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Research on integrating fine traditional Chinese culture into ideological and political education in vocational colleges

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Abstract: China's spiritual treasures are rich in high-quality ideological and political education factors, which are precisely our excellent traditional culture. In order to continue to promote the dissemination and development of Chinese culture and improve the effect of ideological and political education, vocational colleges must pay attention to and explore how to deeply integrate the excellent traditional Chinese culture into the ideological and political education curriculum. For vocational colleges, it is of key significance to study the current situation of the integration of the two. Schools should have a clear understanding of the necessity to integrate the essence of Chinese traditional culture into ideological and political education, and it is necessary to find the right entry point, intensify efforts, and implement more concrete and practical action plans, so as to ensure that the excellent traditional Chinese culture can be deeply rooted in the practice of ideological and political education, and ultimately achieve the intended educational purpose.

Key words: fine traditional Chinese culture; ideological and political education; vocational college

1 Introduction

Chinese fine traditional culture is a prominent strength of our nation that enables us to gain a firm footing among global cultural interaction. President Xi Jinping said that "Ideological and political theory courses should play their due role in fostering morality". Adolescent period is the "jointing and booting period" of life, which needs the best guidance and cultivation [1]. Therefore universities, as well as vocational colleges, have to cooperate more with middle and primary schools in carrying out ideological-political education, thus promoting high-quality development of higher education and fostering students to be the builders and successors of socialism.

In the process of promoting the ideological and political education, vocational colleges should make good use of Chinese fine traditional culture. The Central Committee has stressed that China's fine traditional culture is a prominent strength of our nation that enables us to gain a firm footing among global cultural interaction. Thus, vocational colleges need to explore the mining point between fine traditional Chinese culture and ideological and political theory courses, improve the ideological and theoretical level of the courses and make the courses closer to students and more vivid.

Therefore, integrating fine traditional Chinese culture into ideological and political education becomes an pivotal task for vocational colleges, so as to cultivate a new generation of young people capable of shouldering the mission of national rejuvenation, and those who have all-round moral, intellectual, physical, and aesthetical groundings with a hard-working

spirit.

2 Analysis of the integration of fine traditional Chinese culture and ideological and political education in vocational colleges

At present, the integration degree of fine traditional Chinese culture and ideological and political education in vocational colleges is still very low. Although many ideological and political theory teachers in vocational colleges have tried to do so, the results are limited. The reasons for this situation can be considered from the following three aspects.

First of all, students in vocational colleges do not pay much attention to cultural courses. The cultural knowledge including fine traditional Chinese culture they have learned since childhood is limited, which makes them understand little about fine traditional Chinese culture. In addition, the current student population in vocational colleges is comprised entirely of post-2000s. As the Internet aborigines, they have exposed to a wide range of ideas and thoughts, spending most of their time playing computer games and surfing the Internet. It is difficult for them to concentrate on learning fine traditional Chinese culture, let alone dedicate a lot of time to studying it.

Furthermore, the majority of teachers in ideological and political theory courses specialize in either ideological and political education or related fields, which poses a challenge for them to develop a comprehensive and systematic understanding of fine traditional Chinese culture. Although some of the ideological and political theory course teachers tend to integrate fine traditional Chinese culture into ideological and political theory courses, they may find it is difficult to achieve their goals. At the same time, there is a lack of willingness and abilities for some teachers to promote some innovation of ideological and political education [2].

Last but not least, the educational target of vocational colleges are always related to improving students' technical skills. In order to cultivate better-skilled students, the curriculum setting of many vocational colleges mainly emphasize on the professional courses and ideological-political theory courses seem relatively unimportant. At the same time, some vocational colleges do not have strong willingness of curriculum reform or educational reform for ideological and political theory courses, which also makes it difficult to integrate the fine traditional Chinese culture into ideological and political theory courses.

3 The necessity of integrating fine traditional Chinese culture into ideological and political education in vocational colleges

It is meaningful for the society to integrate fine traditional Chinese culture into ideological and political education in vocational colleges [3]. Without a thriving culture and firm confidence in it, the Chinese nation cannot achieve rejuvenation. Fine traditional Chinese culture plays an important role in strengthening the ideological and political education. Ideological and political education serves as the main battlefield of educating people and guiding students to strengthen their confidence in the path, theory, system, and culture of socialism with Chinese characteristics, thereby fostering patriotism. Therefore, to enhance the quality of the ideological and political education in vocational colleges, we must strive to integrate fine traditional Chinese culture with the ideological and political education in vocational colleges.

Nowadays, the cultural shock is unprecedented serious due to the internet spread. "If a country or a nation does not cherish its own thinking and culture, if they lose their soul, no matter which country or nation it is, it will not be able to stand." If a country or a nation disregards its cultural tradition and separates it from fine traditional Chinese culture, it is equal to cut off the spiritual life of a nation. For the vocational college students who were born and grown up in the Internet era, they have suffered the unprecedented culture shock [4]. However, youth age is a key period for the cultivation of their views. The explosive information in cyberspace tests the ability of vocational college students to distinguish right from wrong. More and more false ideas and thoughts have emerged in public opinion, which not only constantly satisfy the

young people's curiosity, but also gradually destroy the fragile foundation of their views. False ideas and thoughts have a negative impact on the values of vocational college students. The phenomenon of lack of belief, hedonism, money worship and extreme individualism prevails among students. There are also many students who are restricted by their experience and have the wrong idea that learning is useless and meaningless. These ideas even promote the resistance to learning fine traditional Chinese culture. All these phenomena make it necessary to promote the integration of fine traditional Chinese culture with ideological and political education in vocational colleges. Therefore, ideological and political theory courses should deliver the country's mainstream ideology and directly respond to false ideas and thoughts.

4 Path of integrating fine traditional Chinese culture into ideological and political education in vocational colleges

In the process of carrying out ideological and political theory courses, vocational colleges should fully absorb fine traditional Chinese culture. In order to stimulate students' enthusiasm for learning fine traditional Chinese culture, ideological and political teachers need to explore the mining point of fine traditional Chinese culture and ideological and political education, innovate ideological and political courses, and so on.

China's long history is a practical treasure for ideological and political education. These practical treasures provide rich case resources for ideological and political classes. Only by telling Chinese stories well, integrating historical cases into ideological and political teaching, and arousing students' strong interest and in-depth thinking about fine traditional Chinese culture, can we better play the educational role of ideological and political courses, and nurture successive generations [5].

In addition, vocational colleges should meet the need of today's society, be based on students' life practice, grasp students' interests and hobbies, carry out various campus practical activities, and promote the integration of fine traditional Chinese culture into ideological and political education. By taking part in these activities, students can experience the profound charm of fine traditional Chinese culture and understand the ideological and political essence. Classroom education and activities should complement each other to promote the integration of fine traditional Chinese culture and ideological and political education in vocational colleges.

Education is not only a matter of vocational colleges, but also requires multi-dimensional efforts from society, family and network environment. Schools, families and the society should cooperate closely, take actions to the same direction, and actively dedicate themselves to building a strong education system. From the society angle, we must consolidate and strengthen the mainstream thoughts and public opinion in the new era, strengthen positive public communication with a view to boosting confidence, and upgrading the capabilities for guiding public opinions [6]. We should strengthen the publicity and interpretation of fine traditional Chinese culture to further improve the public's understanding and interest in fine traditional Chinese culture, thus firmly preventing and defusing ideological risks. From the perspective of family education, creating a family environment that embraces fine traditional Chinese culture is also a way to get twice the result with half the effort. As an important battlefield of education, making a good use of family education can promote vocational college students to identify fine traditional Chinese culture.

At the same time, using the influence of the internet is also a path to integrate fine traditional Chinese culture into ideological and political education. On the one hand, digital education presents an opportunity for our country to achieve breakthroughs in exploring new areas and forming fresh strength for educational development. Greater efforts should be made to promote digital education in supporting ideological and political education, such as VR practice, internet application, and other methods to improve students' learning interest. On the other hand, dynamic feedback should be carried out in combination with science and technology to promote multiple evaluation. Through big data, artificial

intelligence, cloud computing, and other new technologies, the overall teaching process of ideological and political education in vocational colleges is dynamically optimized, the content of ideological and political education is enriched, and the quality of ideological and political education is improved [7].

All stuffs of vocational colleges should collaborate in order to take traditional Chinese culture into education process. Vocational colleges should not only focus on the teaching of ideological and political theory courses but also fully tap into the potential of various majors. Building a comprehensive platform which improves educational process and implants Chinese culture into campus life and campus management is also essential to vocational colleges [8]. With the help of fine traditional Chinese culture, vocational colleges can improve the level of ideological and political education and provide theoretical basis for educating high quality technical talents [9].

5 Conclusion

Fine traditional Chinese culture, as a spiritual treasure of ideological and political education in vocational colleges, still has great value today. At present, the integration of fine traditional Chinese culture with ideological and political education in vocational colleges is not satisfactory for many reasons. But, it is a common knowledge that integrating fine traditional Chinese culture and ideological-political education is of far-reaching significance for improving the quality of ideological and political education. Therefore, vocational colleges need to make effort to promote the integration of fine traditional Chinese culture and ideological and political education. By doing so, vocational colleges could achieve its educational goal of fostering a new generation of young people capable of shouldering the mission of national rejuvenation, and those who have all-round moral, intellectual, physical, and aesthetical grounding with a hard-working spirit.

Conflicts of interest

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