On the Integration of Core Socialist Values in the Teaching of International Politics

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Abstract: The integration of core socialist values in the teaching of international politics can not only improve the effectiveness of classroom teaching, but also enhance students’ cultural self-confidence and patriotic feeling. This paper emphatically discusses the importance, basic concepts and key points of core socialist values in international politics.

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For General Secretary Xi Jinping, young persons are regarded as the most sensitive barometer of the era, and their value orientation will determine that of the whole society in the future. Facing the new situation of value competition around the world and the new characteristics of diversified ideology under the conditions of reform and opening up and market economy, it is the most important on how to guide college students to establish correct values. As an important specialized course of public administration, international politics has important value guidance and unique educational advantages in the education of core socialist values. So we should strive to do a good job in the curriculum design to make core socialist values integrated into all aspects of the teaching of international politics, which will deepen students’ understanding of China’s national conditions, and stimulate their national self-confidence and patriotism.
1. Importance of core socialist values in the teaching of international politics

1.1 Enhancing college students’ recognition of core socialist values

It is feasible to explore the ideological and political elements in professional courses and design the key points deeply integrated with them scientifically and skillfully on how to improve continuously the recognition of core socialist values among college students. Therefore, we have gradually broken the Western theoretical and practical privileges based on the realism paradigm in international relations, and enriched the theoretical system of international relations with the moral concept of China in terms of the teaching design of international politics. To be specific, a Chinese-style theoretical expression with the excellent traditional Chinese political culture, revolutionary culture and advanced socialist culture will be integrated into every chapter of international politics to strengthen college students’ identification of traditional Chinese political culture and socialist political thoughts with Chinese characteristics and further deepen their understanding of core socialist values and natural identity.

1.2 Achieving a high degree of conformity between patriotism and internationalism

College students are in a critical period of life growth, so their outlook on life and values will have an important impact on their life and social development and progress. Under the background of economic globalization and information age, the course must make great efforts to cultivate patriotic feelings, which will enable college students to make a correct value judgment and value choice for the diversified value orientation in today’s society. In addition, we should also pay attention to shaping the international vision and mind of patriotism of college students while carrying out patriotic education. In this way, Their patriotism and internationalism are highly compatible. Thus, we should pay make the relevant points of core socialist values into teaching goal, knowledge system and teaching method in the teaching
design of international politics to strengthen college students’ patriotism and duty consciousness of international responsibility.

2. Basic idea of core socialist values in the teaching of international politics

2.1 Stimulating students’ love of national conditions in the teaching of international politics theories with Chinese characteristics

The teacher has great responsibility to carry out patriotic education for students. We should appropriately increase the main points of traditional Chinese political culture and socialist political thoughts with Chinese characteristics. It is important to note that the mainstream Western international politics theories and their values must not be taught only.

2.2 Enhancing students’ national confidence in the comparison between Chinese and Western theories of international politics

It is effective to explain Chinese and Western theories of international politics by comparative method to enhance Students’ national confidence and patriotic feelings. Besides Western international politics theories, the traditional Chinese national security theories and contemporary international politics theories with Chinese characteristics should be utilized to analyze the evolution of world political pattern and issues of war and peace. Thus, we can find out the limitation of the application of Western theories of international politics such as the clash of civilization, democratic peace, and highlight the value of China’s concept of harmony and order to the construction of world peace since ancient times.

2.3 Strengthening students’ cultural confidence in the innovation and development of international politics theories

The continuous development of China’s international politics theories and their contributions to world politics have been gradually recognized worldwide. Some
important modern Chinese political theories, including “the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence”, “Democratization of International relations”, “Harmonious world” and “Community of Shared Future for Mankind”, have been modern Chinese perspectives for solving contemporary global issues.\textsuperscript{[1]} To solve global issues, therefore, the world consensus of Chinese solutions and Chinese wisdom is more conducive to strengthening the cultural self-confidence and cultural awareness of college students.

3. Main integration of core socialist values in the teaching of international politics

3.1 Power and morality: reflecting core socialist values in the teaching of international politics

The different pursuit of power and morality is one of the fundamental differences between Chinese and Western international politics theories. When teaching the basic theories of Western international politics, we should deeply analyze the essence of democracy and freedom contained in them. Fundamentally speaking, idealism and realism respectively emphasize the role of morality and power in national survival and development, but the opposition between power and morality makes the two theoretical schools form the sharp confrontation. However, traditional Chinese political culture emphasizes the importance of increasing power and maintaining power through morality, and regards it as a part of power. This new conciliatory idealism will be a new attempt for the development of international politics and have a far-reaching impact on the practice of inter-state relations.

3.2 Traditional security concept and new security concept: reflecting core socialist values in the settlement of global issues

The traditional Western concept of national security cannot explain the emerging international issues after the end of the Cold War, but the new security concept initiated by China, which centers on mutual trust, mutual benefit, equality and
coordination, is a major breakthrough in the theoretical framework of traditional security concept, and can bring new theoretical interpretation to non-traditional security issues. This security concept will surely have a far-reaching impact on building a peaceful environment of long-term stability, security and reliability for the international community.

3.3 Jungle law and win-win cooperation: reflecting core socialist values in the political pursuits of different states

The jungle law, which emphasizes the survival of the fittest has always been pursued by Western international politics theories and practice, has not brought peace and prosperity to the world, but the Chinese political thoughts from harmony in diversity in the Pre-Qin period to the community of shared future for mankind in today’s China have come down in one continuous line, and have reflected their pursuit of peace. As a matter of fact, the logical thinking in the west has failed to find rational solutions to the world’s problems, however, the concept of common prosperity sought by the Chinese government has brought vigor and vitality to the world. It can be said that China is playing its role as a great power, and its prescriptions for global governance are being recognized by the world.

3.4 The clash of civilizations and coexistence of civilizations: reflecting core socialist values in the comparison of different cosmopolitanism

The theory about the clash of civilizations advocated by Samuel Huntington emphasizes the irreconcilability of contradictions between civilizations, and this cosmopolitanism centered on Western civilization deliberately creates conflicts between nations. However, the Chinese cosmopolitanism which is characterized by the concept of the world emphasizes the inclusiveness and harmony of civilizations, more importantly, this longing for harmony within and outside the country has been the consistent pursuit of idealism from the Chinese nation since ancient times. The cohesion of Chinese civilization depends on non-religious spiritual force, while the expansion of Western civilization depends on both religious force and material force
including violence. The Chinese civilization has achieved great national integration in history, while Western civilization has caused numerous wars and conflicts in the process of promoting capitalism to the world.

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