

# Problems, Causes And Countermeasures Of Party Members' Ideals And Beliefs

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**ABSTRACT.** *Ideals and beliefs are the power source and spiritual support of the communist party members, and the basis of the communist's life. At present, there are many problems within the party that do not meet the requirements of the new situation and new tasks, or conform to the nature and purposes of the party, among which the ideals and beliefs are particularly prominent. This paper makes a systematic analysis of the problems existing in party members' ideals and beliefs as well as the root causes of their formation, and gives some Suggestions on the education of party members' ideals and beliefs, which has certain reference value for the improvement of party construction.*

**KEYWORDS:** *ideals and beliefs, the communist party member, publicity and education*

## 1. Preface

Ideals and beliefs are the power source and spiritual support of the communist party members, the core and soul of the party's progressiveness, reflecting the party's spirit, style and image as well as the perseverance and determination to overcome difficulties. Xi Jinping pointed out during the first group study of the political bureau of the 18th CPC central committee that wavering of ideals and beliefs is the most dangerous form of wavering. Do not have ideal belief or ideal belief is not firm, the spirit will "lack calcium", will get "rickets". Firm ideals and beliefs, adhere to the spirit of the communist pursuit, has always been the basis for communist life.

At present, the party's level of leadership and governance, the state of party building and the quality of its members are on the whole compatible with the party's historical mission. But there are also many problems within the party that do not meet the requirements of the new situation and new tasks, and do not conform to the nature and purpose of the party. These problems have seriously damaged the party's close ties with the people, seriously affected the consolidation of the party's ruling position and the realization of its ruling mission. One of the most prominent problems is the party members' ideals and beliefs. We must arouse the vigilance of the whole party and promptly resolve the issue.

## **2. Problems with ideals and beliefs**

### ***2.1 Ideals and beliefs fade***

The first is the doctrine of "Enjoy while one can ".According to a sample survey of 18 universities across the country, 28.9 percent of college students agree with the idea that life is too short to live happily.25.1 percent even have difficulty judging their ideals and beliefs.The second is the pragmatic philosophy,This is the "useful is the truth" concept, only focus on the immediate vested interests, ignoring the lofty ideals.The third is the value that money makes the world go round.Money worship and egoism are serious.

### ***2.2 Ideals and beliefs are in doubt***

The first is "marxist obsolescence" and "socialist failure".The second is the "ethereal theory of communism";Third, the theory of capitalism hanging down and immortality, corruption and immortality is looming;Fourth, the growth of "capitalism with Chinese characteristics".Some even ask "how long can the red flag last?" and "How long can socialism with Chinese characteristics last?".

### ***2.3 Ideal faith confusion***

The expression is to the Chinese characteristic socialism road confused.First, they tend to follow the old closed and rigid path and return to the planned economy;Second, regardless of China's national conditions, it tends to take the evil path of overall westernization.Third, they tend to take the middle road,just like the humane and democratic socialist path proposed by former Soviet general secretary Mikhail gorbachev.

### ***2.4 Ideals and beliefs are shaken***

First, in major principles, it shows insufficient political determination;Second, on major events, the attitude and position is not clear enough;Third, in the important interests, can not withstand the temptation of money, power and beauty.

### ***2.5 Ideal faith slide***

The first is the "59-year-old phenomenon,". The ideal of "the right not to use, expired invalid" has dominated some people's minds; The second is the "39-year-old phenomenon", Some cling to corruption after losing hope of promotion; The third is the "ceiling phenomenon", Because the promotion space is small, some people do not think forward and act freely; The fourth is the phenomenon of "real power has

become vacant", Some leading cadres lose the motivation to pursue their careers after their actual posts become vacant or non-leadership positions.

### ***2.6 Loss of ideals and beliefs***

The first is the deterioration of politics. Some party members are devious about the party, they disobey political rules and are disloyal to the party; The second is economic greed, in some eyes only money is lift; The third is moral degeneration, in order to achieve the goal, some people by hook or by crook; The fourth is corruption in life, some respect hedonism and pursuit luxury life.

### ***2.7 Ideal faith speculation***

The first is the belief in speculation, not as good as one outside, some people are ostensibly for faith, but really for other interests; The second is political speculation, which appears to be loyalty but is actually disloyalty; The third is power speculation, some build a small circle of your own people ,cling to power and unite with those of the same views but alienate those with different views.

### ***2.8 Alienation of ideal belief***

Some have gone from marxism, communism and socialism with Chinese characteristics to idealism, metaphysics and capitalist beliefs. They don't believe in marxism-leninism but in ghosts, wind and water and capitalism,etc.

## **3. Cause of ideal belief problem**

There are all kinds of problems with ideals and beliefs, and the factors that influence them are very complicated. This article from the following aspects to analyze.

### ***3.1 Historical reasons***

The first is the residual influence of feudalism. The thought of the official standard under the imperial autocracy has a far-reaching influence. Many people regard the interests and will of "officials" who hold public power as the most fundamental starting point and foothold. Some judge people by the size of officials and the height of positions, or measure people's social status and life value by referring to the rank of officials.

Second, the trauma of the cultural revolution cast a great shadow. The failure of previous efforts to serve the communist ideal society under conditions of immaturity has cast a heavy shadow on people. Some people have doubts about the ideal of communism, and some even abandon it and advocate "living in the moment".

### ***3.2 International factors***

First, the collapse of the Soviet union and the upheavals in eastern Europe had a strong impact on the ideals and beliefs of some party members. Some people began to doubt, confuse and even waver the ideals and beliefs of marxism and communism.

Second, some achievements and changes in the rapid development of capitalism have confused the ideals and beliefs of some party members. The productive forces of capitalist countries have developed rapidly, the contradictions of capitalism have eased, and the social security system has been improved. Some party members wavered because they could not see our obvious advantage.

Third, the propaganda of some western ideological trends has penetrated and eroded the ideals and beliefs of some party members. With economic globalization and the popularity of the Internet, a variety of ideological and cultural mixed into our country, Some of our party officials have let down their guard and cannot tell right from wrong. Such as this year's emergence of new liberalism, historical nihilism, democratic socialism, universal values and other erroneous ideological trends and the introduction of foreign religions, these have shaken the ideals and beliefs of the communists.

### ***3.3 Domestic factors***

First, in the process of China's transition from planned economy to market economy, the negative effects of the ideas of market economy such as freedom and exchange of equivalence have led to the diversification, utilitarianism and vulgarization of values. Some party members appeared to worship money, power rent-seeking thoughts.

Second, the contradictions brought by the social reform have affected the social and political attitudes of some party members. The widening income gap and the increasingly uneven distribution of benefits have confused and worried quite a few party members.

### ***3.4 Party factors***

First, since the reform and opening up, the whole society has relaxed the education of ideals and beliefs, and the publicity and education have become a mere formality, resulting in lax party governance and ineffective party building. Some party members and cadres do not pay attention to theoretical study, or studying theory is not deep enough, and they failed to apply what they have learned.

Second, corruption within the party has led to a decline in the party's image and prestige, weakening ideals and beliefs, and disappointing the people, people became confused about the future of the party and doubted whether the communist ideal could be realized.

Third, the education of ideals and beliefs lacks effectiveness. There is a big contrast between theoretical propaganda and reality. Propaganda means are single, too much attention is paid to preaching and positive education, and the content is vague, which is inconsistent with the increasingly rich reality. They separated the values of socialist collectivism from the values of individual interests. Under the condition of developing socialist market economy, the one-sided emphasis on collective interests while ignoring individual values leads to the phenomenon of "you say what you do, I do what I do".

Fourth, the entry gate control is not strict, daily management is not in place, leading to some of the motives for joining the party into the ranks of party members, The thoughts and practices of these speculators corrode the main body thought of the party members and lead some of them wrongly.

#### **4. Countermeasures of ideal and belief education**

##### ***4.1 Strengthen theoretical learning and theoretical innovation***

First, we should strengthen self-study among party members and cadres, encourage them to read more books and read good books, and adhere to learn the original books and texts in order to systematically recognize and understand marxism-leninism, MAO zedong thought, deng xiaoping theory, the three represents, the scientific outlook on development, and xi Jinping's classic works on socialism with Chinese characteristics for a new era, instead of spending a lot of time on fragmented knowledge and ideas processed by various people; Second, the training of party members and cadres should be intensified to make clear and clear the problems that have troubled people for a long time in the past so as to remove doubts in the minds of party members; Third, theoretical learning should be closely combined with The Times, national conditions, and people's conditions, so as to achieve theoretical innovation and keep pace with The Times; Fourth, we should create a certain amount of time and space for the full learning of party members and cadres, and deal with the relationship between public learning in working time and private learning in spare time.

##### ***4.2 The education of ideals and beliefs is combined with the realization of personal values***

In the radical past, we neglected the common humanity of party members and showed little respect for their personal values. The perfect characters for propaganda of that era were often unreal and unreliable. A communist is also a concrete person, who also has seven emotions and six desires, social intercourse, and needs to support his family. The communist party member cannot leave the individual interest, Therefore, it is necessary to combine the ideals and beliefs of the communist party members with their personal values to ensure that the person with

ideals and beliefs is the most fully realized individual value, a person who is respected.

#### ***4.3 We should pay attention to the education of ideals and beliefs based on people***

The education of party members' ideals and beliefs is fundamentally the process of the exchange of values between subject and object and the harmony of soul, which determines that the education of party members' ideals and beliefs must cut into the individual's mind world in specific methods, pay attention to humanistic care and psychological counseling, stimulate the individual soul resonance, which means to respect the individual value, dignity and integrity of personality of party members and implement "humanized education" to create a comfortable environment. Humanistic care and psychological guidance accord with human nature, it can enrich educational connotation, broaden the horizon of ideal and belief and will be an effective method of ideal and belief education.

#### ***4.4 Innovate the way of ideal and belief education***

In the past, our ideals, beliefs and education were usually based on positive propaganda and indoctrination. This method has played a great role, but these methods also have certain limitations. Moral condemnation, legal punishment and negative education can be regarded as a good supplement to positive education. In the past, we were afraid of exposing the dark side of corruption of the party and government, and of affecting the image of the party and the poor bearing capacity of the masses. Now it seems that properly exposing some of our existing problems and severely punishing some party officials for their violation of the law and discipline and their moral corruption is also a good warning, which can let a few ideal belief shake party member cadre deep introspection, turn round in time, achieve very good alarm bell to ring and consolidate the effect of ideal belief thereby.

#### ***4.5 The education of ideals and beliefs must be integrated with the reality of life***

The reason why the party members' ideals and beliefs shake in the new period is also related to the party members' ideals and beliefs education divorced from the actual life. People in the practice of life is much more profound than the indirect understanding. Whether a value pursuit or doctrine can become people's ideal and belief depends on whether it can be integrated into the reality of life, whether it can become People's Daily behavior norms of thinking habits, whether it can be transformed into people's actual emotional experience. Lenin put communism embodied as a daily life habit, he points out that the so-called communism is used to fulfill social obligations without the need for special enforcement agencies and is the widespread practice of working for the common good without pay. He stressed that ideals and beliefs should not be "divorced from the boiling reality of life" and urged party members to change their thinking and habits during practical activities such as communist Saturday. Lenin's request revealed to us that the education of party

members' ideals and beliefs could not be carried out with dry and empty propaganda. On the one hand, we should actively make full use of the network new media for education; on the other hand, we should pay attention to life practice education and integrate the education of ideals and beliefs into the life practice of various party members.

#### ***4.6 Tightly control the two entrances: "party membership" and "promotion"***

General secretary Xi Jinping stressed at the national organization work conference that "party members must be strictly admitted and political standards should be given top priority. Those who are politically unqualified and want to gain benefits within the party should not have any." Therefore, in the process of recruiting party members, we must give top priority to political standards, strictly organize procedures, strictly handle key points, and strictly pursue accountability. We must resolutely keep out "patients" with problems, such as ideals and beliefs, and prevent them from joining the party when they are "ill". In addition, when promoting party members and cadres, strict ideological and political views, to ensure the purity and the advanced nature of cadres thought.

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