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# Interpretation of the Connotation of Socialist Core Values in the New Era

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**Abstract**: Culture carries the future and destiny of a country's development, and socialist core values represent the mainstream direction of culture. In depth interpretation of the basic connotation of the socialist core values is helpful to grasp the essence through the phenomenon, truly understand the connotation and value of Chinese culture from the source, and then realize the conscious practice with action.

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The 18th Congress of the Communist Party of China announced the arrival of a new historical journey into a new era. College students bear the future of the country and the hope of the nation. In the new era, it is necessary to educate them on the core values, so that their ideology and values conform to the historical trend and fundamental direction of the development of the country.

The socialist core values are the concentration and condensed of the socialist core value system, which covers the basic content of the mainstream values in China. "24 words" from the state, society and individual three levels of specific advocacy and suggestions, from different levels and areas of specific goals and requirements. College students should not only stay on the surface of memorization, but should go deep into the connotation itself, dig out the core meaning, understand from the source and implement from the action.

#### **1. Interpretation of connotation at the national level**

At the national level, the basic contents of socialist core values are summarized as four words: "prosperity, democracy, civilization and harmony", each of which has condensed close scientific logic. First, "prosperity" is the value goal of national economic development level, is the material foundation of the superstructure. Economic construction is the center of all development. Only when the economy progresses can the country have the right to speak and centripetal force. Therefore, the main focus of future development should still be to enhance the innovation-driven, science and technology, human resources and other ways to drive economic development. Second, "democracy" is the value goal of national political development and the value idea of the Communist Party in power. The superiority of the socialist system largely depends on its "democracy". Implementing democracy in the political field and widely listening to the opinions and suggestions of the general public are the concrete manifestation of the principles and policies of the mass line, people-centered, and working for the interests of the people. It is in line with General Secretary Xi's longcherished wish that "the people's aspiration for a better life is our goal". Third, "civilization" is the value goal of the national cultural development level, is the state of national development and the symbol of social progress. Civilization symbolizes the spiritual realm, connotation value and humanistic quality of a country's development. Citizens of a country are permeated with civilized atmosphere and symbols in their speech, communication, and behavior, which is of far-reaching significance to the improvement of the overall strength of a country. Fourth, "harmony" is the value goal of the national social development level, is the spiritual gene and social ideal of the Chinese people. Traditional Chinese culture has always valued "harmony" as the most beautiful and valuable. Consistent adherence to "harmony" is the inevitable choice and requirement for realizing the Chinese Dream of national rejuvenation. Among them, there is internal logic between the four words. In the internal logic structure of the national value goal, prosperity, democracy, civilization and harmony have their own priorities, interact with each other, and they all point to the strategic goal of realizing the Chinese dream of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. "Rich and powerful" reflects the economic goal, which is the premise and foundation of all goals. "Civilization" reflects the cultural goal and is the ideological basis for realizing the national development goal. "Democracy" is the political guarantee for realizing the Chinese dream; "Harmony" reflects the political goal and the ecological goal, and it is the social support and ecological requirement for realizing the short-term and long-term goals.

# 2. Interpretation of social connotation

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The value requirements of the socialist core values at the social level are mainly concentrated in four words: "freedom". "equality", "justice" and "rule of law". "Freedom" is the ultimate goal of harmony between man and himself and the value ideal of socialism. Everyone yearns for "freedom", but freedom must be established within a certain scope, not to harm the interests of others for the purpose of relative freedom. When interpreting and practicing freedom, we must be careful not to fall into the whirlpool of erroneous western social thoughts. "Equality" is the basic condition of harmony among people and the cornerstone of social harmony. "Justice" is the value mark of the harmony between man and society, and is the value requirement of socialism. One of the main reasons for the current domestic contradiction -- the contradiction between the people's yearning for a better life and the unbalanced and inadequate development -- is that the people still have the demands of "equality" and "justice". In other words, there are still inequalities and injustions. Therefore, effective governance must be adopted to make the society more equal and just, so that the road of good governance can reach the hearts of the people, and then the light of harmony can be scattered all over the earth. "Rule of law" is the fundamental guarantee of the harmony between man and country, and the core of socialist political civilization. The President of the People's Republic of China has put forward the "Four Comprehensives" strategy, the key link of which is the "comprehensive rule of law". Only by putting power in the cage of the system, letting the system speak for itself, and replacing people's subjective initiative with the material objectivity of the system can the value of the rule of law be truly realized. Freedom, equality, justice and rule of law are interrelated and interact with each other, and they jointly point to the ideal value pursuit of building a harmonious socialist society. The free and comprehensive development of human needs to be based on the equality between people and access to social justice. Without equality and justice, there is no free and comprehensive development of human. The rule of law not only provides security for freedom, equality and justice, but also defines the boundary of behavior for freedom, which is the result of the rule of law.

## **3.** Interpretation of the connotation at the personal level

The individual value requirements of the socialist core values are mainly concentrated in "patriotism", "dedication", "integrity" and "friendliness". "Patriotism" stipulates how citizens should treat the country and is the most fundamental standard of political value for every citizen. For as long as anyone can remember, our parents have probably taught us to be patriotic. Entering the school education stage, we all have to go through enlightenment education, experience education, theoretical education and other multi-level, multi-angle, multi-form patriotic education. However, not everyone needs to deeply understand the meaning of patriotism and actively practice it. Patriotism mainly includes the love yourself, love others (people), love the great rivers and mountains of motherland. Life is often difficult to do, first, easy to ignore love themselves, such as in order to work and study taste sleep and sleep, irregular work and rest, resulting in sudden death or physical illness and other phenomena. Second, it is easy to ignore the love of the motherland's great rivers and mountains, which can not be shown in graffiti and destruction of historical relics and relics. Third, it is easy to ignore the close people around, such as classmates, teachers, parents and so on. Patriotism itself is a concrete object, patriotic behavior in the side. "Dedication" stipulates how citizens should treat their careers, which is the most basic professional ethics standard for every citizen. Does your job go well? Strive to become a leader in the team, and treat your career with diligence, effort, awe and respect. "Honesty" stipulates how citizens should treat the society, which is the social moral standard for every citizen to behave and do things. The fast-paced urban life always makes people feel insecure and honest. Honesty and credit have become the basic demands of civil society. Only through honest communication can we achieve each other and enhance social harmony. "Kindness" defines how citizens should treat others (other things) and is the standard of personal character for every citizen in interpersonal communication. Being kind, kind, and kind to others are good words that always make people feel happy and comfortable, and it can increase productivity. Create a harmonious atmosphere. Patriotism, dedication, honesty and friendliness are also interrelated and promote each other, which jointly point to the pursuit of value behavior to cultivate good citizens in society. Kindness will enhance the quality of integrity, the attitude towards others into the habit of doing things. Integrity will cultivate a professional attitude, the habit of dealing with people into the spirit of love and dedication. Dedication will enhance the quality of patriotism, the cause of the responsibility into love of the motherland of the actual action.

#### 4. Conclusion

The socialist core values carry the overall value goal of a country's culture and are the direction and banner for the people to follow. It is the bounden duty of every citizen to earnestly study, understand and actively practice the socialist core values.

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