

# The Influence of Historical Nihilism on College Students and Its Countermeasures

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**Abstract:** College students are in the shaping period of ideological values and outlook on life. They have not formed a correct value position and have a strong curiosity about new things. Historical nihilism seizes the characteristics of college students and desecrates history through entertainment, which has a negative impact on young students. For example: damage college students' trust in the Communist Party of China, make college students question the Chinese road, affect college students' cognition of excellent traditional culture, and form wrong views of history and values. I will put forward countermeasures and suggestions from four aspects: philosophy, theory, practice and system to eliminate the negative impact of historical nihilism on college students.

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At present, with the development of modern economy and the transformation and upgrading of society, the thoughts of college students have changed greatly under the influence of the development of commodity economy. At the same time, the ideas of young students are also changing with the rapid development of modern media, especially the Internet. They are imperceptibly influenced by various values in the Internet. As a double-edged sword, the negative information spread by network media has seriously affected the development of college students. College students have active minds and curiosity about unknown information. Compared with other social groups, they can quickly accept new things. Therefore, they have become the main target group of historical nihilists. From the existing cases, some college students have been unconsciously influenced by historical nihilism, which has wrongly guided their value judgment and produced negative and radical views on society. Then, in the development of real society, what are the aspects of historical nihilism in society? What is the philosophical essence of these expressions? Analyze what negative effects it has produced? Further, in the face of the negative impact of the current rapid development of economic society and network information on college students, what strategies should all actors use to eliminate the negative impact of historical nihilism? Based on the thinking of the above problems, this paper is written.

## 1. The External Manifestation and Philosophical Essence of Historical Nihilism

Historical nihilism tries to misinterpret and reshape history in order to deny the guiding position of Marxism. They believe that China's socialism is not a historical necessity, and then question the legitimacy of the party's governance. This is a social trend of thought that deliberately confuses right and wrong and puts the cart before the horse. To dispel the trend of historical nihilism, we must understand its performance in society and sort out its philosophical essence.

### 1.1. The External Manifestation of Historical Nihilism

In politics, the trend of thought of the nihilism distorts the historical role of the revolution in modern China and denies the historical achievements made in the course of the construction of New China. It basically lies in denying the leadership of the Party and denigrating the revolutionary leaders of the Party. First, the ideological trend of the nihilism distorts the historical role of the revolution in modern China. The founding of the People's Republic of China was made possible by the hard work of countless revolutionary martyrs and the unflinching sacrifice of the people. However, all along, historical nihilism have completely distorted and ignored the great significance of the modern revolution in the course of the country's history, the anti-imperialist and anti-feudal struggle of denying the revolution and belittling the people. They propagate Western thought, advocate political reform, and deny violent revolution. Second, the nihilism claimed that China's development went against the law of social development and that China had skipped the stage of capitalist development. Finally, the spread

of the Communist Party's improper way to gain power of false statements, in an attempt to form in the community questioned the legitimacy of the ruling Communist Party atmosphere. They take out of context, judge the role and value of leaders with one-sided and minor history, and completely deny the status and influence of some important leaders.

In the cultural field, with the help of novels, and movies, they conduct ideological and value induction and infiltration. They disseminate absurd statements, smear the great historical figures, vilify the people by using the Internet, the media and other platforms. In the Internet society, there are often people who regard the revolutionary history as the material of jokes and the heroes and martyrs as the objects of jokes, as if the Revolutionary War were a funny joke. For example, Huang Jiguang's actions are deliberately misinterpreted, and the act of blocking the bullet hole of a martyr is described as the helpless result of an accidental fall rather than an individual's will. Another example, netizens named "Homework" sacrificed martyrs as "Barbecue", Jia Duo Bao company online to echo his insulting remarks. Bi Fujian said and acted improperly and slandered the revolutionary history. The existence of these social bad parody speech, giving public a serious impact of history, but also affect the public's correct understanding of historical figures. The main force of the Internet generation, the youth, still lacks the ability to distinguish right from wrong and the comprehensive and objective historical knowledge reserve, more easily believe the false statement, affects its correct values formation. That prevents them from forming the right ideas.

In the study of history, they try to "Expound the truth", "Reverse the truth" and "Re-evaluate" the national history. In the study of history, the trend of thought of historical nihilism, relying on "Academic innovation", intends to set up "theoretical traps" to overturn the facts. First of all, there is nothing wrong with the nihilism of history making a big deal about the need to explain history in facts, but instead they serve themselves with "Facts" that are wrong, such as the impact of the acts of aggression of the great powers on the development of modern China. They think if it were not for the aggression of the great powers, modern China would never have had access to the advanced industrial technology of the West and the ideas of scientific democracy. They turned a blind eye to the burning and looting of the great powers, denied the "People living in poverty" caused by the great powers, put forward the "Invasion is justified", and overturned the facts of the brutal aggression of modern Western countries. Secondly, the nihilism fundamentally distorts the historical facts, confuses right and wrong with an irrational argument, and essentially interferes with the value judgment and rational thinking of the college students. They use the so-called "Historical truth" to confuse the college students' thinking about the role and historical significance of the Chinese revolution. They hope to wear a "Rational halo" for themselves, to occupy the historical discourse. In fact, in order to deny the justice and necessity of the revolution, the nihilism fundamentally distorts and inverts the history, which is an anti-rational thinking.

### ***1.2. The Philosophical Essence of Historical Nihilism***

Essentially, it's an idealism view of history, totally opposed to historical materialism. (1) Negate the law of history, run in the trap of idealist conception of history, deliberately ignoring and forget the history of China struggle and the course of development. Nihilism believes that history is changed by great men, not by social developments. (2) They forget and deny the facts. And they take "the theory innovation" as the foothold, often stands in the posterity high supposition before how the history should develop, simply quotes the partial historical data as the support for own argument, and assumes subjectively the history. There is nothing rational about one-sided interpretation or even reconstruction of historical events and figures. (3) The nihilism of history has grasped the details and exaggerated them, while ignoring the main contradictions of society. History has made arduous progress. It is true that China has made mistakes in its development, but we should analyze these mistakes in the great cause of socialism. This is accompanied by the mainstream of social development, it is difficult to avoid, and should not be deliberately exaggerated. There is no Party without making mistakes, and the Communist Party of China is no exception. But when our Party makes mistakes, it corrects them immediately. This is also the magic weapon by which our Party can hold power for a long time. Our system, road and theoretical system are constantly correcting errors and mistakes in the gradual complement and improvement.

## **2. The Negative Influence of Historical Nihilism on College Students**

### ***2.1. Historical Nihilism Damages College Students' Trust in the Communist Party of China***

According to the absurd claims of the nihilism, the Communist Party is bound to make mistakes in its socialist construction, because they claim the legitimacy of the party's historical leadership as the acquisition of revolutionary leadership through political manoeuvres. They believe that at the beginning of the founding of the People's Republic, we should choose the road of capitalism. The remarks made by people with private interests are harmful to the country's development and will affect the future of the country. If these remarks spread in society, they will mislead college students, it urges the university students to question the ruling significance of this undertaking.

### ***2.2. Historical Nihilism Makes College Students Question the Path of China***

In the study of modern and contemporary Chinese revolutionary history and the history of the Communist Party of China, the Nihilism of history replaces the revolutionary view of history with the view of modernization. This has had two negative effects: First, advocating a farewell to the revolutionary theory, denying our nation's founding process and advocating a farewell to the revolutionary theory; and second, ignoring all the great achievements brought about by China's reform and opening up, it is easy to distort students' understanding and unconsciously let them be wrapped up in the cloak of historical nihilism by the profanity that our country embarked on the road of reform and opening up in order to fill the gaps in capitalism, shaking up China's sense of direction.

### ***2.3. Historical Nihilism Affects College Students' Cognition of Excellent Traditional Culture***

During the development of China for thousands of years, a lot of profound cultural contents have come into being. These cultural treasures are the carrier of the Chinese national spirit and the inheritance of the people's faith. But the nihilism criticizes our traditional culture indiscriminately, holding that traditional culture poisons the people of our country, and that traditional culture impedes the development of history and the progress of the times, thus negating and denigrating traditional culture, it seriously affects the correct cognition of college students to traditional culture. However, Nihilism's indiscriminate trampling of traditional Chinese culture, claiming that traditional culture poisons the Chinese people and restricts the development of history and the progress of the times, has affected students' critical thinking about traditional culture.

### ***2.4. Historical Nihilism Distorts College Students' Views on History and Values***

"If you want to destroy your country, you must first go to its history." The wrong view of history advocated by historical nihilism is easy to spread to young students. However, they have not yet formed mature identification ability, judgment ability and rational thinking ability, and will be guided by external information, "Ignoring the rationality and scientificity of things, it is easy to blindly accept historical knowledge and deal with historical views". Historical nihilists make use of this characteristic of college students, publicize and package by means of new media, tamper with China's modern and contemporary history with ulterior motives, beautify aggression, vilify Chinese people's heroes, and "de hero" revolutionary heroes [1]. The false news is novel to the student group. Driven by curiosity, college students continue to receive, spread and spread, resulting in the formation of wrong value judgment, which will be detrimental to the personal and social development of college students.

## **3. Countermeasure Analysis of Dispelling the Negative Influence of Historical Nihilism**

### ***3.1. Clarify the Essence of Idealism and Eliminate the Trend of Historical Nihilism from the Philosophical Level***

Use easy to understand language to reveal the hidden idealistic essence of historical materialism to the public, improve the public's awareness of historical materialism, and enhance the defense ability of social groups against the trend of historical nihilism through daily publicity and popularization of historical knowledge, so as to resist its negative impact Divorced from the specific and historical background, deviated from the scientific world outlook and methodology, and divorced from the principle of "seeking truth from facts". Historical materialism is not only a world view, a historical

view, but also a methodology; It is not only the theory of historical process, historical ontology, but also the thinking method of observing history and historical methodology.[2] Therefore, through the popularization of knowledge, we should make historical materialism enter the public's vision, go deeply into the people's thinking consciousness, guide the people's daily life, and form a good atmosphere and environment in the whole society, so as to resist the negative impact of historical nihilism.

### ***3.2. Deepen the Research of Historical Theory and Criticize the Trend of Historical Nihilism from the Theoretical Level***

On the one hand, we should make the research results of historical theory known to the public, and expose the deception and absurdity of historical nihilism according to the logical way of ideological tracing, reality combing and achievement transformation. By tracing the whole historical process of the emergence, evolution and spread of soft historical nihilism, clarify its context, master its new characteristics, new trends and new techniques in real life, generate targeted and forward-looking theoretical results, and provide theoretical support for timely disclosure and accurate attack on soft historical nihilism.[3] Historical nihilism is nothing more than conveying extremely wrong historical views to the public with the help of historical leftovers, resulting in the doubt that the history publicized by the public in the current society is "incomplete and biased", and reducing the people's sense of identity. On the other hand, we should break the boundaries between disciplines, connect and apply multiple disciplines, connect and comprehensively utilize political science, Marxism theory, psychology, journalism and other disciplines with historical facts and historical events, and aim at the psychological characteristics and habitual ways of obtaining information of college students. Show the correct historical knowledge to the vision of young students through interesting and in-depth release, expose and dispel historical nihilism in a "true, correct, interesting and informative" way, expound history from a multifaceted, multi-level and all-round perspective, and form the linkage and innovation among disciplines, so as to better and more effectively criticize historical nihilism.

### ***3.3. Attach Importance to Ideological and Political Education in Colleges and Universities and Resist the Trend of Historical Nihilism from the Practical Level***

Improve the quality of Ideological and political education and run ideological and political education through the whole process of students' growth and development. On the one hand, we should implement the "three advances" of the general secretary's thought of socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era, strengthen the construction of teaching materials, reform teaching methods and improve teaching level. At the same time, we should take the construction of campus culture and campus activities as an important way to give play to the educational function of values, guide students to establish correct values and enhance their sense of political identity. On the other hand, promote the "four histories" education to enrich students' historical knowledge, so that college students can have a correct understanding and judgment of social phenomena. In order to effectively oppose the trend of historical nihilism, the state has raised the study of "four histories" to an unprecedented strategic height. Therefore, we should innovate and practice in educational content, educational methods and educational carriers, keep pace with the times, and constantly innovate content supply, teaching methods and cultural carriers, so as to make students enjoy learning, love learning and live learning historical knowledge.

### ***3.4. Strengthen the Governance of Cyberspace and Restrict the Ideological Trend of Historical Nihilism from the Institutional Level***

At present, the network information is mixed, and the information supervision is very difficult. The network has become the main habitat of historical nihilism. Therefore, we should resolutely resist the spread of historical nihilism in cyberspace and create a healthy, green and orderly network environment. First, from the level of laws and regulations to restrict the occurrence and development of historical nihilism. Improve the system of network laws and regulations, manage the network according to law, and standardize the behavior of Internet users. Supporting it is to increase the investment in network management, check the network content at any time, and strive to build a clear cyberspace. Second, develop and use artificial intelligence and other related technologies to accurately and automatically filter the information published by Internet users, filter illegal information, and scientifically predict the new trends of negative thoughts, so as to make accurate countermeasures. Third, virtue and law should be applied together, and hardness and softness should be combined. Combine moral publicity and

guidance with example demonstration and guidance, pay close attention to the moral construction of cyberspace, advocate civilized and standardized use of the Internet, and "form a new atmosphere in which moral behaviors in cyberspace catch up with each other"[4-5].

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