

# Study on the Value of Integrating Marx's World History Thought into Ideological and Political Courses in Colleges and Universities

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**Abstract:** Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Organization of China, Xi has emphasized the great historical view and the great historical thinking for many times. The essence of Marx's world history thought embodies the "great history view", which provides us with an Angle of thinking and analyzing problems, and has scientific methodological significance. Marx's world historical thought is rich in connotation and far-reaching in implication. Inheriting and developing Marx's world historical thought and exploring the value of its integration into ideological and political courses are of great and far-reaching significance to improving the teaching ability of ideological and political course teachers and promoting the all-round development of students.

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## 1. Introduction

"If a nation wants to stand at the peak of science, it cannot live without theoretical thinking for a moment." In his speech at the conference commemorating the 200th anniversary of Marx's birth, Xi pointed out: "To study Marx, we must study and practice Marxist thoughts on world history." Marx in the German ideology deeply discusses the world history thought, he stood on the position of the proletariat, based on the dialectical materialism historical view, from the height of the fate of all mankind, thoroughly criticizing Feuerbach and others' view of world history with the color of bourgeois egotism, reveals the fundamental law of the development of the world history, realized the past philosophers and political scientists world history thought beyond, formed a new world view on the basis of world history thought. To inherit and develop Marx's world historical thought and explore the countermeasures and values of this thought into the ideological and political courses in universities.

## 2. The core content of the world historical thought in The German Ideology

Marx in the critical inheritance Montesquieu, Kant, Hegel, on the basis of the world history thought, reveals the causes of the world history, internal power, development law, ultimately, fundamentally denied the world history created by the spiritual power of idealism, make the scientific cognition of the world history based on the dialectical historical materialism.

### 2.1 The successful creation of world history

In the German Ideology, Marx criticized Hegel's idealist logic on the evolution of "absolute spirit" and highlighted the success of historical materialism. Marx pointed out the materiality of world history, which emerged from the development of productive forces and was not created by the "absolute spirit" outside of history. "It has brought all peoples, even the most savage, into civilization. The low price of its goods is the cannon with which it destroys all Great Walls and subjugates the most stubborn xenophobia of the barbarians. It compels all nations, if they are not to perish, to adopt bourgeois modes of production; it forces them to impose on themselves what is called civilization, which is to become bourgeois." [1] Based on historical materialism, Marx revealed the formation and development trend of capitalist society through economic analysis and on the basis of the division of labor theory. The inherent characteristic of capitalism, which only takes capital and profits, strengthens the exchanges and trade among various nationalities, regions and countries all over the world, breaks the original

regional history, and gradually expands from the local connection of economy to the overall connection of culture and politics. The exchanges become deeper and deeper, and the world history becomes deeper and more common. Gradually become the inevitable trend of the development of human society. The traditional pattern of self-sufficiency development of various localities and ethnic groups has been transformed into a new pattern of global competition and development, and history has become the history of the world.

## ***2.2 The internal power of world history***

The internal driving force of the formation of world history lies in the contradictory movement caused by productive forces and universal communication, which promotes the extensive development between productive forces and production relations. In the German Ideology, Marx defined "productive forces" as: "a certain mode of production, a certain industrial stage is always a certain mode of common activity, a certain. The social stage is closely linked, and this kind of common activity, namely 'productivity' ". [2] He believes that, first, productivity determines the development of world history. Production is the fundamental driving force of social development, which makes the society become a universally connected whole. Only the development of production can promote the formation and development of history. Without the history of production, there would be no history of human society and no history of communication. Second, productive forces are the driving force behind the leapfrog development of history. Marx believed that when the world is open to communication and universal contact, world history will achieve "leapfrog". The transformation of the mode of production caused by the development of productive forces, the international division of labor and the expansion of universal communication is the material basis for the historical transformation of various nations, regions and countries into the world history. The advanced productive forces, advanced technologies and advanced modes of a country can be exchanged and spread through communication and division of labor. The isolation and isolation of various regions in the world will be gradually broken, and the communication process between regions will become the process of the unity of the world. The backward countries will learn advanced experience from this, overcome the baseless zero start, and realize the leapfrog development of their own productive forces.

## ***2.3 The realization body of world history***

From the perspective of the realization subject of world history, there contains at least three layers of meaning. First, first to see the positive role of the bourgeoisie in the development of world history, that is, the huge material wealth created by the bourgeoisie provides the material premise for the formation of world history, indicating that the pioneer of world history is the bourgeoisie. As Marx pointed out in the German Ideology: "The development of productivity (with this development, the existence of the world historic rather than regional is already the existence of experience) is the generalization of poverty and extreme poverty; and the fight for necessities must be renewed, and all the old ale will revived. Secondly, the reason why the development of productive forces is absolutely necessary is that only with the general development of productive forces, the general communication of people can be established." [3] Second, at the same time, it is clearly recognized that the bourgeoisie due to its inherent class limitations, that is, the essence of private ownership occupying the means of production. Under the condition of capitalism, the alienation of human beings, the bourgeoisie can only serve as the pioneer of world history. As referred to in the book, "a single person as their activities for the world historic activities, more and more for them is the power of control (they imagine the oppression for the so-called world spirit and so on), by the expanding, in the final analysis for the control of the power of the world market." [4] Third, the bourgeoisie cannot overcome its own inherent limitations, and only the proletariat can become the main body of world history. The private ownership of capitalism makes people in a state of alienation, and people cannot obtain real freedom and liberation, which shows that they cannot bear the heavy responsibility of world history at all, and the proletariat will eventually replace the bourgeoisie to become the main force of world history. As pointed out in The German Ideology, "The proletariat can exist only in the sense of world history, just as communism - its cause - is possible only as a 'world history' existence." [5]

## ***2.4 The ultimate goal of world history***

Marx pointed out in the German Ideology that the ultimate goal of world history is to establish a real union of free people, to realize the free and comprehensive development of people, and thus pointed out his lifelong goal and the pursuit of the ideal society -communism. Marx pointed out in his

work: "Only in the community can individuals obtain the means to fully develop their talents, that is to say, only in the community can there be individual freedom. In the past of the past, such as the state, etc., individual freedom exists only for individuals who develop within the order of rule, and they have individual freedom only because they are individuals of this class. A false community of former unity was always independent relative to each; and, being the union of one class against another, it is not only a completely illusory community but a new constraint for the ruled class. Under the condition of a true community, each person obtains his own freedom in and through his own union." Community posed and criticized the capitalist system of false and hypocrisy, the individual special interests as universal interests, in the form of state to maintain the special interests of individuals, with the shell of the state, called the maintenance of the members, the common freedom, to maintain the internal freedom of the ruling class, and to suppress the characteristics of personal freedom. Marx on the basis of the criticism of the false community, expressed the necessity and inevitability of establishing real community, only break the old exploitation of people, oppression, enslaved people's system and production relations, establish a real community of involuntary division of labor makes people completely rid of human alienation, truly realize the freedom is the real history of the world.

### **3. The value of Marx's world historical thought into ideological and political courses in universities**

Xi's view of history that "the past, the reality and the future are interlinked", and the thought of a community with a shared future for mankind are the latest development and embodiment of the Marxist theory of world history in contemporary China. Marx's world thought on history reveals the inevitable trend that capitalism will eventually be replaced by socialism, and profoundly clarifies the historical mission of the proletariat who will eventually shoulder the heavy burden and lead the people of the world to open up a new era of world history. The great historical view and the great historical thinking method contained in Marx's world historical thought are of guiding significance for teachers and students to study history seriously, correctly understand history, draw lessons from and apply history, and then continue to create new history.

#### ***3.1 It is conducive to making students establish a broad vision of examining the historical development in grasping the general trend of history***

History is not a simple patchwork of fragmented historical events and historical figures, but a process with continuity, integrity and systematization, and a collection of the past, present and future. History is not a history occupied by a single nation or region, but a history of individuality and commonness, sharing and connection. Marx's thought on world history shows that the civilizations of various nations and regions do not only belong to their own nations and regions. They must be more or less connected with other civilizations. After the development of capitalism gradually makes the world a connected whole, this connection becomes closer and the degree of impact is greatly deepened. This provides ideological guidance for students to better understand the relationship between the world and China, and inspires students to actively use Marx's world historical thought to comprehensively and correctly understand the development trend and development situation of the current world. They should establish a big view of history and overall view. From the longitudinal point of view, we should grasp the time dimension of history, stand on the time axis, sum up the past experience and lessons, learn from the past and serve the present. History is a mirror, so that they can deeply and clearly understand their own position, understand their own target direction, warning their words and deeds whether yaw. Horizontally, we should place ourselves in the world, combine our own situation with that of other countries, regions and nationalities, and be inclusive and inclusive. Correct understanding of the relationship between the world and China, China must be integrated into the world development trend, the world development also need to contribute to China, the world is the whole, will be affected by various factors appear "double effect", to take root history into the future, face the opportunities and challenges, to grasp the historical development trend, remember our original mission to promote social change.

#### ***3.2 It is conducive to guiding students to strengthen their cultural confidence on the basis of recognizing the world history and civilization***

Cultural confidence is the most basic, profound and lasting force in the development of a country or a nation. An upward and virtuous culture is an important bond for a country and a nation to share weal

and woe. The unique historical civilizations of different ethnic groups and regions together constitute a rich and colorful world historical civilization. Marx's world thought on history shows that the historical civilizations formed by all ethnic groups and regions are the crystallization of the nation's labor wisdom, an indispensable part of the world historical civilization, and have their value of existence and should not be divided between high and low. This is of great significance for college ideological and political courses to strengthen students' history and culture study and strengthen their cultural confidence. It inspires students to consciously strengthen the study of world history and culture, establish a correct view of history and civilization, and understand that there is no high and low world civilization, and there is no difference between good and disadvantages. The clear understanding of the national history civilization based on the correct understanding of the world history of civilization, see the Chinese nation for the world history civilization progress, draw strength in Chinese excellent traditional culture, proud of the national history and culture, highly identified with the national history and culture, and respect the diversity of the world culture, history consciousness, firm cultural self-confidence, enhance the ambition, backbone and confidence to be a Chinese. In action, we should consciously make up for the deficiency and publicize the unity, strengthen the cognition of traditional culture, know its nature better, overcome the blind identification of Western culture, on the basis of making up for the deficiency, establish a high degree of national identity, take the initiative to tell Chinese stories, express Chinese voice and explain Chinese views more confidently, and become a young envoy to communicate the friendship between China and foreign countries. Enhance the international influence of Chinese culture.

### ***3.3 It is conducive to promoting students to broaden their vision and look at problems in a big pattern***

The world today is in an unheralded place of major changes in a century. The series of achievements and transformations that have taken place in our country are obvious to all. However, the accompanying negative factors that have taken place in international economic and political integration are also global in nature. So be aware of both danger and opportunity. Marx's thought of world history indicates that the ultimate objective of the development of socialism is to promote the progress and development of mankind, and clarifies that only the proletariat can complete this great task. It is of great significance to broaden students' foresight and promote them to view problems in a general pattern. Since ancient times, the Chinese nation has had the cultural tradition of "great harmony under the world" and "harmony". For thousands of years, it has not only guided the sons and daughters of the Chinese nation to contribute to its own development, but also encouraged the Chinese people to actively strengthen exchanges with other countries and make their own contribution to the common development of the world. Ideological and political courses in colleges and universities should enable students to have a clear understanding of the development and changes of the current international and domestic situations in the context of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, in the context of time and space in which the past intersects with the future and China is closely intertwined with the world. They should stand on the height of human development, combine the responsibility of realizing the Chinese Dream with the responsibility of promoting the common development of the world, and focus on peace and development. We should broaden our horizons, emancipate our minds, actively devote ourselves to the great cause of the motherland, and contribute our wisdom and strength to the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. On the basis of promoting the development of China, we should shoulder the responsibilities of The Times, actively integrate into the trend of world development, participate in the governance of global youth affairs, uphold the common values of mankind such as peace, development, fairness, justice, democracy and freedom, promote the development and progress of mankind, and contribute the strength of Chinese youth to world development.

## **4. Conclusion**

Research and use of the German ideology in Marx's world historical thought, inheritance and development of Marx's world historical thought, actively explore Marx's world historical thought into the education courses in colleges and universities, to promote, students correctly understanding, grasp the world history development trend, set up big vision, big feelings, big wisdom, big pattern, big state, science to deal with the various risks and challenges in the future is of important value. Marx's thought on world history is still shining with the brilliance of truth. We should make full use of this ideological treasure, strengthen students' understanding and grasp of Marx's world history thought, so that students can learn in doing and learning, and highlight their theoretical and practical value to the contemporary in the teaching of ideological and political courses in colleges and universities.

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