

## Analysis of the Viewpoints on the Growth of Young College Students

### -- Take Xi Jinping's 16 Replies to Young College Students as an Analysis Sample

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#### Abstract

**The prosperity of the youth leads to the prosperity of the country, and the strong youth makes the country strong. As a special group, college students are the outstanding young people, the builders and successors of socialism with Chinese characteristics, and they shoulder the historical mission of realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation and building a community with a shared future for mankind. The article sorts out the thoughts of youth college growth and talent contained in the replies, and proposes specific paths for youth college growth and growth from four dimensions: firm ideals and beliefs, cultivating sense of responsibility, strengthening study and practice, and carrying forward the fine tradition of hard work.**

#### Keywords

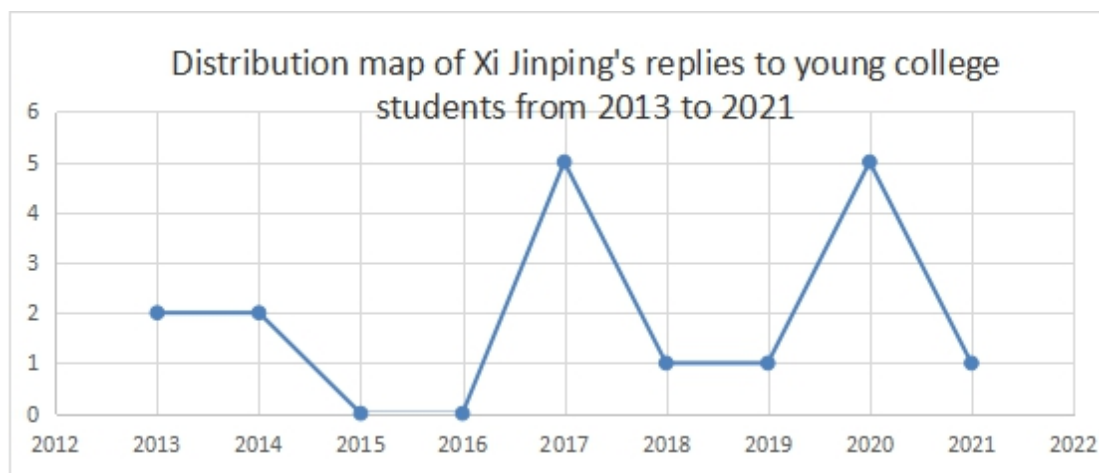
**Xi Jinping; Replies; Young College Students; Grow into Talents.**

#### 1. Replies Overview

Reply is an important way for national leaders to interact with the people, and it is also an important carrier that directly reflects the value orientation, ruling philosophy, and personal image of national leaders. Xi Jinping attaches great importance to communicating and interacting with the people through reply. Xi Jinping's replies cover individuals or groups in different fields, industries and departments. They are not long in length but rich in connotation, covering a wide range but focused on thinking, and include the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, Community with a Shared Future for Mankind, Patriotism, Talent, etc.

From the perspective of the specific recipients of the replies, the replies involve college students, party members, support services, and military personnel. It has a wide range and represents a certain specific group. Among them, the most are addressed to young college students. The replies reflect Xi Jinping's consistent concern, care, and love for college students, and his high attention and importance to the cultivation of higher education talents. The author searched for "Xi Jinping's Reply to Young College Students" from People's Daily Online from May 2, 2013 to June 27, 2021, and found 17 original texts of Xi Jinping's replies. The replies distribution is as shown below. Among them, 2017 and 2020 have the largest number of replies, both of which are 5. There were two peaks in 2017 and 2020, which are related to the historical background at that time. The 17 replies are concise and rich in connotation. The general secretary's profound thoughts on the importance of young college students are contained in the lines, and he has infinite affection and expectation for young college students. It reflects Xi Jinping's further deepening of the understanding of young college students and enriches Xi Jinping's new ideas. The connotation of the outlook on the youth of the times

provides a basic follow and practice path for the generation and growth of talents in universities in the new era.



**Fig 1.** The replies distribution map

## 2. The Text Analysis of the Replies

Taking the text of Xi Jinping's replies to young college students as the object, it is necessary to firstly analyze and summarize the textual characteristics of General Secretary Xi Jinping's replies to young college students. The author will sort out the text from three aspects.

### 2.1. The Person to Whom the Letters Were Written

Judging from the topics of the 17 replies, Xi Jinping's replies include graduates, party member students, foreign students, enlisted college students, volunteer team college students and other groups. The replies convey Xi Jinping's response to college students of different levels, categories, majors, and natures. The care for growth and talent encourages them to study hard and increase their skills, and hope that they will serve the society, serve the motherland, and promote the good wishes of human progress.

There are three letters in the replies that are directly targeted at graduates. Xi Jinping supports graduates to the grassroots in the western region to exercise their life choices, hope that graduates will be ambitious, down-to-earth, bravely shoulder the mission of the times, and integrate their personal ideals with the party and the country, and combine their careers to contribute to the party, the motherland, and the people. Two of the replies were addressed to college student volunteers and to the party member service team. In the replies, Xi Jinping affirmed the role of young college students. He pointed out: If the young generation has ideals, capabilities, and responsibilities, The country has a future and the nation has hope. He affirmed the important role of young college students in realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. The important idea that our party must rely on college students and win college students. At the same time, it also pointed out the direction for the success of young college students, to strengthen the will and quality, increase the ability, bear the responsibility, serve the people, and dedicate to the motherland. Four of the replies involved groups of international students. Two of them are for overseas students and two are for overseas students in China. Xi Jinping encouraged overseas students to be ambitious, down-to-earth, study hard, accumulate things, and contribute to the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. At the same time, he encouraged overseas students to work hard for the realization of a community with a shared future for mankind.

## 2.2. Subjects of Replies

Xi Jinping's replies have profound thoughts, clear themes, rich connotations, lofty intentions, motivating, and close to the actual life of young college students, with beautiful writing. In terms of content, the replies mainly focused on major themes such as national development (17 times), Chinese dream (15 times), people (32 times), and youth (33 times). These themes are typologically subdivided, mainly including ideals (17 times), mission (6 times), struggle (22 times), dedication (9 times), practice (4 times) and other themes, reflecting Xi Jinping's concern and concern, Caring for the growth and success of the university. Among them, 12 replies mentioned struggle, ranking first among the topics. There are 10 replies that mentioned ideals, and 6 that mentioned missions.

### 2.2.1. Caring for the Healthy Growth of Young College Students

Xi Jinping has replied many times to young college students such as graduates, student party members, volunteers, international students, and newly enlisted college students, and cares about the experience and growth of young college students in the field. "Youth" and "Hope" are high-frequency words in the replies. "Youth" has been used 33 times in the replies, and "Hope" has been used 23 times. The words are full of deep care and eager anticipation for young college students. When the young college students made progress and achievements, the feeling of joy was clearly on the paper. In the replies, "Glad" was used 5 times and "Happy" was used 6 times. The replies to the first graduate of the Institute of South-South Cooperation and Development and the replies to the study abroad in Pakistan reflects that Xi Jinping cares about the international students who come to China to study and exchange, and hopes that the international students in China can bring what they have seen and heard back to their own country and become a construct The promoters and practitioners of the community of shared future for mankind. The replies to young volunteers reflects Xi Jinping's concern for the growth and progress of college students in serving others and contributing to society. The reply to the eight new enrolled college students of Nankai University is intended to inspire Young college students turned their patriotism into a trip to serve the country and set up a new image of example.

### 2.2.2. Caring for the Healthy Development of Young College Students

Xi Jinping has a deep sense of family and country. In his replies, he mentioned "the people" (30 times), the Chinese nation (11 times), and "the motherland" (13 times), and called on young college students to realize the "Chinese dream" (15 times)., "Great Rejuvenation of the Chinese Nation" (10 times), "Development" (17 times) and "Learning" (11 times) and "Struggle" (21 times). Xi Jinping puts the hope of realizing the Chinese dream of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation on young college students, calling on young college students to have faith and firm "ideal" (17 times), guiding young college students to choose the correct goal and direction, and hope that young college students will serve the people Serve and thrive in the practice of building the motherland. The replies encourage young college students to take root in the land of China through learning scientific and cultural knowledge, and to increase their wisdom and talents in innovation and entrepreneurship. Xi Jinping attaches great importance to the practice of young college students, especially the training at the grassroots level (6 times), and hopes that young college students can struggle in practice, strengthen their will and quality in hardships, "hard work", "difficulties and hardships, and you will succeed" There have been more than a dozen responses in the CCP, calling on young college students to "dedication" (12 times), "contribute", and take actual "actions" (5 times) to take root in the front line, make contributions and serve the motherland and people. As Xi Jinping said: If the young generation has ideals, capabilities, and responsibilities, the country has a future, and the nation has hope. [1] To realize the Chinese dream of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation and the world dream of building a

community with a shared future for mankind is inseparable from the relay struggle of generations of young college students.

## **2.3. The Opportunities to Reply**

### **2.3.1. Major Events**

Xi Jinping attaches great importance to major events related to young college students, such as the 3rd China "Internet +" College Student Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition. At the same time, Xi Jinping took the important event as an opportunity to write to young college students, encourage them, and put forward specific hopes for the growth of young college students. For example, on March 15, 2020, in the fight against the new crown pneumonia epidemic, Xi Jinping replied to all the "post-90s" party members of the Peking University Aid Hubei Medical Team, encouraging them to "strive to thrive in serving the people...and continue to work in the post of saving lives and healing the wounded." Fight hard on the top" [1]. On June 27, 2020, on the 100th anniversary of the publication of the first full Chinese translation of the "Communist Manifesto", Xi Jinping wrote back to all members of the volunteer service team of the "Communist Manifesto" exhibition hall of Fudan University.

### **2.3.2. Major Holiday**

Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, every May Fourth Youth Day, Xi Jinping walked into colleges and universities, had discussions with young college students, delivered keynote speeches, and wrote letters to young college students. For example, on the occasion of the May Fourth Youth Day in 2013, Xi Jinping wrote back to all the students of the 2009 undergraduate Youth League branch of the School of Archaeology, Culture, and Museum of Peking University; on the eve of the May Fourth Youth Day in 2014, he wrote to the representative of the western support teaching graduates of Baoding University, Hebei. On the arrival of Lei Feng Day on March 5, 2014, and on April 30, 2018, on the eve of May 1st International Labor Day, I wrote back to the undergraduate class of Model Workers of the China Institute of Labor Relations. On June 21, 2021, on the occasion of celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China, Xi Jinping wrote back to the international students of Peking University, hoping that the international students in China will bring their knowledge and experience of the history of the Communist Party of China back to their homeland, in order to promote the people-to-people bond of all countries. They will play an active role.

### **2.3.3. Important Node**

The 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China pointed out: "Socialism with Chinese characteristics has entered a new era." Based on the historical position of the new era, Xi Jinping emphasized that "If the young generation has ideals, capabilities, and responsibilities, the country will have a future and the nation have hope." In the year of the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, Xi Jinping sent 5 letters to college students, and there was the first peak. On September 23, 2017, shortly after the start of the autumn semester of colleges and universities across the country, Xi Jinping wrote back to 8 new recruits from Nankai University. On October 11, 2017, on the occasion of the graduation of the first master's student of the Institute of South-South Cooperation and Development, I wrote back to the first master's student of the Institute of South-South Cooperation and Development. On February 21, 2020, when the Tibetan New Year is approaching, I wrote back to the medical school students of Tibet University who were intern at Shougang Hospital. July 7, 2020, reply to the graduates of China University of Petroleum (Beijing) Karamay campus. These replies may indicate that China has entered a new stage, or it is a critical period for the employment of college graduates across the country, or the employment market is affected by the new crown pneumonia epidemic in a special period.

### 3. The Replies Pointed out the Path for Young Students to Grow into Talents

Xi Jinping mentioned in many replies that if the young generation has ideals, capabilities, and responsibilities, the country will have a future, and the nation have hope. [1][2][3] This thesis is a new generation of young college students in the new era, and points out the direction and provides fundamental follow. Contemporary young college students should arm their minds with the Xi Jinping Youth University Concept of Growth and Talent, put their beliefs into practice, have high ambitions, be down-to-earth, accumulate talents and learn, work hard, and contribute their wisdom and strength to the realization of the Chinese dream of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

#### 3.1. Having Faith in the Heart, Firming up Ideals and Beliefs

In order to strengthen the ideals and beliefs of young college students in the new era, Xi Jinping has made important statements on many occasions. "Ideal guides the direction of life, and belief determines the success or failure of career. Without ideals and beliefs, it will lead to mental calcium deficiency." [4] "Youths have lofty ideals and firm beliefs. They are the invincible driving force of a country and a nation." [5], "If the young generation of the motherland has ideals..., the realization of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation will have a steady stream of youthful power" [6]. These expositions fully illustrate the guiding and motivating role of ideals and beliefs in the generation and growth of young talents. It reveals the important role of ideals and beliefs for the country, nation, and young college students. So, what ideals and beliefs should the majority of young college students strengthen? First of all, from the national level, it is necessary to take the Chinese Dream as the goal of common pursuit, take the initiative to shoulder the mission and responsibilities entrusted by history and the times, and become a newcomer of the era who is responsible for the great task of national rejuvenation. Secondly, from the personal level, "getting the bigger and the smaller" realizes the dream of personal success on the basis of the Chinese dream. Young college students are not only dream catchers but also dream fulfillers. Young college students should integrate their personal ideals and pursuits into the cause of the party and the country, and make more contributions to the motherland and people. Finally, we must strive to realize the world dream of a community with a shared future for mankind. Xi Jinping hopes that foreign students in China will learn more about China, introduce China to the world more, communicate with young Chinese college students more, and contribute to the realization of the world dream. Only when the majority of young college students have mastered the "master switch" of ideals and beliefs, and have faith in their hearts, can they have strength at their feet, overcome the difficulties and difficulties in the growth process, and achieve success step by step.

#### 3.2. Responsibility First, Daring to Take it

Based on the relationship between young college students and the people, nation and the world, Xi Jinping's replies discussed the need to cultivate new people with a sense of responsibility in the era, and profoundly answered what social responsibilities contemporary young college students should bear. Specifically, young college students shoulder the historical mission of "seeking happiness for the people, rejuvenation for the nation, and great unity for the world". First, as a member of the people, we must consciously assume the social responsibility for the happiness of the people. The people are the creators of history, "the country is the people, and the people are the country" [7]. Therefore, to fight the country and guard the country, what is guarded is the hearts of the people. Contemporary young college students must take root in China, go deep into the front line of the people, and always want to be with the people, work with them, share the same ups and downs, share ups and downs,



make unremitting efforts to realize the people's yearning for a better life, and strive for greater glory for the people. Second, as a member of China, we shoulder the glorious mission of the country's prosperity and rejuvenation. A hundred years ago, a group of young college students held high the torch of Marxist thought and struggled to explore the future of national rejuvenation. Over the past 100 years, generations of young college students have integrated their youth struggle into the cause of the country and become a pioneer in realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. Third, as a member of the world, we shoulder the responsibility of promoting world development and creating a better future for mankind. As the people of the earth, contemporary young college students have the responsibility and obligation to protect the earth and coexist with it.

### **3.3. Studying Hard and Practicing Courageously**

Contemporary young college students must not only have lofty ideals and a spirit of responsibility, but also have true knowledge and true skills. True knowledge must be acquired through study, and true skills must be cultivated in practice. Knowledge is the cornerstone of the generation of talents in young colleges. Contemporary young college students should strengthen their sense of urgency in learning, take lifelong learning as a responsibility and a spiritual pursuit, and study Marxist theory, party history, new China history, reform and opening history, and society eagerly. History of development of socialism, master Marxist standpoints, viewpoints and methods, master scientific and cultural knowledge and professional skills, and lay a solid foundation. General Secretary Xi Jinping's reply provided an action guide for young college students on how to learn. One must be "diligence." Young college students should study diligently and diligently, learn books with and without words, and enrich their life experience. Second, we must "pan". You must study extensively, read a group of books, learn excellent cultural knowledge from different countries, different regions, and different nationalities, and expand the breadth of life. Three must be "fine." It is necessary to work hard, study the classics carefully, and expand the depth of life. Fourth, we must "constant". Learning is endless, and learning requires perseverance and perseverance. Fifth, "go". On paper, I finally feel shallow, knowing that this is not a matter of practice. The knowledge learned should be used to build the motherland and serve the people, to make contributions to the grassroots and the people, to apply what has been learned, and to increase wisdom and talents in innovative practice. This is the source of practice and the path of realization for the formation of talents in young colleges, which solves the dialectical problem of the relationship between knowledge and behavior among young college students, and provides an action guide for realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

### **3.4. Working Hard, Tempering the Quality of Will**

In his replies, Xi Jinping sent a message to young college students: Youth is splendid by tempering, and life is sublimated by struggle; the realization of the Chinese dream of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation requires the relay struggle of generations of young college students; hard work to strengthen the will and quality. These expositions point out the direction for why contemporary young college students should struggle, for whom, and how to struggle. Struggle plays an important role for individuals, countries and nations. The life of struggle is fulfilling, and the life of fighting for the happiness of the people, the prosperity of the country, the rejuvenation of the nation, and the peace of mankind is meaningful. Over the past 100 years, all the achievements China has made have not fallen from the sky, nor were they gifted by others, but the wisdom and courage of the people of all ethnic groups throughout the country. Without the hard-working relay race of generations of young college students, there would be no new era of socialism with Chinese characteristics today, let alone the future of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. Young college students must carefully understand the meaning of hard work, put hard work through the whole process of

youth college growth, and continuously enhance the ideological and action consciousness of hard work. One is to work hard. "Hard work" means to maintain the fine tradition of hard work and to temper the will and quality in hard work. Xi Jinping is both an advocate of "seeking hard work" and a practitioner of "seeking hard work". The flea, food, life, labor, and thought passes that General Secretary Xi Jinping passed when he jumped in the line in Yan'an are enough to prove it. Young college students must go deep into the grass-roots level, integrate into the people, and "see hard work" in practice, in order to squeeze out the "moisture" in the knowledge of books and get the "dry goods" of knowledge. The second is to work hard. "Practical work" means down-to-earth and practical work. Young college students should start from small things, start from the things around them, take root in China's national conditions and people's conditions, serve the people, contribute to the construction of the motherland, and let hard work and hard work become the dream of young college students. The third is to do it cleverly. "Smart work" is first of all to make overall plans, consider foresight, and strive to highlight key points, break through difficulties, and guide hotspots. General Secretary Xi Jinping once pointed out that on the basis of clarifying the situation, we must make overall plans and balance, highlight the key points, and drive the overall situation. Sometimes we must focus on the big and let the small, the big and the small, and sometimes the small and the big. , See the big in the small, to put it vividly, it is to play the piano with ten fingers. Secondly, "smart work" means learning from theory, practice, and the masses, constantly summing up experience and lessons, and improving the ability to do things scientifically. Third, smart work means changing concepts, pioneering and innovating, especially observing problems with new eyes, asking questions from new angles, analyzing problems with new ideas, solving problems with new methods, and increasing wisdom and talents in innovation and entrepreneurship.

A letter of paper reflects Xi Jinping's ardent expectation for the growth and growth of young people in universities, and points out the path for the growth and growth of young people in universities, which is the fundamental follow for the growth and growth of young people in universities. In the new era of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, young college students have a lot to do. They must strengthen their ideals and beliefs of "seek happiness for the people, rejuvenate the nation, and seek unity for the world", stabilize the people's position, promote the spirit of hard work, and continuously improve their ability and quality. They will be an ambitious, sturdy and confident Chinese, and let down the times, the youth, and the party and the people's cultivation.

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