

# Reflections and explorations on freshmen's enlightenment education of the Party in colleges and universities with teacher training characteristics

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**Abstract:** As the state attaches more and more importance to the quality of teacher education, it is particularly important to cultivate normal students with firm ideals and beliefs, a sense of family and the country, noble moral character and solid academic knowledge. And the faculty of education shoulders the important task of training teacher educators. As the basic stage of teacher training, the quality of Party initiation education for new students in colleges and universities is not only related to the ideological and political quality of future teachers, but also has a far-reaching impact on the political construction of the Party members of the next generation, which can be regarded as a merit of the present generation and a benefit of the future. Therefore, it is particularly important to explore a model of new students' Party initiation education with the characteristics of teacher training students.

**Key words:** enlightenment education; colleges and universities; teacher training

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## 1 Introduction

At the national ideological and political work conference of colleges and universities, General Secretary Xi Jinping emphasized that our colleges and universities are colleges and universities under the leadership of the Party, and are socialist colleges and universities with Chinese characteristics [1]. To run our colleges and universities well, we must adhere to the guidance of Marxism and fully implement the Party's education policy. With the entry of socialism with Chinese characteristics into a new era, new requirements have been put forward for the Party building work in colleges and universities. The majority of college and university Party building workers should be based on the new era, shoulder a new mission. Therefore, there is an urgent need for in-depth exploration and efforts to strengthen the grass-roots Party building work in colleges and universities to enhance the capacity of the Party building and improve the quality of the Party building work.

## 2 The necessity of enlightenment education for freshmen in teachers' colleges to join the Party

Xi Jinping pointed out: "Contemporary Chinese young people should treasure their youth, feel the times and keep up with the times, consciously refine themselves and improve themselves according to the requirements of the Party and the

people, so as to achieve high aspirations, virtue and talent, cultivate both emotions and rationality, and courageously develop themselves. Only then can they release their dreams of life in their fiery youth, and accomplish their career chapters in their hard-working youth [2]."

Xi Jinping stressed at the symposium for teachers of ideological and political theory courses in schools that "the youth stage is the 'plucking and nurturing period' of life, which requires the most careful guidance and cultivation" [3]. Therefore, it is necessary to grasp the youth in the key period of "plucking and pregnant spike", grasp the initiative of the ideology of college students, so that the theory of the Party can play a more profound role in guiding the students.

The Party initiation education of college freshmen is not only the source of Party building work in colleges and universities, but also an important aspect of the ideological and political education work of college students. Strengthening the Party building and improving the quality of Party members can not be separated from the Party initiation, which is also an indispensable aspect of grassroots Party branches in universities. The improvement of the quality of Party initiation education is conducive to strengthening the Party member team and improving the development quality of college students' Party members. It is important to provide young students with Party initiation education, which helps to grasp the quality of Party members from the source and improve the quality of Party members [4]. Today's teacher trainees are tomorrow's human soul engineers, and their political quality will have extremely important strategic significance to the country, so guaranteeing teacher trainees to join the Party initiation education is not only a way to fulfill the political needs of the students themselves, but also a high responsibility for the future hopes of the country and the nation [5]. However, there are still relative deficiencies in the degree of education, propaganda efforts, educational content and form of initiation education in colleges and universities.

### **3 Current situation of freshmen's Party initiation education in normal universities**

#### **3.1 The current situation of ideological and political work in colleges and universities**

General Secretary Xi Jinping has always attached importance to the important role of ideological and political work of colleges and universities in the process of educating people, and has constantly stressed the need to adhere to moral cultivation and talent development as the central link, and to carry out ideological and political work throughout the whole process of education and teaching, so as to realize the whole process of educating people and comprehensively cultivating students. Emphasis was placed on the need to fully implement the Party's education policy, carry out the fundamental task of moral construction, develop quality education, promote equity in education, and foster socialist builders and successors with comprehensive development in morality, intelligence, physical fitness and aesthetics [6].

The definition of the effectiveness of ideological and political education is the degree to which the actual results achieved after carrying out the practical activities of ideological and political education for college students are in line with the educational objectives. Regarding the explanation of the effectiveness of ideological and political education, the effectiveness of Party initiation education is the extent to which the actual effect of students receiving Party initiation education is in line with the educational objectives, i.e., whether the students' ideals and beliefs are firm, whether their Party spirit is enhanced, and whether their motivation to join the Party are correct. However, at present, some normal colleges lack effective guidance and management mechanism, and most students who have radical ideas or have made mistakes are subjected to criticism and discipline. The education method is simple and sloppy, and the communication between the school and parents is ineffective, especially when there is no effective method for the students' ideology, which leads to the slippage of the students' ideology. When students enter the university, they are of low age, weak in self-control, and do not have immediate planning and long-term goals. Some of them do not actively demand progress in their thinking. Therefore, Party initiation education should be incorporated into the focus of Party building work, and initiation

education for college students should be carried out in an organized and planned manner, so as to guide college students to have a correct understanding of the Party, and inspire them to actively join the Party.

### 3.2 Insufficient innovation in the form of Party initiation education

Entering the new era, the education and teaching methods of colleges and universities have undergone historic changes. Education and teaching methods should follow the pace of the times and constantly innovate and develop, and a variety of technology-rich education and teaching methods are becoming mainstream. However, the traditional form of Party initiation education is still only in the form of lectures, i.e., teachers speak and students listen. It does not take into account the development of the times and the characteristics of students, and does not innovate in the form of education. Some even hold the idea of completing the educational task, with the attitude of coping with the requirements of higher-level documents, and simply use PPT to complete the content of the presentation. In the meantime, there is a lack of teacher-student interaction, a lack of student feedback, and no timely guidance for students to think. Especially for post-2000 students, their growth and living environment are relatively superior, and their own growth process has not experienced the hardship of life sharpening. They lack a sense of identification with theoretical education, so the invariable traditional form of enlightenment education has been unable to touch them, resulting in a significant reduction in the effectiveness of enlightenment education. Luo Lei mentioned that the vast majority of schools on the Party initiation education is still limited to theoretical knowledge lectures and Party history and Party building training and other forms [7]. Therefore, colleges and universities should follow the progress of the times, use educational methods of the new era to promote the diversification of educational forms, and the Party initiation education should be with the times, innovate the forms of education to help students understand the development goals of the Party at a higher level [8].

## 4 Conclusion

The Party initiation education of college students is an important front-end to strengthen the Party building work in colleges and universities. Therefore, doing a good job of students in the Party initiation education is the fundamental requirements of colleges and universities to fully implement the strict governance of the Party. As students of normal universities, the Party's initiation education has a more profound significance. The vast majority of the graduates from normal universities will be educators at all levels and types of schools across the country, and they will be the main force in disseminating knowledge and educating people. From the point of view of their status and attributes, they not only undertake the heavy task of teaching knowledge and imparting skills, but also shoulder the sacred duty of educating people by moulding their souls and cultivating talents. As they are in frequent contact with students, it is easier for them to infect students with their thoughts, character, image and personality. It can be said that the teacher Party members, compared to other professional Party members, have a more distinctive educational responsibility [9]. They are not only the disseminators of knowledge, but also the educators of ideology and morality. Schools are the main places for cultivating the socialist builders and successors. The ideological concepts of teacher Party members will directly affect the formation of the worldview and outlook on life of student Party members. Therefore, for students in colleges and universities, especially students from normal universities, it is of great practical significance to consolidate the foundation of Party initiation education, innovate the mode of Party initiation education, and comprehensively improve the effect of Party initiation education [10].

### Conflicts of interest

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