

# The path of integrating the overall national security concept into the network ideological and political education in colleges and universities under the new situation

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**Abstract:** In the current complex and changeable international situation, China's national security is facing great challenges and threats, and the importance of the education on holistic approaches to national security in the field of ideology and politics in universities has become increasingly prominent. However, the holistic approaches to national security in universities objectively has some problems, such as incomplete teaching content, unclear teaching objectives and single teaching methods. Colleges and universities should attach importance to the value of national security education, take measures to integrate the education of holistic approaches to national security into all courses of online ideological and political education in universities and colleges, and strengthen the national security awareness of college students.

**Key words:** holistic approaches to national security; university education; online ideological and political education

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## 1 Introduction

In the report of 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, the General Secretary Xi Jinping pointed out: "National security is the foundation of national rejuvenation, and social stability is the prerequisite for national prosperity [1]." We must firmly carry out the holistic approaches to national security, incorporate national security into all aspects of the work of the Party and the state, and ensure national security and social stability. However, there are few studies linking the holistic approaches to national security with university's ideological and political education. Contemporary young college students are the sunrise force to promote the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. It is of great practical significance to carry out holistic approaches to national security effectively.

## 2 The value of integrating holistic approaches to national security in college ideological and political education

2.1 The education on holistic approaches to national security for university students is the need to cultivate qualified socialist builders in the new era

The young people of the new era should have a high sense of national security. Nowadays, on the road to the great rejuvenation of the Chinese dream, college students in the new era are exactly the witnesses and builders of this great journey. The international situation today is complicated and changeable, various unstable factors are increasing, and

China's national security is also facing great challenges and threats. As college students who shoulder the important responsibility of realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, they are also facing temptations from external forces. Some people could not withstand the test, and eventually sold national security information, harming national interests. *China's National Security Law* clearly stipulates that safeguarding national security is the legal duty of every citizen and organization. Therefore, it is necessary to strengthen national security education for college students, deepen their understanding of the national security situation, and enhance their legal literacy in national security [2].

2.2 The education on holistic approaches to national security for university students is also the need of maintaining long-term social stability

Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, China has made great progress in various fields such as politics, economy and culture. The rapid development of digital technology has been widely used in the fields of economy, education and culture, which has led to revolutionary changes in people's production methods, lifestyles and ways of thinking. However, it has also brought new risks and challenges to national cultural security [3]. Campus is an important place for college students to live and study. National security education can prevent problems before they happen, and create a harmonious and peaceful campus environment for college students. Strengthening the education on the holistic approaches to national security, on the one hand, can enhance the sensitivity of college students to potential national security risks; on the other hand, it is also an urgent need to maintain the healthy development of colleges and universities and the harmonious development of society.

2.3 The national security education for college students is the need to ensure their healthy growth

College students have the characteristics of active thinking, independence, and adventurous spirit. But at the same time, because they are young, they have the problems of impulsiveness and curiosity. Foreign hostile forces take advantage of the above characteristics of college students and use money to lure some college students with weak willpower and difficult family finances through online platforms, and induce college students to participate in illegal and criminal activities, such as inducing students to steal and sell state secrets through the internet. Therefore, it is important and necessary to help college students firmly establish national security awareness and master the ability to safeguard national security through the education of the overall national security concept [4].

2.4 Education on the holistic approaches to national security is an important part of ideological and political courses in Chinese colleges and universities

The ideological and political course in colleges and universities is the key course to carry out the fundamental task of cultivating morality and nurturing people, and its role cannot be replaced. The university years are a critical period for the formation of young people's outlook on world life and values. The education of overall national security concept in ideological and political theory courses in colleges and universities is conducive to the cultivation of college students' national security literacy, the improvement of students' ideological and moral standards, and the improvement of students' personality [5].

### **3 The path of integrating holistic approaches to national security into the online ideological and political education in universities under the new situation**

The integration of holistic approaches to national security in ideological and political education in universities should be based on three educational goals: imparting broad knowledge, exercising accurate cognitive ability, and creating the value of life. By making full use of courses such as ideology and politics, network guidance, campus activities, the holistic approaches to national security is integrated into civics and political science education in colleges and universities, and the

measures and the effects are in place, so as to strengthen the holistic approaches to national security among university students and effectively enhance their national security awareness.

### 3.1 Make full use of courses in ideology and politics to realize the whole process of education

First of all, the teaching focus of each ideological and political course should be positioned on the cultivation of patriotism and national spirit, and clear teaching tasks will help college students consciously establish the correct value of "national security first". Secondly, ideological and political teachers should strive to expand their international vision, hone their strategic vision, cultivate historical thinking, and always pay attention to the evolution of key security incidents at home and abroad. In the face of the big problems, these teachers need to maintain political sober, maintain a high degree of consistency with the political stance of the Party Central Committee, strengthen their own belief in Marxism and socialism with Chinese characteristics. By doing that, these teachers can guide university students to persist holistic approaches to national security in the new era.

### 3.2 Use new media and new technologies to realize full coverage of warning education

At the national conference on ideological and political work in colleges and universities, the General Secretary Xi Jinping stressed: "We must use new media and new technologies to revitalize our work, promote the high integration of traditional advantages of ideological and political work with information technology, and enhance the sense of the times and attractiveness [6]." The dissemination advantage of new media has established an efficient and convenient education platform for the education in ideology and politics. Nowadays, universities should be good at using new media and new technologies to integrate holistic approaches to national security into the education in ideology and politics, create a good publicity and education atmosphere, enhance attractiveness, as well as the sense of the times and identity. Besides, universities should regard the content of textbooks as the main body and combine AR and VR technology to develop vivid micro-classroom. Ideological and political education workers can also use micro-blog, WeChat, Tik Tok and other network platforms such as class WeChat group, school official account, school official website, etc., to stimulate college students' national security awareness and sense of responsibility.

### 3.3 Broaden the channels of the second classroom activities and realize the influence of education on the whole field

Colleges and universities should pay attention to the overall design and integrate national security-related content and knowledge into the construction of campus culture, so that college students can realize the importance of national security in activities related to campus culture construction, thereby enhancing their attention and sense of identity. First, it should be organized in an integrated manner and implemented in a step-by-step manner. Colleges and universities should be in accordance with the overall requirements and practical objectives of the *Guidelines for the Education in National Security*, effectively incorporate holistic approaches to national security into the construction of campus culture to stimulate the patriotic feelings of college students, and ensure that national security education is implemented. Second, the carrier should be diverse and the form should be flexible. Colleges and universities can invite teachers specializing in national security research to come to campus and systematically explain national security-related content to college students through lectures, discussions and exchanges. Activities such as "National Security Education Day" and "Network Security Education Week" can also be taken as an opportunity for college students to watch typical cases of films and television works in the field of national security, etc., actively creating a strong atmosphere of everyone's participation, all-round, and multi carrier transmission of education on safeguarding national security. Third, collaborative participation and joint practice. Colleges and universities can adopt the combination of "going out" and "bringing in", and integrate the overall national security concept education into professional internships, holiday practices and other activities together with relevant local departments, relevant industries and social organizations, so that college students can always pay attention to

social dynamics, thus enhancing their social responsibility, improving their ability to ensure national security, and building a strong defense line of national security from the ideological level.

#### **4 Conclusion**

To sum up, the effective integration of holistic approaches to national security into the education in ideology and politics for university students is related to the cultivation of the builders and successors of socialism and the realization of the Chinese dream of great rejuvenation. The education in ideology and politics is the lifeline of various departments in colleges and universities, and makes great contributions to promoting the development of the times and social progress. At the same time, in the process of training talents, universities should fully recognize the times value and political importance of holistic approaches to national security, and deepen the practical application of this thought. Finally, colleges and universities should study the connotation of the overall national security concept in detail and in-depth, clarify the importance of national security education, and expand new paths of the education in ideology and politics, so as to create a new era of all-round development of talents, and lay a solid talent guarantee for the long-term stability of the country and the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

#### **Conflicts of interest**

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