

# Research Review on the Chinese Dream since the New Era

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**Abstract:** Since the new era, the theory and practice of the Chinese dream have become the hot spot of academic research. The academia has conducted in-depth research on the background, core connotation, essential characteristics and realization path of the Chinese dream, and has achieved fruitful research results. However, there are still a lack of systematic integration of Chinese dream theory, lack of historical traceability of Chinese dream theory, lack of integration of Chinese dream and other disciplines, which need to be further discussed in the academic circles.

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On November 29, 2012, General Secretary Xi Jinping first put forward the Chinese Dream in the Road of Renaissance exhibition. He pointed out that realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation is the greatest dream of the Chinese nation since modern times. As the great vision of the Chinese people for the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, the Chinese dream is related to China's future development direction and has always been a hot issue in the academic circles. Since the new era, the academic circle has conducted in-depth research on the background, the core connotation, the essential characteristics of the Chinese dream, which has achieved fruitful results and expounded and demonstrated the great value significance of realizing the Chinese Dream from different perspectives. However, these achievements are also insufficient. In view of this, it is reviewing and sorting out the existing achievements of academic research on the Chinese Dream since the new era. It is of distinct theoretical significance and practical value for deepening the basic theoretical research of the Chinese Dream and expanding the research direction of practical education of the Chinese Dream.

## 1. A Basic Theoretical Study on the Chinese Dream

At present, the basic theoretical research on the Chinese dream mainly focuses on the background, connotation and value of the Chinese dream, which is as follows:

### 1.1 The background for the Chinese Dream

As a beautiful yearning of the contemporary Chinese people for the future society, the Chinese Dream not only has a distinct practical background, but also has a profound historical origin and theoretical background. In this regard, the academic circle mainly has the following views:

In terms of the historical origin of the Chinese Dream, it is rooted in the excellent traditional Chinese culture. For example, some scholars believe that the Chinese Dream is the inheritance of the thought of virtue, rule of virtue and the harmony culture.<sup>[1]</sup> Other scholars believe that the Confucian Datong ideal is an important ideological resource of the Chinese dream, which is the latest discourse expression of the Confucian Datong ideal in contemporary China.<sup>[2]</sup>

In terms of the theoretical background of the Chinese Dream, it is the inheritance and development of the Marxist thought on communism and the historical materialism. As some scholars believe that the ultimate goal of the Chinese dream is to achieve communism, which is guided by Marxist historical materialism and communist ideology.<sup>[3]</sup> Other scholars believe that the Chinese dream is the realistic expression of the common ideal of socialism with Chinese characteristics, and it is the high unity of lofty ideals and common ideals.<sup>[4]</sup> The Marxist theory of freedom and all-round development of people has been fully realized at present, and it can be said that the theory and practice of Marxism have built the original framework for the Chinese dream.

In terms of the time background of the Chinese Dream, it meets the development needs of China's political, economic, social and other aspects, and shows the good image and vitality of China at present. Some scholars believe that Chinese dream was born in a decisive period of transition from an overall moderately prosperous society to a moderately prosperous society in all respects. During this social transition period, the common spiritual state and ideal consensus of all the Chinese people is the social background of the Chinese dream.<sup>[5]</sup> Another scholars believe that China's modernization process is at a node of transformation from take-off to mature stage and Chinese dream is the strategic goal proposed to adapt to this node stage.<sup>[6]</sup>

The above analysis has comprehensively sorted out the background of the Chinese Dream theory from the historical origin, theoretical background and time background of the Chinese Dream. This not only clarifies the historical traceability of the Chinese dream, but also fully shows that the Chinese dream is the product of combining Marxist theory and the practice of socialism with Chinese characteristics, providing enlightenment and reference for the academic community to continue the study of the Chinese dream theory. In fact, the Chinese dream is the latest achievement of Marxist theory of sinicization and the product of the combination

of theory and practice. Therefore, the background of the Chinese dream should not only be clarified from the early theory of Marxism, but also from the process of the Communist Party of China leading the Chinese people to carry out revolution, reform and construction, which needs to be further explored by scholars from the perspective of historical research.

## 1.2 The connotation of the Chinese Dream

After clarifying the background of the Chinese Dream, we should clearly define the core connotation of the Chinese dream, which is the theoretical premise for the academic circle to carry out research related to the Chinese Dream. On the connotation of the Chinese Dream, the academic community has different understandings of this. In summary, there are mainly the following views:

The basic content of the Chinese dream is from the meaning of the Chinese dream. Some scholars believe that the Chinese Dream is to realize the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, the prosperity of the country, the nation and the happiness of the people.<sup>[7]</sup>

See the important connotation of the Chinese dream from the perspective of relationship dimension. From the perspective of the world, the nation and the people, the scholar Han Qingxiang proposed that the Chinese dream is not only the dream of a strong country, the dream of peace; but also the dream of the nation, the dream of the people. It is also a dream of fairness and justice, and it is everyone's dream of opportunity.<sup>[8]</sup> There are also scholars from the national, national and international perspectives, believe that the Chinese dream is a dream of great rejuvenation, is the dream of the people at different levels from the country to the dream, is a beautiful blueprint in the hearts of the people; is the dream of always adhere to the 'peace, development, cooperation, win-win', is connected with the world dream.<sup>[9]</sup>

See the international connotation of the Chinese dream from a world perspective. Some scholars believe that the Chinese dream aims to seek national independence and national liberation. It is to pursue the international status of a great country.<sup>[10]</sup> The Chinese dream is the dream of the country and the nation, and it is an achievable dream with the goal of realizing the rise of China.

Based on the goal of realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, the above definition has a relatively comprehensive understanding of the basic connotation, important connotation and international connotation of the Chinese Dream from different perspectives. However, its deficiency lies in that the connotation of the Chinese dream is regarded as self-evident. It does not see the concept that the Chinese dream is development, which will produce corresponding content changes with the changes of The Times and ignore The Times and development of the Chinese Dream. As socialism with Chinese characteristics has entered a new era, major changes have taken place in China's historical orientation. Changes have taken place to different degrees in China's society, politics, economy, culture and people's livelihood. In the future study, the Chinese Dream should start from a new historical orientation, be closely related with the transformation theory of the main contradiction in society, and then explore the new connotation of The Times of the Chinese Dream.

## 1.3 The value of the Chinese Dream

There are many different viewpoints on the proposed value and significance of the Chinese Dream. In summary, it mainly focuses on theoretical value, practical value and international value.

In terms of the theoretical value, some scholars discuss the theoretical significance of the Chinese dream from the perspective of the sinicization of Marxism. He believes that the Chinese dream reflects the historical path, ideological essence, theoretical quality and value orientation of the sinicization of Marxism. Taking the value orientation as an example, he believes that the Chinese Dream is the wisdom of the integration of eastern and western cultures in the process of historical development, which not only reflects the openness of Marxism, but also reflects the inclusiveness of traditional Chinese culture.<sup>[11]</sup> Other scholars believe that the Chinese dream as a discourse system has ideological significance, and it creatively opens up a society with Chinese characteristics. The universal dialogue between the system of theoretical theory and the world, and provides a new theoretical defense system for the legitimacy of socialism with Chinese characteristics.<sup>[12]</sup>

In terms of the practical value, some scholars believe that the practical value of the Chinese dream is to enhance Chinese consensus; boost the Chinese spirit; gather Chinese strength, and promote China's new development.<sup>[13]</sup> Another scholars believe that the people of all ethnic groups will be under the banner of the Chinese dream, adhere to the socialist core values, in the cause of the socialist national spirit condensed patriotism as the core, with reform as the core of the spirit of The Times, the two tension of spiritual integration is the Chinese spirit.<sup>[14]</sup> Have a dream to have a goal, to have a goal to forge ahead. The real value of the Chinese Dream lies in the joint efforts of the Chinese people and work together under the guidance of the Chinese Dream.

In terms of the international significance, some scholars believe that the world historical significance of the Chinese dream lies in sketching the concept of life community to overcome the opposition between human and nature; the recognition of the social community transcends the western liberal political civilization since modern times; and promoting the world calendar of building a community with a shared future for mankind History process.<sup>[15]</sup>

The above analysis clearly explores the significance of the current Chinese Dream for China and the world from the three aspects of theoretical value, practical value and international value. The proposal of the Chinese Dream gives people guidance to achieve the goal in value orientation, which also clarifies the western misjudgment of the China threat theory and shows that the Chinese dream is a dream of peace, cooperation, win-win and sharing. On the other hand, the Chinese dream is also a transcendence on the basis of rejuvenation. It gives people the opportunity to excel and the ultimate care for the pursuit of people's free liberation and all-round development. However, at present, few studies have combined the essential connotation of the Chinese dream with the value significance and discussed the deep significance of the Chinese dream: people-oriented, which needs to be explored further.<sup>[16]</sup>

## 2. Research on the realization path of the Chinese Dream

On the realization path of the Chinese Dream, the academic community has discussed it from different perspectives. In summary, there are mainly the following four viewpoints:

**Adhere to the three must.** To realize the Chinese dream, we must follow the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics, uphold

the leadership of the CPC, carry forward the Chinese spirit, and pool China's strength.<sup>[17]</sup>

**Firm three confidence.**Road confidence provides the right path to realize the Chinese dream; theoretical confidence provides a scientific action guide for the Chinese dream; institutional confidence provides a clear fundamental guarantee for the Chinese dream.<sup>[18]</sup>

**Strengthen the six-in-one development.**From a six-one perspective,scholars realize the Chinese dream should promote economic construction,lay a solid material foundation for the realization of the Chinese dream.<sup>[19]</sup>

**Continue to hard work to revitalize the country.**To realize the Chinese dream, we must rely on practical work.For example, some scholars believe that *empty talk mistakes the country and revitalize the country* points out the fundamental way to realize the Chinese dream.<sup>[20]</sup>Another scholars believe that realizing the Chinese dream requires unity of knowledge and action.<sup>[21]</sup>

### 3. Future progress of the Chinese Dream research

Since the new era,the Chinese dream has attracted more attention from the academic community and achieved research results in many aspects,such as exploring the background, connotation,characteristics and value of the Chinese dream,studying the relationship between the Chinese dream and the personal dream,and exploring the realization path to some extent.The above research basically involves the basic theory and practical operation of the Chinese Dream,adheres to the Marxist theory of sinicization theoretically,and provides certain help for the realization of the common ideal of the Chinese dream in practice.But on this basis,these achievements also have shortcomings such as insufficient background traceability research of the Chinese Dream and narrow research vision,which need further in-depth research in the academic community.

**Firstly,Strengthen the study of the basic theory of the Chinese Dream.**Most of the academic research on the Chinese Dream focuses more on practical guidance and ignores its basic theoretical research.From the existing theoretical achievements of Chinese Dream,although the academic circle has research on the background,connotation and characteristics of Chinese Dream,they lack influential and innovative works.From this level,future research needs to focus on the systematic integration of the basic theoretical research of the Chinese Dream,deeply answer a series of basic theoretical questions such as how the Chinese Dream is confirmed,how to reveal,how to be realized<sup>[22]</sup>,and conduct practical education research on this basis.

**Secondly,Pay attention to the historical traceability research of the Chinese Dream.**The Chinese dream is rooted in traditional Chinese culture and has profound historical and cultural deposits.To realize the Chinese dream,we also need to draw Chinese wisdom from the Chinese stories,inspire the Chinese spirit and pool its strength.However, judging from the current literature research,a very small number of articles combine with Chinese traditional cultural ideas to deeply explore the historical traceability of the Chinese dream.Future research should sort out the development context of the Chinese dream from the perspective of comparing history and reality,realize the necessity and value significance of the Chinese dream on this basis,and lay the theoretical foundation for the realization of the Chinese dream.

**Thirdly,Expand the vision of the theoretical and practical research of the Chinese dream.**Young college students are the future of the country.The realization of the Chinese dream needs the relay struggle of young college students,which need to improve the college students' ideological and political quality in many aspects.However, most of the current interdisciplinary research focuses on the Chinese dream and the education of ideals and beliefs of college students, and the research achievements in other interdisciplinary fields are relatively few.To this end, the future research of the Chinese dream should broaden the horizon,enrich the research content,such as the combination of the Chinese dream with collectivism education,patriotism education, labor education, etc.,and explore the paths and measures of integration in practice.

In short,since the new era, the academic community has actively explored the background,connotation and characteristics of the Chinese Dream,actively applied the Chinese Dream theory to the practice education of socialism with Chinese characteristics,explored many effective realization paths, and enriched the research of Marxist sinicization theory,but there are still some deficiencies.In the future, the theory and practice of the Chinese dream should focus on the above problems,and constantly deepen its guidance to education in practice.

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