

# A Review of the Research on the Basic Concepts of Political Culture within the Communist Party of China

## -- Based on the Literature Analysis of CNKI

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### Abstract

Clear party political culture concept is a scientific understanding of the communist party of China party politics culture construction rule and the precondition of constructing party political culture system. Since xi general secretary on the sixth plenary session of 18 first proposed "the party's political culture" in this era proposition, domestic academia on its relevant concepts "launched a multi-angle and deep worth research and the elaboration, has achieved rich results. At the same time should also be aware of, because "the party's political culture" in this era proposition put forward by the time is short, scholars for the study of the concept of "political culture" party is still in its infancy, there are the core concepts definition is not clear, the research Angle of view of a single, lack of comparative study and deficiency, so need to be promoted from the three aspects.

### Keywords

Communist Party of China; The Party's Political Culture; Basic Connotation; The Research Review.

## 1. Introduction

The party's political culture was born with the birth of the communist party of China, the history of the communist party of China is the history of the party political culture. But before the party's sixth plenary of 18, "the party's political culture", not as an independent proposition put forward by successive party leaders, until on the party's sixth plenary of eighteen, xi jinping, general secretary for the first time put forward the concept of "the party's political culture". Since then, "the party's political culture" as an independent thesis raised a hot wave extensive research in domestic academic circle. By sorting and analyzing relevant literature on " the party's political culture " in CNKI, it is found that the research literature on the party's political culture began to appear in 2012. The research literature from 2012 to 2016 is few and the number of literatures is single digit. The research literature from 2017 to 2021 is more, especially forming a research peak in 2017. At the same time, a total of 1186 articles were searched on CNKI under the title of " the party's political culture", and 849 articles were excluded from the invalid ones. There are three main views representative, is based on the basic theory research of the concept of political science, xi jinping general secretary of the party political culture connotation is discussed research and based on the research of cultural structure elements.

## 2. Research based on Three Perspectives

### 2.1. Based on the Concept of the Basic Theory of Political Science Research

Xiao Zhengjun analyzed the relationship between the political culture and the political culture within the party and held that " the party political culture belongs to the political culture and

should still be regarded as one thing from the whole". [1] Wang Weibing believes that "the party's political culture belongs to the subculture of political culture, political culture study is the foundation of the party political culture research and pilot. The political culture within the party is the political culture within the party organization". [2] Zang Nakang believes that "the political culture within the Communist Party of China has both political and cultural elements in a general sense and unique political characteristics". [3] Zhan Fuliang believes that "the political culture within the party belongs to the party culture, which exists in the party organization and plays a role, and is a more basic, deeper and more lasting force for the survival and development of the party". [4] Shi Chenghu expounded the connotation of intra-party political culture from the relationship between political culture and intra-party political culture as well as the relationship between party culture and intra-party political culture, and believed that intra-party political culture belongs to party culture. [5] All in all, the above views are an extension of the basic theoretical concepts of political science.

## **2.2. Based on the Research Xi Jinping General Secretary of the Party Political Culture Connotation**

At the Sixth Plenary Session of the 18th CPC Central Committee, Xi general secretary pointed out that "our intra-party political culture is guided by Marxism, based on excellent traditional culture, revolutionary culture as the source, advanced socialist culture as the main body, and fully reflects the party spirit of the Communist Party of China." [6] Some scholars in the academic circle have defined and expanded his concept on the basis of his discussion on the connotation of intra-party politics and culture. Wang Lutan for his party political culture connotation has carried on the further research, to Chinese excellent traditional culture as the "pulse", according to the theory of marxism as the "soul", to the cultural revolution as "case", an advanced socialist culture as "the" four cultural entity is party political culture in the new era of internalization and explicit, Forming the core cultural ideas and cultural symbols of political parties with Chinese characteristics. [7] Yang Yifang and Dai Lixing, based on his discussion of intra-party political culture, expounded the connotation of intra-party political culture from three characteristics: belief type, participation type and modern type. [8] Li Changxue made a deeper study of the political culture within the party and gave vivid metaphors to each part. He regarded Marxist theory as the "soul", Chinese excellent traditional culture as the "basis", revolutionary culture as the "source", advanced socialist culture as the "body", and the revolutionary construction and reform practice led by the Party as the "root". From these five dimensions further analyzes the internal political culture connotation. [9] Qu Qingshan believed that Marxism, excellent traditional Chinese culture, revolutionary culture and advanced socialist culture together constitute the basic elements of intra-party political culture, and their common direction is to fully reflect the party spirit of the Communist Party of China. [10] It can be seen that all the above are based on Xi Jinping general secretary's elaboration of the political and cultural connotation of the party further analysis.

## **2.3. Based on the Research of Cultural Structure Elements**

Most scholars focus on defining the connotation of political culture within the party from the perspectives of political cognition, political belief, political consciousness, political emotion and political value. Li Binxiong and Yang Zhuyun believe that "the political culture within the CPC refers to the sum of the collective consciousness and behavior mode formed by the Party in the long-term political practice of revolutionary construction and reform, which is long-term and stable and consciously accepted and practiced by all party members. [11] Yan Shuhan, starting from the analysis of the connotation structure of culture, holds that the political culture within the party is formed in the process of the continuous development and perfection of the system, and will play an important role in making the system more mature and finalize, and the core of culture is the core value. [12] Guo Jian and Lu Weiming believe that the broad sense of intra-

party political culture generally includes four levels: material culture, behavior culture, system culture and concept culture. [13] From the perspective of reality, Liu Honglin believes that the political culture within the Party is "the comprehensive reflection of the political emotion, political cognition, political evaluation, mode of thinking and mode of behavior internalized in the whole Party members in real political life." [14] Xin Ming divided the intra-party political culture into three types, namely, belief culture, organization culture and practice culture. [15] Yuan Mingxu and Chen Xiaohan believe that "intra-party political culture is the cognition and emotion about the political system shared by a political party and its members, and it is the sum of a set of political cognition, attitude, emotion and value orientation formed by a political party and its members in long-term political life practice. [16] From the analysis of the above different points of view, it can be seen that due to the different understanding of "cultural structure", different scholars will have certain differences in the connotation definition of intra-party political culture. But generally speaking, there are still some similarities in views. Most scholars have defined the concept of "intra-party political culture" from the aspects of political attitude, political emotion and political value orientation.

By academic circles about the concept of "the party's political culture" research, this article think the party political culture refers to all party members in the process of long-term political practice form the relatively stable and commonly agreed by most of the members of the political psychology, political cognition, political attitude, political emotion, the sum of political value orientation, And in turn affects the political behavior of party members of a political culture.

### **3. Review of the Research**

#### **3.1. The Research Review**

In general, the academic community has made multiple interpretations and analyses of the related concepts of "the party's political culture" from different perspectives. The existing research results show differences and diversity in research contents and perspectives, which are of great help to the study of the related concepts of "the party's political culture" in the new era. It provides a theoretical basis for further study of the related concepts of "the party's political culture" and has certain reference significance.

#### **3.2. The Shortage of Research**

First, unclear definition of core concepts. Although the term "the party's political culture" has appeared frequently in recent years, it is unclear what exactly is the intra-party political culture. Some scholars have defined this core concept, but most of them lack detailed thinking and extensive generalization, and have not clarified the conceptual connotation, extension, boundary and other issues of the party's political culture. Second, the research perspective and research methods are relatively simple. Most of the existing research results on the related concepts of the party's political culture are a simple interpretation of central documents and western political culture concepts, with a single research perspective and research methods mainly through literature research and theoretical research to analyze, which cannot accurately define the connotation and extension of inner-party political culture. Some research results still have some problems such as "marginalization", "abstraction" and "fragmentation". Third, the comparative study of the party's political culture is insufficient. When comparing and drawing on western political and cultural concepts, some scholars tend to cite unilaterally without principles, showing problems such as lack of inclusiveness and lack of autonomy, or they tend to be timid and timid, take words out of context, and are not constructive enough.

## 4. Conclusion

Comb through inducing perspectives on related research achievements of the concept of "the party's political culture", it is not hard to find, the present study has formed a certain climate, made a number of important research results, for us to further deepen the party political culture research provides a good foundation, but it is undeniable that the current study of party political culture related concepts are in Yu Jinjie stage, There is still room for further identification, discussion and improvement in some problems. First, the core concept of "intra-party political culture" should be clarified. To study the construction and development of inner-party political culture, the first priority must be to clarify the concept of inner-party political culture. Only by clarifying the core concept of inner-party political culture can we understand the goal, content, features, functions and other contents of inner-party political culture construction. Secondly, strengthen the scientific research of the political culture within the party. As we all know, the single research method and narrow research horizon are not conducive to the in-depth study of the concept of intra-party political culture. Existing research results are still lacking in theoretical research on its concept clarification. On the basis of existing research, we should base on reality and make a profound summary from the perspective of multi-dispersion, so as to present the connotation of internal political culture in a discourse more in line with academic norms, and eliminate the research internalization caused by unclear concepts. Finally, strengthen the comparative study of political culture within the party. Must first fully understand what is culture, understanding the source of western political culture and practice, as well as in-depth study on party politics culture history in China, combining the history of our party's political culture and the actual comparison, to better understand the differences between Chinese and western political culture, and formed unique party political culture in our country.

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