

Research on the Historical Coupling of the Red Boat Spirit and the August 1st Spirit: From the Perspective of the Revolutionary Spirit Pedigree of the CPC

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Abstract

This study aims to explore the historical coupling relationship between the Spirit of the Red Boat and the August 1st Spirit within the revolutionary spirit spectrum of the Communist Party of China. Through historical analysis, comparative research, and theoretical construction, the paper systematically examines the historical genesis, core characteristics, and intrinsic connections of these two spirits throughout their historical evolution. Findings reveal that the Spirit of the Red Boat, as the core embodiment of the founding spirit of the CPC, provided the theoretical foundation and value guidance for the formation of the August 1st Spirit. Conversely, the August 1st Spirit, as a vital source of the founding spirit of the People's Army, transformed the core values of the Spirit of the Red Boat into concrete practices of armed struggle. The coupling of these two spirits at the pivotal historical junctures of "Party founding" and "military founding" collectively formed the main framework of the early revolutionary spirit of the Communist Party of China, laying the foundation for the subsequent formation and development of a series of revolutionary spirits. This study enriches the research on the revolutionary spirit spectrum of the Communist Party of China from the perspective of historical coupling, providing theoretical support for inheriting the red gene and promoting revolutionary traditions in the new era.

Keywords

Spirit of the Red Boat; Spirit of August 1st; Historical Coupling.

1. Introduction

The revolutionary spirit spectrum of the Communist Party of China constitutes a rich and logically coherent value system. The Spirit of the Red Boat and the August First Spirit, as integral components of this spectrum, respectively mark two historic events: the founding of the Party and the birth of the People's Army. The Spirit of the Red Boat originated from the closing of the CPC's First National Congress aboard the Red Boat on South Lake in Jiaxing, Zhejiang Province, in 1921. It embodies "the pioneering spirit of daring to be the first to break new ground, the fighting spirit of holding fast to ideals and persevering through adversity, and the spirit of dedication to serving the public interest and being loyal to the people." The August 1st Spirit emerged from the Nanchang Uprising in 1927, centered on the core tenets of "daring to be the first, obeying the Party's command, persevering through adversity, and striving for the people." These two spirits, sequential in time and interconnected in essence, jointly formed the spiritual backbone of the CPC's early revolutionary struggles. Professor Chen Shuilin (2020) points out that the Red Boat Spirit fills the historical gap in the CCP's revolutionary spirituality between the Party's founding and the Jinggangshan period, thereby making the Party's spiritual genealogy more complete chronologically. The Red Boat Spirit originated from the closing ceremony of the CCP's First National Congress on the Red Boat at South Lake in Jiaxing, Zhejiang, in 1921. It embodies the "pioneering spirit of breaking new ground and daring to lead, the

relentless struggle spirit of holding firm to ideals, and the devotion spirit of establishing the Party for the public good and remaining loyal to the people." The August 1st Spirit was born from the Nanchang Uprising in 1927. In analyzing the internal logic among the Red Boat Spirit, the August 1st Spirit, and other revolutionary spirits, Liu Lin and Ye An (2019) note that these spirits are "closely related and passed down like a torch," all being products of the integration of Marxism with Chinese revolutionary practice.

Existing research predominantly treats the Spirit of the Red Boat and the August 1st Spirit as independent subjects, lacking systematic exploration of their historical connection and intrinsic coupling. In reality, the historical evolution from the Spirit of the Red Boat to the August 1st Spirit profoundly reflects the revolutionary logic of the CPC from its founding to independently leading armed struggle. This study introduces the concept of "historical coupling," emphasizing the mutually influential and interactive relationship pattern between the two spirits throughout history. It aims to reveal the dynamic process and inherent patterns in the formation of the CPC's revolutionary spirit spectrum.

The primary research questions addressed in this paper are: (1) What are the respective historical genesis logics of the Spirit of the Red Boat and the August 1st Spirit? (2) What kind of coupling relationship has formed between the two spirits during their historical evolution? (3) How has this historical coupling influenced the formation and development of the CPC's revolutionary spirit spectrum? Through in-depth exploration of these questions, this study seeks to fill gaps in existing research and deepen understanding of the formation mechanisms of the CPC's revolutionary spirit spectrum.

2. Literature Review

2.1. Current State of Research on the Spirit of the Red Boat

Since Comrade Xi Jinping first systematically expounded on the Spirit of the Red Boat in 2005, it has become a focal area in the study of the CPC's revolutionary spirit. The academic community generally recognizes the Spirit of the Red Boat as the origin of China's revolutionary spirit, embodying three core tenets: "a pioneering spirit that dares to be the first to break new ground, a fighting spirit that remains steadfast in ideals and undaunted by setbacks, and a spirit of dedication that establishes the Party for the public good and serves the people with loyalty." Professor Qi Weiping (2023) further emphasizes that the Red Boat Spirit is a concrete manifestation of the great founding spirit of the Party during its establishment, exhibiting a high degree of ideological consistency with the great founding spirit in terms of connotation. Furthermore, Xu Fengzhen (2018) explores the intrinsic connection between the Red Boat Spirit and the Chinese Dream, arguing that the Red Boat Spirit is the spiritual code for realizing the Chinese Dream. The pioneering, struggling, and dedicating qualities it embodies serve as indispensable spiritual driving forces for advancing national rejuvenation in the new era.

Regarding the positioning of the Spirit of the Red Boat, scholars widely agree that it is both the "source of China's revolutionary spirit" and the "source of the Party's advanced nature." Chen Huaxing and Tang Xiaoyan analyzed the emergence and development of the Spirit of the Red Boat from three dimensions-historical logic, political logic, and developmental logic-concluding that it represents an organic unity of the spirit of China's fine traditional culture, the founding spirit of the Chinese Communists, and the pioneering spirit of the times. Xu Fengzhen explored the intrinsic connection between the Spirit of the Red Boat and the Chinese Dream, arguing that the Spirit of the Red Boat is the spiritual code for realizing the Chinese Dream.

2.2. Current Research on the August 1st Spirit

Research on the August 1st Spirit has gradually become a significant topic of academic interest in recent years. Regarding its positioning, differing viewpoints exist within the academic

community. One perspective holds that the August 1st Spirit is encompassed by the Jinggangshan Spirit, while another asserts that it constitutes an independent revolutionary spirit formed by the Communist Party of China during a specific historical period. Researcher Yu Boliu (2018) indicates that the August 1st Spirit is the precursor and forerunner of the Jinggangshan Spirit, while the Jinggangshan Spirit is an extension and development of the August 1st Spirit, with both connections and distinctions between them. Regarding its connotations, Liu Zhengui (2025) summarizes the August 1st Spirit as a glorious tradition and fine style encompassing "following the Party's commands, serving the people, upholding ideals, persevering through hardships, fearing no sacrifice, fighting bravely, unity between officers and soldiers, and hard struggle." This summary systematically distills the core elements of the August 1st Spirit, particularly highlighting the importance of "following the Party's commands" as the soul of the people's army.

Regarding the essence of the August 1st Spirit, academia has yet to reach a fully unified definition, but basic consensus includes core elements such as "pioneering spirit, obedience to Party command, indomitable perseverance, and dedication to the people." Researcher Jiang Tingyu believes the August 1st Spirit should encompass "defiance against tyranny and courage to struggle," "independence and innovation," "unity and cooperation against common enemies," and "steadfast ideals and unyielding resolve." Liu Zhenggui summarizes the August 1st Spirit as the glorious tradition and fine conduct of "obeying the Party's command and serving the people, holding firm to ideals and persevering through adversity, fearing no sacrifice and fighting bravely, and maintaining unity between officers and soldiers while striving hard."

2.3. Review of Research on the Relationship between the Two Spirits

Research on the relationship between the Red Boat Spirit and the August 1st Spirit remains relatively scarce, though scholars have begun to address this topic. Luo Huofa conducted preliminary exploration under the direct title "Historical Coupling Research on the Red Boat Spirit and the August 1st Spirit." Liu Lin and Ye An, in analyzing the intrinsic logical connections among the Red Boat Spirit, the August First Spirit, the Jinggangshan Spirit, and the Soviet Area Spirit, noted that these four spirits are "closely intertwined, passing the torch from generation to generation." These studies lay the groundwork for deeper exploration of the historical coupling between the Red Boat Spirit and the August First Spirit, though systematic and theoretical research in this area remains to be strengthened.

Table 1. Comparison of Core Connotations Between the Red Boat Spirit and the August First Spirit

Dimension	Red Boat Spirit	Spirit of August 1st	Coupling Relationship
Historical Context	The Founding Period of the Party (1921)	The Beginning of Armed Struggle (1927)	Chronological Sequence
Core Essence	Pioneering Spirit, Struggle Spirit, Dedication Spirit	Pioneering spirit, obedience to the Party's command, indomitable perseverance, dedication to the people	Consistent Value Philosophy
Historical Significance	The Source of China's Revolutionary Spirit	The origin of the founding spirit of the People's Army	Together forming the core framework of early revolutionary spirit
Practical Orientation	The Founding of the Party	The Great Cause of Building the People's Army	Both Served the Cause of the Chinese Revolution

The primary shortcomings of existing research are: (1) a tendency to focus on interpreting the connotations of individual spirits, with limited attention to the historical connections between different spirits; (2) insufficient depth in analyzing the coupling mechanisms between spirits, coupled with a lack of theoretical framework construction; (3) relatively monolithic research methodologies and insufficient interdisciplinary perspectives. This study aims to address these gaps by systematically analyzing the intrinsic connections between the Spirit of the Red Boat and the August First Spirit from the perspective of historical coupling.

3. Theoretical Framework: Historical Coupling Analysis Model

3.1. Conceptual Definition of Historical Coupling

"Coupling" originates as a concept in physics, referring to the phenomenon where two or more systems influence each other through various interactions. This study introduces this concept into the research on revolutionary spirit, proposing a "historical coupling" analytical framework to describe the dynamic relationships of interconnection and interaction formed among different revolutionary spirits during historical evolution. Specifically, historical coupling encompasses three core elements: (1) sequential relationships in the time series; (2) relationships of inheritance and development in spiritual connotations; (3) complementary and synergistic relationships in practical orientation.

The historical coupling between the Spirit of the Red Boat and the August 1st Spirit fundamentally reflects the historical logic and spiritual evolution of the Communist Party of China from its founding to the establishment of the People's Liberation Army. The Spirit of the Red Boat concentrates the value pursuits of the Party's founding period, establishing its fundamental political character and spiritual foundation. The Spirit of August 1st, emerging at the critical juncture following the failure of the Great Revolution, crystallized the transformation of the core values of the Spirit of the Red Boat into the practice of armed struggle. The coupling between the two is not a simple linear inheritance but a dialectical unity formed under specific historical conditions.

3.2. Construction of the Analytical Model

Based on the concept of historical coupling, this study constructs a historical coupling analysis model for the Red Boat Spirit and the August 1st Spirit, encompassing the following four dimensions:

1) Generative Logic Coupling: Analyzing the historical conditions and practical foundations for the emergence of each spirit, exploring their intrinsic generative connections. The Red Boat Spirit emerged from the historical context of modern China's struggle for survival and the dissemination of Marxism in China; the August 1st Spirit arose from the crisis following the Great Revolution's failure and the practical necessity for the CPC to independently lead armed struggle. Both spirits embody the CPC's mission and responsibility at pivotal historical junctures.

2) Structural-Conceptual Coupling: Comparing the core tenets of both spirits, analyzing their intrinsic consistency in value systems and spiritual characteristics. The pioneering spirit of the Red Boat aligns with the August 1st Spirit's trailblazing courage; the striving spirit of the Red Boat corresponds to the August 1st Spirit's indomitable perseverance; and the selfless dedication of the Red Boat mirrors the August 1st Spirit's commitment to serving the people.

3) Historical Function Coupling: Examining the functional roles each spirit fulfilled in its respective historical period reveals complementary functional positioning. The Spirit of the Red Boat primarily served the founding and early development of the Party, establishing its original aspiration and mission. The Spirit of August 1st primarily served the creation of the People's

Army and armed struggle, providing military safeguards for achieving the Party's political objectives.

4) Genealogical Positioning Coupling: This examines the positional relationship of both spirits within the genealogy of the CPC's revolutionary spirit, analyzing their influence on the formation and development of subsequent revolutionary spirits. The Spirit of the Red Boat, as the "source of China's revolutionary spirit," and the Spirit of August 1st, as the "source of the founding spirit of the People's Army," together form the crucial cornerstones of the CPC's revolutionary spirit genealogy.

4. Historical Genesis Logic and Coupling of the Spirit of the Red Boat and the Spirit of August 1st

4.1. Historical Genesis Logic of the Red Boat Spirit

The emergence of the Spirit of the Red Boat possesses profound historical inevitability and practical foundations. From a historical perspective, it is an inevitable product of modern China's central theme of national survival and rejuvenation. Following the Opium War, China gradually descended into a semi-colonial and semi-feudal society. Countless patriots and visionaries successively sought paths to save the nation, yet neither the Taiping Heavenly Kingdom movement, the Hundred Days' Reform, the Boxer Rebellion, nor the Xinhai Revolution ultimately altered China's fate. Against this backdrop, the Communist Party of China emerged as a response to the times, and the Spirit of the Red Boat was conceived.

From a political perspective, the Spirit of the Red Boat epitomizes the founding ethos of the Communist Party of China. The Party's establishment was not merely organizational but fundamentally spiritual. Its core tenets-pioneering spirit, striving spirit, and dedication spirit-precisely encapsulate the spiritual qualities demonstrated during its formative years. Professor Chen Shuilin noted that these three spirits collectively embody the Party members' unwavering political character, lofty ideals and convictions, and selfless dedication.

From a cultural perspective, the Spirit of the Red Boat is the product of the integration of China's outstanding traditional culture with Marxism. It inherits the spiritual genes of Chinese traditional culture, such as "self-improvement without end" and "the world belongs to all," while also infusing the scientific theories and revolutionary spirit of Marxism, forming a Party-building spirit with Chinese characteristics.

4.2. Historical Genesis of the August 1st Spirit

The emergence of the August 1st Spirit was shaped by specific historical conditions and practical necessities. In 1927, Chiang Kai-shek and Wang Jingwei successively betrayed the revolution, launching brutal massacres against Communists and revolutionary masses, leading to the failure of the grand revolutionary upsurge. Amid this critical historical juncture, the Communist Party of China faced an existential crisis of annihilation by its enemies. It was against this backdrop that the Nanchang Uprising erupted. Firing the first shot in armed resistance against the reactionary Kuomintang forces, it marked the beginning of the CPC's independent leadership of armed struggle and the founding of the People's Army.

The emergence of the August 1st Spirit embodies the Chinese Communist Party's historical initiative in times of crisis. Faced with the grim reality of revolutionary defeat, Chinese Communists represented by Zhou Enlai did not succumb to pessimism or despair. Instead, they resolutely took up arms, countering counterrevolutionary forces with revolutionary force. This spirit of "daring to be the first" is precisely the concrete manifestation in the realm of armed struggle of the pioneering spirit-the spirit of "blazing new trails and daring to be the first"-embodied in the Red Boat Spirit.

From a practical foundation, the August First Spirit is the crystallization of the great revolutionary practice embodied in the Nanchang Uprising. The spiritual qualities demonstrated during the uprising-unwavering conviction, obedience to the Party's command, fearlessness in the face of sacrifice, and dedication to the people's cause-were refined and elevated through theoretical distillation to form the core essence of the August First Spirit. These qualities not only guided the victory of the Nanchang Uprising but also became the powerful spiritual driving force behind the continuous development and growth of the People's Army.

4.3. The Historical Coupling of the Two Spirits

The historical coupling of the Spirit of the Red Boat and the Spirit of August 1st is first reflected in their temporal continuity. The Spirit of the Red Boat emerged in 1921, while the Spirit of August 1st took shape in 1927-a span of six years. This period marked the critical transition for the Communist Party of China from its founding to assuming independent leadership of armed struggle. The Spirit of the Red Boat established the Party's founding mission and spiritual foundation, while the Spirit of August 1st evolved as a new spiritual form during the practice of that mission.

Second, the coupling of these two spirits is manifested in the continuity of their value concepts. The core values of the Spirit of the Red Boat were inherited and developed within the Spirit of August 1st. The pioneering spirit of the Red Boat manifested as the courage to "dare to be the first" in the August 1st Spirit; the striving spirit embodied as the indomitable will to "persevere through all hardships"; and the spirit of dedication reflected as the value pursuit of "striving for the people." This inheritance is not a mere replication but a creative development adapted to new historical conditions and practical demands.

Third, the coupling of the two spirits is reflected in the progressive nature of their practical logic. The Spirit of the Red Boat primarily guided the founding and early development of the Party, addressing the questions of "what kind of Party to build and how to build it." The August 1st Spirit, in turn, primarily guided armed struggle and military development, addressing the question of "how to achieve the Party's political goals through armed struggle." The progression from Party founding to military founding reflects the deepening and development of the CPC's revolutionary practice, with both spirits collectively forming the spiritual foundation of the CPC's revolutionary practice during this period.

Table 2. Comparative Historical Genesis Logic of the Red Boat Spirit and the August 1st Spirit

Dimension of Emergence	Red Boat Spirit	August 1st Spirit	Coupling Manifestation
Historical Context	Modern China's Struggle for Survival: The Failure of Various	The failure of the Great Revolution placed the	Both emerged as spiritual products at
Dimension of Emergence	Red Boat Spirit	August 1st Spirit	Coupling Manifestation
	National Salvation Schemes	Communist Party of China in a life-or-death crisis	pivotal historical junctures
Practical Foundation	The spread of Marxism and the practical experience of founding the Party	Armed resistance against the reactionary Kuomintang and the establishment of the People's Army	The scope of practice expanded from Party building to military building
Core Objectives	Establishing an advanced political party to lead the Chinese revolution	Establishing Revolutionary Armed Forces to Safeguard the Revolution	Both served the cause of the Chinese revolution
Cultural Origins	Integration of China's outstanding traditional culture with Marxism	Integrating the Spirit of the Red Boat with the Practice of Armed Struggle	A continuous cultural lineage

5. Comparative Analysis of the Core Essences and Historical Evolution of the Spirit of the Red Boat and the Spirit of August 1st

5.1. Comparative Analysis of Core Essences

The Spirit of the Red Boat and the August 1st Spirit share high consistency in core essence while retaining distinct characteristics. The Spirit of the Red Boat encompasses three fundamental dimensions: pioneering spirit, striving spirit, and dedication spirit. The August 1st Spirit is summarized as pioneering courage, obedience to the Party's command, indomitable perseverance, and dedication to the people. Comparative analysis reveals:

Regarding pioneering spirit, the Red Boat Spirit's "pioneering new frontiers and daring to be the first" aligns closely with the August 1st Spirit's "daring to be the first." The pioneering nature of the Spirit of the Red Boat is manifested in establishing a new Marxist political party and ushering in a new era for the Chinese revolution. The pioneering nature of the Spirit of August 1st is embodied in firing the first shot of armed resistance against the reactionary Kuomintang forces, thereby creating a new chapter in the Communist Party of China's independent leadership of armed struggle. Both demonstrate the Party's spirit of daring to break through barriers and courageously innovate at critical moments.

Regarding the spirit of struggle, the Red Boat Spirit's "steadfast ideals and indomitable perseverance" shares a common lineage with the August 1st Spirit's "unwavering perseverance." The Red Boat Spirit's struggle manifests primarily in upholding ideals and overcoming adversity; the August 1st Spirit's perseverance is embodied in continuing the fight and never surrendering amid the harsh conditions of armed struggle. After the Nanchang Uprising, the insurgent forces encountered immense hardships during their southward march yet persisted in their struggle.

Some units ultimately reached Jinggangshan, where they joined forces with the Autumn Harvest Uprising troops led by Mao Zedong—a vivid embodiment of this indomitable spirit.

Regarding the spirit of dedication, the Red Boat Spirit's principle of "establishing the Party for the public good and serving the people with loyalty" aligns with the August 1st Spirit's value orientation of "striving for the people." The Red Boat Spirit emphasizes the unity of the Party's interests and the people's interests, while the August 1st Spirit concretizes this value pursuit into the goal of armed struggle—fighting for the people's interests. Liu Zhenggui points out that the August 1st Spirit incorporates the core element of "serving the people," which is essentially consistent with the spirit of dedication embodied in the Red Boat Spirit.

Beyond these shared characteristics, the August First Spirit possesses a unique defining element—obeying the Party's command. While this element is not directly embodied in the Spirit of the Red Boat, it represents the inevitable requirement of the Red Boat Spirit's principle of "establishing the Party for the public good" within the realm of military construction. Obeying the Party's command establishes the principle of the Party's absolute leadership over the military, becoming the soul of the People's Army. It guarantees the proletarian nature of the military and its purpose of serving the people.

5.2. Historical Evolution within the Spirit Spectrum of the Communist Party of China

As integral components of the CPC's revolutionary spirit spectrum, the Spirit of the Red Boat and the August 1st Spirit jointly influenced the formation and development of subsequent revolutionary spirits. Liu Lin and Ye An note that the Spirit of the Red Boat, the August 1st Spirit, the Jinggangshan Spirit, and the Soviet Area Spirit collectively represent the quintessential manifestations of the CPC's New Democratic Culture.

From the Spirit of the Red Boat to the Spirit of August 1st, and further to the Spirit of Jinggangshan, the Spirit of the Soviet Areas, the Spirit of the Long March, and others, a complete chain of spiritual evolution has been formed. Within this chain, the Spirit of the Red Boat serves as the origin, providing the value foundation for subsequent spirits; the Spirit of August 1st is a crucial link, transforming the founding spirit of the Party into the spirit of armed struggle; and the subsequent spirits, under different historical conditions and in conjunction with specific practices, further developed these core values.

The coupling of the Spirit of the Red Boat and the Spirit of August 1st established the fundamental framework of the CPC's revolutionary spirit spectrum. This framework encompasses: an innovative spirit centered on "pioneering," a fighting spirit centered on "struggle," and a service spirit centered on "dedication." Subsequent revolutionary spirits, while each emphasizing different aspects, essentially represent enrichments and developments within this framework. For instance, the "firm conviction and arduous struggle" embodied in the Jinggangshan Spirit, and the "wholehearted service to the people" embodied in the Yan'an Spirit, can both be traced back to the core values of the Red Boat Spirit and the August 1st Spirit.

5.3. Coupling Mechanisms in Historical Evolution

The coupling between the Spirit of the Red Boat and the August 1st Spirit in historical evolution is primarily achieved through the following mechanisms:

Value Transmission Mechanism: The August 1st Spirit inherits the core values of the Red Boat Spirit and undergoes creative transformation in response to the realities of armed struggle. This transmission is not passive acceptance but active development, reflecting the intrinsic vitality of the CPC's revolutionary spirit.

Practice Development Mechanism: The transition from Party-building practice to military-building practice marked a crucial development in the CPC's revolutionary endeavors. The August 1st Spirit emerged as the ideological product of this practical evolution, signifying the Party's shift from primarily political struggle to concurrent armed struggle. This practical advancement enriched and expanded the spiritual substance of both ideologies.

Unified Subject Mechanism: The creators of both the Red Boat Spirit and the August 1st Spirit are members of the Communist Party of China. Many leaders of the Nanchang Uprising were pivotal figures during the Party's founding period, serving as both practitioners of the Red Boat Spirit and creators of the August 1st Spirit. This unity of subject ensures the intrinsic consistency of their spiritual essence.

Epochal Response Mechanism: The Spirit of the Red Boat addressed the epochal question of "how to establish an advanced political party," while the Spirit of August 1st responded to the challenge of "how to conduct armed struggle." Both represent the CPC's answers to major questions of their respective historical phases, embodying the Party members' spiritual quality of adapting to the demands of the times and resolving the problems of their era.

6. Contemporary Value and Implications of the Red Boat Spirit and the August 1st Spirit

6.1. Reinterpreting Contemporary Value

Against the backdrop of the new era, the Spirit of the Red Boat and the Spirit of August 1st retain significant contemporary value. First, the pioneering spirit embodied in both provides a driving force for reform and innovation in the new era. Currently, China stands at a critical juncture in realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, facing unprecedented challenges and opportunities. It is imperative to vigorously promote the spirit of daring to be the first and embracing innovation, continuously advancing theoretical, practical, institutional, cultural, and other forms of innovation.

Second, the spirit of struggle embodied in both traditions provides a vital foundation for confronting risks and challenges. As the world undergoes unprecedented transformations in a century, China faces arduous tasks in reform, development, and stability. This demands the cultivation of an indomitable spirit of perseverance and hard work to overcome all obstacles on the path forward with unwavering resolve.

Third, the spirit of dedication embodied in both traditions provides a value-based guide for fulfilling the Party's mission. As the ruling party, the Communist Party of China must consistently uphold its founding purpose of serving the public interest and its governance for the people, making the people's aspirations for a better life its ultimate goal. The value pursuit of dedication to the people, inherent in both the Spirit of the Red Boat and the August First Spirit, holds significant guiding importance for strengthening Party building in the new era and maintaining the Party's close ties with the masses.

6.2. Exploring Practical Pathways

Promoting the Spirit of the Red Boat and the August 1st Spirit requires exploring effective practical pathways. In education, both spirits should be integrated into the school education system, particularly into ideological and political theory courses in higher education. Through classroom instruction, practical teaching, and other forms, young students should gain a profound understanding of the historical significance and contemporary value of these spirits. In cultural development, more literary and artistic works themed around the Spirit of the Red Boat and the August 1st Spirit should be created. Through films, television dramas, books, exhibitions, and other formats, the appeal of these spirits should be vividly showcased.

In the realm of red tourism, efforts should be intensified to preserve and utilize memorial facilities associated with the Red Boat Spirit and the August 1st Spirit, developing premium red tourism routes that allow visitors to receive revolutionary tradition education through sightseeing. In the academic research sphere, in-depth studies of both spirits should be strengthened, with particular emphasis on examining their historical interconnection, continuously producing high-quality research outcomes.

6.3. Implications for Party Building and Military Development in the New Era

The Spirit of the Red Boat and the August 1st Spirit offer significant insights for Party building and military development in the new era. For Party building, the Spirit of the Red Boat reminds the Communist Party of China to stay true to its founding mission and maintain its advanced nature and purity. The August 1st Spirit, meanwhile, underscores the Party's imperative to firmly grasp leadership over the military, ensuring that the guns remain in the hands of those who are loyal to the Party.

For military development, the principle of "obeying the Party's command" within the August 1st Spirit remains the foundation for building the People's Army and the soul of its strength. The cause of strengthening the military in the new era must uphold the Party's absolute leadership over the armed forces, ensuring the troops' absolute loyalty, absolute purity, and absolute reliability.

Simultaneously, the innovative spirit of "daring to be the first" embodied in the August 1st Spirit inspires the military to actively advance reform and innovation, accelerating the modernization of military theory, military organizational structures, military personnel, and weaponry and equipment.

7. Conclusion

Through systematic analysis of the historical coupling between the Spirit of the Red Boat and the Spirit of August 1st, this study draws the following key conclusions:

First, the Spirit of the Red Boat and the Spirit of August 1st have formed a close historical coupling within the spectrum of the Communist Party of China's revolutionary spirit. This coupling is not a simple linear inheritance but a dialectical unity formed under specific historical conditions. The Spirit of the Red Boat provided the value foundation for the formation of the Spirit of August 1st, while the Spirit of August 1st represents the concrete practice and innovative development of the Spirit of the Red Boat in the realm of armed struggle.

Second, the coupling manifests across multiple dimensions including generative logic, conceptual structure, historical function, and genealogical positioning. Together, these two spirits constitute the core framework of the CPC's early revolutionary ethos, laying the foundation for the subsequent formation and evolution of a series of revolutionary spirits.

Third, the coupling relationship between the Spirit of the Red Boat and the Spirit of August 1st holds significant contemporary value. Against the backdrop of the new era, the core values embodied in both spirits-pioneering spirit, striving spirit, and spirit of dedication-provide important guidance for advancing the new great project of Party building, achieving the goal of a strong military, and realizing the Chinese Dream of national rejuvenation.

The innovations of this study are as follows: (1) It proposes the analytical framework of "historical coupling," offering a new perspective for examining the relationships among different revolutionary spirits; (2) It systematically explores the intrinsic connection between the Spirit of the Red Boat and the August First Spirit, filling a gap in existing research; (3) It analyzes the contemporary value of both spirits from a perspective that integrates history and reality.

Of course, this study also has some limitations: First, the analysis of the coupling mechanisms between the two spirits requires further deepening; second, research methods could be diversified, such as incorporating quantitative research approaches; third, the research scope could be expanded to include the coupling relationships between the Spirit of the Red Boat, the August 1st Spirit, and other revolutionary spirits.

Future research may explore the following directions: (1) constructing a more refined theoretical model of historical coupling; (2) conducting interdisciplinary research by drawing on theories and methodologies from psychology, sociology, and other fields; (3) strengthening comparative studies to examine the similarities and differences between the revolutionary spirit of the Communist Party of China and the spiritual cultures of other political parties and organizations worldwide; (4) Emphasizing empirical research through methods like surveys and in-depth interviews to understand the contemporary recognition and transmission effectiveness of the Spirit of the Red Boat and the August First Spirit.

As integral components of the CPC's revolutionary spirit spectrum, the historical coupling relationship between the Spirit of the Red Boat and the Spirit of August 1st holds both academic value and significant practical implications. On the new journey of the new era, in-depth research and vigorous promotion of these two spirits play an irreplaceable role in inheriting the red gene, continuing the red lineage, and rallying the powerful spiritual force to realize the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

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