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## Exploration and practice of college students' party construction in the new era

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### ABSTRACT

The party construction among college students lays the groundwork for the improvement of the entire students' party construction; the cultivation of a generation of college students who hold a firm communist belief and embody the lofty sentiment and morality proves a task of real importance in the building of a communist party; it is through continual innovations, the enhancement of the party's ideological and political education, the improvement of the party-member qualifying standard and the strengthening of the party's basic infrastructure works that a communist party can improve its work efficiency and qualification of its members, so that it can ensure the quality of student party members. All of these discussed above can eventually lead to the steady progress of the party construction.

### KEYWORDS

Party construction; Qualification; Morality; Bottom line.



## INTRODUCTION

College students, on average, have achieved a higher literacy level, have learnt to adopt a rigorous attitude towards the work and have had a comparatively better plasticity and adaptability. In order to guarantee the qualification and competence of our party's the new generation, our country must fully conduct a meticulous examination into college students this segment. On the aspect of college students' admission to the Party, which concerns the new selection of the successors of our country's socialist cause, colleges students' party construction is of great significance, for ensuring the succession of the socialist cause. With the new trends such as the increasing globalization, the prevalence of the advanced technology and the worldwide popularity of the Internet, challenges and opportunities co-exist unprecedented. To prevent our country from being westernized or assimilated into western ideology, our party should, with the benefit of the Internet, the technology and the economic situation, defend our country from the invasion of the foreign culture and give a sufficient consideration to the newly emerged situation and thereafter make accurate decisions. Colleges' party and political construction, therefore, is an important link to guarantee the steady and healthy development of the student party members.

## PROBLEMS IN COLLEGES' PARTY CONSTRUCTION

The main force of colleges' party construction is college students. With the clashes of different cultures and the widely acceptance of the market economy, different values and ideologies spread far and wide which will inevitably leads to the impact towards college students' mind during the process of China's turning to the market economy. That's why students' party construction is of vital importance.

### Challenges of internet

Internet, as a product of the new era and an indispensable tool for our everyday life, boasts a rather fast speed and wide coverage in terms of the information transmission. However, we should always remember that the Internet is a double-edged sword. On the one hand, internet, because of its own advantages which include a huge transmission load, a wide spreading range, a fast transmission attenuation, a great potential impact, can tremendously help students learn the latest news in a speedy way, constantly expand their outlook, assimilate the up-to-date knowledge and make the right decisions for themselves. On the other hand, speaking of the downside of the Internet, while bringing students many benefits, it also throws students into ideological chaos which will have a rather strong impact on students' outlook on life, on their values and on their self-measurement. Therefore, internet could become a problem of party construction. The number of college students that joined the party in recent years is shown in the TABLE 1 below:

TABLE 1 : 11-13 computer college developing party members in the table

year (in the second half of the data)	The total number of party members	The total number of new party members	Some undergraduates (percentage)	Graduate student (percentage)	The staff
2011	383	51	29 (56.86%)	22 (43.14%)	0
2012	383	55	35 (63.64%)	19 (34.55%)	1(1.81%)
2013	362	46	29 (63.04%)	17 (36.70%)	0

### The incapable institutions

The incapability of our party's institution is also one of the reasons why there are still some problems in the colleges' party construction. First, the qualifying standard in admitting our Party members is not rigorous enough which results in the various levels of their qualification. A group of Party members without an adequate qualification will eventually lead to disharmony within our party, resulted from the differences in members' understanding and ideas towards one matter. Second, in choosing Party members, colleges cannot decide the number of students to be enlisted based on the real

situation and the applicants' actual behaviors, as a result of the prevailing belief that quantity matters most than quality. Solely relying on the test as a form to decide whom to enlist, instead of balancing it with a meticulous investigation and analysis towards an applicant, eventually leads to the differences in Party members' quality. Besides, after students become probationary Party member, they are likely to relax their self-discipline and have their awareness to serve the masses hampered by their current status, in that our party tends to neglect the education on those who are bound to be proper Party members.

### Motivation of joining the Party

The motivation of joining the Party is various and common. The variety of the motivation for students to join the Party may prompt party members to choose the applicants in an unfair way. Moreover, in terms of students' further education, it all remains on the surface, rigid and inefficient. Firstly, some may join the Party in hope that they can gain some benefits. Because of the society's impacts and especially the one of the current market economy which values personal interest most, many students join the Party on the spur of personal interests. Second, the phenomenon of blindly pursuing joining the Party and going with the flow does exist. Some choose to join the Party because of the pressure from their family. In this case, they only view the admission into our party as a means to boost their own compositeness when finding a job and thus join our party without any specific goal or knowledge of our party's organization, as is shown in Figure 1 below.

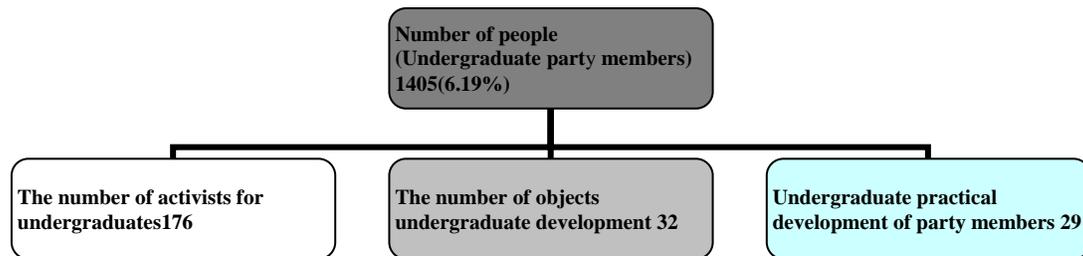


Figure 1 : College students joining the Party in 2013

### Inadequate party construction

Party construction is the relentless energy for the sustainable development of our party. First, the activities held by our party are usually humdrum and lacking in the appeal and influence to most of people which is the reason why college students feel less than enthusiastic to participate in them. The educational theory and the actual form in which activities are carried out are separated, instead of in a perfect harmony, which results in the little fruition. Second, the promotions by college students might be poorly conducted. The lack of innovations, independent thinking, and ability of igniting students' enthusiasm cannot boost the morale amongst the newly joining in party members and eventually results in the mild reception among the party members, making them unwilling or incapable to organize and promote the activities well.

### The idea that score matters the most

In today's multi-cultural, market economy driven society, the variety of temptations is ever increasing. Some fail to change their primitive set of values, insisting on the belief that grade matters most, neglecting the important of morality and confusing the relations of morality, qualification and achievements and assess one based on a single aspect. Among student party members, the specifying of this aspect should be strengthened and the principle that morality and academic performance shall be separated should be insisted.

### Outdated educational methods

Some parts of our education channel the outdated educational methods into the actual carryout of the party construction. Cramming the traditional teaching of our national spirit cannot fit in the updated

teaching mode and can lead to the lack of enthusiasm among party members and those who avidly pursue joining the party, which is unfavorable in the inheriting and spreading of our national spirit.

## **PURIFYING PARTY CONSTRUCTION**

### **Internet purifications**

Traditional working system has been inadequate to keep up with the rapid economic and cultural development, as a result, the Internet has become an important communication tool, transmitting large amounts of information, empowering and inspiring millions of people and shaping a brand new culture which has already been recognized and accepted worldwide. It is through the Internet that efficient party construction can be fully unfolded and the purification of the Internet is a key in the healthy development of the party construction. Our country should effectively monitor the censorship and supervision of the internet, seize the transmission of these unfavorable information, strengthen the supervision and the offence reporting system based on which a report-encouraging system should be devised and thus help the development of the Internet.

### **Strengthening the supervision of the system**

The building of the party system should be a major project in the party construction, based on which constantly improve the management and education of the Party members. First of all, during the examination to the activists who pursue joining the party, rigorous standard should be set and thorough investigation should be made in order to elect the all-round elites to ensure a high qualification among Party members. Second, in order to increase work efficiency, it is rather important to tighten the supervision to the whole party system. A system which allows institutions to keep track of all the Party members' files will reduce the unnecessary repetitive labors and store party members including the applicants' information immediately. This requires a plausible plan including the setup of a variety of data banks such as those on student party members, on student basic information, on the applicants and their reports to the organization, the content of which include personal status, photos, time of joining the Party and the list of their reports, all clearly recorded.

### **Redress the motive of joining the party**

Further education should be given even if a person has become a party member. During the further education, students' motive and reasons of joining the party, their thoughts, all call for renewed and redressed. In the face of their qualification problem, student party members should be made to submit reports on their thoughts regularly during their later education. Furthermore, they should also, by attending democratic activities held by our party, assess their personal development in the spirit of self-questioning and self-criticizing and reflect on the change of their thoughts and the knowledge of the inner-party issues. We should make sure everything in this further education process fall into the exact places.

### **Secure the development of party construction**

First of all, it is worthwhile to be noted that party members can be further cultivated in two ways: one is through participating in democratic activities, which promotes party members' individual and political consciousness and their understandings towards those who recently join the Party; the other is through attending party lecture, from which students can gain more knowledge about our history, theories, culture, our party's fundamental policy and development orientation. Although the development of the Internet has more or less imposed a great impact on this two traditional means of further education, it can also be utilized in promoting our party, educating our members and building distinguished websites which feature mainly information about the party construction and our party's ideological and political education. Through the Internet, our party can communicate with its members and solve without any delay the problems they encounter in their self-development and in their lives. Our party should enrich the forms of party construction on the Internet, making it more interesting, effective, realistic and specific for individuals to access the ideological and political education online,

and in this way, making the Internet technology practically serve the purpose of solving students' actual problems.

Next, our party should set up a platform for students to access more social practices, from which they can improve their innovating and problem-solving ability. This platform also enriches the form of the activities and help the party construction develop smoothly and healthily. Students should be given tasks individually, and thus they can detect their own defects, correct themselves and temper themselves in the actual activities.

Last, our party should direct party construction to a brand new form in which an independent student dormitory system should be devised on the account that college students are more independent and self-motivated in their own dormitories which has become the main place for party construction, with a weakened traditional sense of class. Therefore, it is an inevitable trend to transfer party construction to students' dormitories. The building of a relatively independent student dormitory system for party members is a practical need for its leading position in student's ideological and political education in our party system.

**Redress the ideal that score matters most**

Outstanding avid applicants are not only excelling in their academic performance. Entering into a new era, with a wide popularity of Internet technology which has great impact on students' views on life and values, the selection of party members requires thorough preparation more than ever, especially in terms of the investigation on students' ideological and political consciousness. The basic principle in this selection is that the assessment of applicants' political consciousness and morality should be put at the forefront, with their overall development, instead of solely focused on their academic performance.

**A new mode of education**

The key of party construction lies in the selection of the best role models among student party members in order to exert a positive influence on their peers by their exemplary behaviors, which is also of vital importance for the school management and education. However, during the further education, it fails to function because this kind of education only scratches the surface without going into the depth. Many colleges conduct their further education on party members without a clear goal and without a variety of forms, which compromise the effects of the education. The other reasons include the laxity of party members and their managers due to the indifferent attitude party construction have on this aspect, as is shown in Figure 2 below.

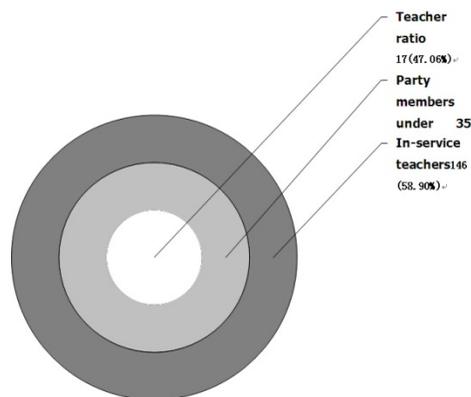


Figure 2 : The following is the ratio of party members to the faculty at the school in 2013

**Strengthening qualification education**

Frist and foremost, to cultivate a positive atmosphere at the school requires party construction have a rigorous arrangement and standard. To promote the quality of party construction, our party needs to take it from the minute details and tackle first with the basic problems. For a starter, an education aimed at promote a better academic atmosphere should be widely launched through the final assessment

on students' class attendance rate and their exam discipline, and through the actual systematization to raise the moral standard. Next, an integrity education should be encourage on the full scale through a comprehensive investigation on the integrity of every students by means of the anonymous voting activity, and through the direct teaching of integrity at class. Last, our party should improve party members' ideological education, promote their good deeds, raise their self-independent consciousness and encourage them to set a good example at school and at work.

## CONCLUSIONS

Colleges are a base that trains talents with healthy socialist ideology and serve people wholeheartedly and that's why colleges have profound historical significance. Party construction is necessary for the implement of scientific development perspective, the important thought of "Three Representatives" and the spirit of the 16<sup>th</sup> national congress of the CPC. As to explore the socialist path with Chinese characteristics, it is required that we achieve the ideological unity and proceed with every exploration with a belief in scientism and the instruction of the scientific development perspective.

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