “underpinning”; in ecology construction, implements the unite policy of economic prosperity and ecological protection; on defense and foreign affairs, implements the defensive and responsible policy. While any aspect of the economy, politics, culture, social livelihood, ecology, etc., opposites and unifies to the other at all. After short

confusion, the Chinese deeply aware that the construction of ecological civilization is related to the people’s well-being, the nation’s future, and the world’s responsibility. As a Chinese, we should put the ecological civilization construction in a prominent position, melt into all aspects and the whole process of the construction of Chinese economic, political, cultural and social development, promote green development, cycle development, and low-carbon development, and make the resources conservation and the environment protection as the principle of the spatial pattern, the industrial structure, the mode of production and the way of life, at the same time, reversing the trend of ecological deterioration from the source. At last create a good production and living environment for the people, realize the sustainable development of China, and contribute to the global ecological security. This is the spiritual source of China dream consensus, one of the most deep, most stable, most reliable spiritual strength.

CONCLUSION

Chinese people have the firm belief and the dialectical smart of keeping pace with the times, attach great importance to the national overall value and individual freedom, and maintain the ethnic characteristics while with a global vision. This multidimensional value requires every individual be conscious to restraint self-interest, rather than enjoy extravagance; and demands the whole nation adhere to the “China road”, promote the “China spirit”, and cohesion the “China Power”. With unity and hard work, Chinese people will realize the China dream, shared by the nation, Chinese Nation, people, and the world.

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