

# On the Integration of Ideological and Political Education in Higher Vocational Colleges with Traditional Chinese Culture

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## Abstract

China is a country with history of 5,000 years, and the national spirit reflected in the rich and colorful traditional culture is unique. In the new era, the ideological and political educators of vocational colleges should integrate Chinese excellent traditional culture into educational activities, which can form a high degree of conformity with the purpose of ideological and political education. In view of the great spiritual charm contained in the excellent Chinese traditional culture, the ideological and political educators of colleges and universities have enriched themselves in advance, and have given the Chinese excellent traditional culture a new way of transmission.

## Keywords

Chinese culture; Ideological education; Political curriculum; Integration approach.

## 1. Introduction

Traditional culture is a common spiritual bond formed by a country or a nation in the long river of history. Chinese excellent traditional culture is a cultural gene with positive Chinese values and values that have been passed down from generation to generation, such as moral sentiments, ideals and convictions and noble personality, responsibility, the community of human destiny and other spirits. These flowing in the blood of our nation have shaped our national style and become the common spiritual home for all Chinese children.

"Culture is the soul of a country and a nation. Culture rejuvenates the country, culture is strong, and the nation is strong. Without a high degree of cultural self-confidence and cultural prosperity, there is no great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation." General Secretary Xi Jinping pointed out, strengthening the ideology and politics of universities In work, we must pay more attention to educate people with culture. The rich national spirit contained in China's excellent traditional culture is highly consistent with the purpose of ideological and political education in our new era, and it has wisdom and inspiration for today's ideological and political education.

### 1.1. Moral Sentiment

Confucius said: " Virtue is like the source of water, talent just like the wave of water ". A person who wants to achieve success must first have good moral cultivation. The excellent traditional culture of China respects morality and ethics, which is fundamental to goodness, and places extremely high moral requirements on individuals. In the new era, the fundamental task of ideological and political education in colleges and universities is to "build people with morality", which is consistent with the goal of virtue and culture of excellent traditional culture.[1]

Over the past 5,000 years, the Chinese have been emphasizing "cultivation by virtue." Ideological and political education in colleges and universities must use the rich resources of moral education in excellent traditional culture to light a moral beacon in the hearts of contemporary youth.

The "Fudan University Student Medical Poisoning Case" caused a sensation throughout the country. At the beginning, we couldn't understand how a talented student with great prospects

would have lost his way. Later, I saw relevant interviews and learned that the criminal Lin Senhao had been detained in the prison center for 10 months. He had been reading books and many literary classics because he felt that he had read too much science and engineering before, with little knowledge on literature. The way to commit crime is because there is no moral light in mind. The development of noble moral sentiments depends on the guidance of moral rules. Youth should not only study simple arithmetic like  $1 + 1 = 2$ . One should learn more about how to do things.  $1 + 1 = 2$  is very important, but it is more important to be human. Without good moral cultivation, no matter how good the professional knowledge is, it cannot serve the society. Digging deep into the root of traditional culture is to awaken contemporary college students, making them abandon the improper pursuit of material desires, and to establish a correct outlook on life and values. Excellent traditional culture is of great value in shaping college students and improving their personalities.

### 1.2. Firm Beliefs

In the *Book of Changes*, the source of Chinese national culture, the spirit of "life endless and struggle" has flowed into the blood of the Chinese for 5,000 years, and is the most precious spiritual wealth of the Chinese. The ancient wrote such a poem: "The rich and the noble cannot be bribed, the poor and the lower cannot be removed, and the mighty cannot be subdued. From the emperor to the sultry, it is based on self-cultivation." Confucius' study on the *Book of Changes*: "It's hard to make friends when you are firm and soft, but it's dangerous to move, full of imagination...a truly successful career is not achieved without difficulty, "and we must have an entrepreneurial spirit of continuous self-improvement. This kind of spirit will definitely wake up those young college students who are not thinking, lonely and empty, and often skipping classes. They will make them feel hollow inside and try to find their ways of actively striving for life.

Guiding college students to learn the hard-working spirit of China and China's outstanding traditional culture will help them develop a sense of competition, strengthening their ideals and beliefs, and grow into useful talents that have an effect on the challenges of the current new time.

### 1.3. Responsibilities for the Home Country

During the Spring and Autumn Period and the Warring States period, civil war broke, the concrete manifestation was exactly as Mozi said: "Country attack, family broken, and people became thieves." The people were miserable. The well known scholars had the responsibilities for their homeland, and rushed to put forward the "salvation" plan. Confucianism, Mohism, and Taoism with their own ideas came into being.

Confucius put forward the plan of "restrain yourself and follow social norms". When traveling around the country to publicize the plan, he once encountered two hermits who were farming side by side, making Zilu ask for help. As a result, the hermit persuaded Zilu to leave the homeland as they did, and live in seclusion in the mountains and forest. Zilu reported to Confucius, Confucius said: "If there is a peaceful way in the world, I will not argue with them". The story told us that one can never hide himself from the society. Everyone has their own duty to do and must shoulder responsibilities for their own country.

Xi Jinping said: "Patriotisms has always been a spiritual force that unites all the Chinese." [2] The outstanding traditional cultural spirit of the responsibility has a very high application value in the ideological and political education of universities. Its inspiration can stimulate the strong sense of social responsibility of the Chinese children and rejuvenate personal responsibility.

### 1.4. The Idea of a Harmonious and Inclusive Community of Human Destiny

Confucius said: "The gentleman is the same ". This kind of harmonious and inclusive thought has been passed down from generation to generation, and it is the best survival law of human

beings and harmony. You see, Chinese people like to play chess, black and red. Chinese people are humble and admit that he is not good at chess. Moreover, only Chinese chess in the world can play a win-win situation. Playing chess demonstrates the spirit of "not compete with" in Chinese culture. Only the Chinese nation has never liked to invade others, and has always pursued the principle of "Everything is bred without damaging each other, and the road is parallel but not contradictory." Peace and tolerance, which has given birth to the spirit of contemporary politics.

The Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence proposed at the beginning of 1949 are the embodiment of this spirit and have been recognized by most countries in the world. In the current era, the best answer for "what's wrong with the world, what do we do" --- General Secretary Xi gives China a plan to build a community of shared future. The thoughts of the Community of man's destiny and the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence are in the same line, which is the way that nations live together. They have won the consensus and wide praise of the international community and have been written into UN resolutions.

"In the development of civilization for more than 5,000 years, the Chinese have always pursued and passed on the firm ideas of peace and harmony." [3]The harmonious and inclusive idea of the community of shared future contained in the excellent traditional culture of China and China's wisdom have contributed to the world.

## 2. Integrating Chinese Excellent Traditional Culture into Ideological and Political Education in Colleges and Universities

First of all, we must play the role of the main channel of ideological and political classroom teaching. Ideological and political teachers can integrate the excellent traditional Chinese culture into the curriculum and explain the Marxist theory with the knowledge of traditional culture.[4] For example, in Chinese philosophy, Confucius has a strong "salvation" spirit, Confucianism is "the philosophy of salvation." And Marxism has revolutionary characteristics, which has a "salvation" spirit too.

The *Book of Changes* is the soul of Chinese culture. The lecture "An Introduction to Mao Zedong Thought and the Theoretical System of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics" can explain the reasons for insisting on reform and opening up with easy reason, and the Chinese cultures are constantly changing. Students can feel the charm of traditional culture while studying ideological and political lessons, and the education can be warm and down-to-the-earth.

Second, we can use all possible resources and methods to promote good traditional culture. The spirit of traditional culture can be formed into a distinctive building on campus, or traditional culture can be integrated into the architectural landscape. It can hold traditional cultural events, such as traditional cultural forums, piano, calligraphy, paintings, poetry, song and poetry conventions, etc., to create a cultural atmosphere on campus, stimulating college students to read more traditional cultural classics, and improve literacy. Taking traditional festivals as an opportunity, we can dig deeply into the traditional festival cultural connotation and advocate its spiritual value. Different kinds of activities, such as to commemorate the patriotic poet Qu Yuan, can be carried out to promote the spirit of patriotism for the Dragon Boat Festival.[5] In the Double Ninth Festival, activities are carried out to explore the "filial piety" culture, so that young students can learn to be grateful and inherit the spirit of the Chinese and filial piety culture. All things that can play an educational role should be actively explored and applied.

Finally, colleges and universities hope political educators to have the responsibility to enrich their knowledge reserves, to expand ideas and content of ideological and political education so that to improve traditional culture and easily integrate excellent traditional culture with ideological and political education. The traditional culture that lasted for centuries can bloom in contemporary education through our efforts.

### 3. Conclusion

The *Book of Changes* said: "Heaven and earth nourish all things", which means "Everything is covered by the sky, carries by the earth", heaven and earth are selfless, we must have the spirit of heaven and earth, have the responsibility, and shoulder the heavy responsibility of our country.

Since the founding of the Communist Party of China, it has been both an active leader and practitioner of China's advanced culture, and a loyal successor of China's outstanding traditional culture. [6]We should strengthen the role of traditional Chinese culture in ideological and political education in colleges and universities. Integrating applications together with making the spiritual resources contained in excellent traditional culture an inexhaustible source of ideological and political education. To absorb nutrition and cultivate young people in the new era into qualified inheritors of traditional culture will let Chinese excellent traditional culture play its due value in ideological and political education in colleges and universities. And It will help the Chinese nation rejuvenate under the guidance of cultural self-confidence to realize the dream of the descendants of Yan and Huang descendants.

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