

Pursuit and realization of the value of modernization on the road of peaceful development

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Abstract

The Chinese modernization path is essentially an endogenous path of peaceful development. The emergence of modernization on the path of peaceful development is the unification of theoretical logic, historical logic and practical logic, which conforms to the common value standard of all mankind. Its value appeal highlights the basic theme of peace and development, the value requirement of fairness and justice, and the value guarantee of democracy and freedom. By promoting the building of a new type of international relations, improving the quality and efficiency of the Belt and Road Initiative, and participating in the reform of the global governance system, China is gradually becoming a builder of world peace, a contributor to global development, and a defender of the international order, and unswervingly following the path of peaceful development and modernization.

Keywords

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1. Introduction

The current international situation is profound and complex, the process of globalization has encountered countercurrents, and traditional and non-traditional security organizations have emerged frequently. In the face of the complex international situation and unprecedented risks and challenges, China has always been firmly committed to the path of peaceful development. The concept of peaceful development is showing the light of major country governance through the concepts and practices of the "community with a shared future for mankind", the "New type of international Relations" and the "Belt and Road". As the largest developing country in the world, unswervingly following the path of peaceful development has a profound theoretical, historical and practical basis, and is more a result of the theme of The Times and the trend of world development. In the dimensions of history, present and future development, China's modernization on the road of peaceful development highlights important Chinese value and world value.

2. The generative logic of modernization on the path of peaceful development

The time and space of human life is the time and space where history and reality meet. Time and space are the exact coordinates to explore the causes of the occurrence of things. The modernization of peaceful development has historical inevitability and practical necessity. It is the historical experience that Chinese Communists have concluded through hard exploration and continuous practice, adhering to the guiding ideology of Marxism. It is an important conclusion based on the overall strategic situation of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation and the great changes in the world unseen in a century, and it is also an inheritance and development of the peaceful nature of the Chinese civilization.

2.1. The theory and logic of taking the path of peaceful development and modernization

To take the road of peaceful development for modernization is an inherent requirement of the nature of our socialist country. Our Constitution clearly stipulates that our country is a socialist state under the people's democratic dictatorship, and that our socialist movement aims at the liberation of the proletariat and all mankind, at the international union of the proletariat. Seeking benefits and happiness for the majority of people is the value pursuit of the socialist movement. As the first socialist country in the world, the Soviet Union pursued great power chauvinism in the later period, launched a number of wars of aggression, interfered in the internal affairs of other countries, and also had military conflicts with China on Zhenbao Island. The great power chauvinism pursued by the Soviet Union and a series of measures implemented externally ran counter to the nature of the socialist country and the value appeal of the socialist movement, which not only brought indelible harm to the people of other countries, but also damaged the image of its own country and the image of the socialist country, which was criticized by the international community. Taking the Soviet Union as a lesson, China unswervingly pursues modernization along the path of peaceful development, which is in line with the nature of a socialist country and the value pursuit of the socialist movement.

Modernization on the path of peaceful development is an objective requirement of the theme of the era of peace and development. After the end of World War II, the establishment of NATO and the Warsaw Pact marked the formal formation of the bipolar pattern of the world led by the United States and the Soviet Union. War and revolution were the themes of The Times, and the whole world was under the shadow of war and prepared for disaster. In 1987, the report of the 13th National Congress of the Communist Party of China pointed out that "peace and development are the themes of the contemporary world"^[1]. In October 1992, the report of the 14th National Congress of the CPC further clearly stated that "peace and development have become the theme of The Times"^[2]. Since then, the main leaders of the Party and the state have repeatedly reiterated the judgment of this theme of The Times, and proposed that our country should comply with this theme of The Times. In this context, all countries should follow the trend of The Times for peace and development, make positive contributions to world peace and development, and unswervingly follow the path of peaceful development. Any act of unwarranted interference in the internal affairs of other countries, waging war of aggression and undermining the sovereignty of other countries runs counter to the general trend of peace and development and will be condemned by the people of all countries in the world. China's peaceful development path of modernization echoes the theme of The Times and conforms to the general trend of world development. It is a scientific and correct development path.

2.2. The historical logic of taking the path of peaceful development and modernization

Pursuing modernization along the path of peaceful development is a continuation of the fine tradition of the Chinese nation of advocating peace since ancient times. The Chinese nation has always opposed unjust wars and militarism, and "peace in the world" is a good life for the Chinese nation. In the historical development of more than 5,000 years, the Chinese nation has formed the character background and typical feelings of valuing "harmony". In the rise and fall of feudal dynasties and complicated ethnic exchanges over the past 2,000 years, the national tradition of egoism and altruism has been formed, and the concept of "harmony" formed by this has standardized the code of conduct of the Chinese people. To follow the path of peaceful development is to carry forward and carry forward the fine tradition of the Chinese nation of loving peace and opposing war.

Modernization along the path of peaceful development is the development of an independent foreign policy of peace. In history, the process of modernization of Western countries is a

bloody and cruel history of war, plunder and colonization, a history of bitterness, humiliation, blood and tears, and suffering of the invaded nations and people. After the opening of the new shipping routes, major Western countries embarked on the road of colonial plunder and foreign aggression and expansion one after another. Western countries launched hundreds of years of aggressive wars and colonial plundering in Asia, Africa, Latin America and other places, killing countless colonial people and plundering a huge amount of wealth. Modern China suffered from the pain of imperialist aggression and devastation, and can deeply appreciate the people's hatred of war and desire for peace. Since the founding of the People's Republic of China, China has unswervingly pursued an independent foreign policy of peace, and put forward the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, a basic diplomatic norm accepted and recognized by all countries in the world. Since the beginning of reform and opening up, with the increase of comprehensive national strength, China has not imposed the humiliation and suffering that the Chinese nation and the Chinese people endured in modern history on other nations, let alone perpetuated hatred. The report to the 20th National Congress of the CPC made it clear that "Chinese-style modernization is modernization that follows the road of peaceful development" and reaffirmed China's firm pursuit of an independent foreign policy of peace. In the process of realizing socialist modernization, China cannot follow the evil path of aggression, expansion, colonization and plunder of Western countries, nor can it follow the law of bullying the weak and predatory the weak, and must follow the path of peaceful development. The modernization of the road of peaceful development is the continuation and development of the independent foreign policy of peace that China has pursued since the founding of New China.

2.3. The practical logic of taking the path of peaceful development and modernization

Taking the path of peaceful development in modern times is a powerful response to the wrong arguments such as the "China threat theory" in the West. With the continuous enhancement of China's comprehensive national strength, there is a false argument in Western countries that China is bound to embark on the road of hegemonism and pose a threat to the security and development of other countries, which is called the Thucydides trap. A few politicians in Western countries have used this erroneous assertion to hype up the "China threat theory." In history, some Western countries staged the classic scene of "a strong country will seek hegemony" after becoming powerful. According to this situation, politicians and scholars in Western countries believe that China, with its increased national strength, will also stage a scene of hegemony in history. However, in fact, China's comprehensive national strength has long been in a leading position in the history of the world, but we did not claim hegemony. Zheng He in the Ming Dynasty made seven voyages to the West and established good relations with other countries along the way. Using the history of the West to assume that China will compete for hegemony and dominate the world in the future is simply a nonsense that imposes cause and effect. In the process of socialist modernization, China has unswervingly followed the path of peaceful development, which is a powerful refutation of the Western logic that "a strong country must seek hegemony" with concrete actions.

Modernization along the path of peaceful development is a necessary and inevitable choice for the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. The report to the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China pointed out that we will comprehensively promote the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation through Chinese-style modernization. The realization of modernization is the common dream of every Eastern and Western country, but it is extremely difficult to realize this dream. The road of capitalist modernization developed by Western countries through cruel colonial means is built on the basis of colonial and semi-colonial enslavement and exploitation of the vast number of non-Western countries, which has brought great benefits to itself but caused great disasters to other countries. In modern times, China

suffered from aggression, and endless reparations and wars made the modernization of China impossible. In order to catch up with the Western developed countries, China firmly follows the path of peaceful development, and has opened up a Chinese-style modernization path different from that of the western capitalist countries in long-term practice, which is characterized by peaceful development. Along this path, China has developed into the largest socialist country in the world, and its economic, political, cultural, scientific and technological strength has reached a new level. In just a few decades, China has achieved industrialization achievements that Western developed countries have achieved in hundreds of years. Today, more than at any other time in history, China has the confidence and ability to realize the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation through peaceful development.

3. The value of taking the path of peaceful development and modernization

General Secretary Xi Jinping stressed: "The Chinese style of modernization upholds independence, self-reliance and self-reliance. It relies on the hard work, innovation and creation of all the people to develop and strengthen itself. It achieves national development through a combination of stimulating internal impetus and peaceful use of external resources. Modernization on the path of peaceful development conforms to the common values of mankind. It is a modernization with peace and development as its basic theme, fairness and justice as its value requirement, and democracy and freedom as its value guarantee. It is committed to promoting the building of a community with a shared future for mankind and creating a new form of human civilization.

3.1. Peace and development: The basic theme of modernization along the path of peaceful development

Peace and development are the theme of The Times and the basic theme of modernization on the path of peaceful development. They are based on the whole world and mankind. Peace and development are the highest values of the common values of all mankind. They concern the fate of mankind and the future of world development. The so-called "universal values" propagated by the West have seriously deviated from the theme of The Times of peace and development. At the same time, the Western "centralism" has shackled people with interests and failed to make them realize that the world is an inseparable community with a shared future. China's path of peaceful development in the new era aims to explore a path of peaceful development for China and the world that is different from that of traditional powers.

Peace is a prerequisite for development. China upholds the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, respects the sovereignty and independence of all countries, and firmly upholds international law and basic norms governing international relations. In international affairs, China stands for the settlement of disputes through dialogue and consultation and opposes all forms of hegemonism and power politics. China has actively participated in international and regional security affairs and made positive contributions to maintaining world peace and stability. At the same time, China is committed to building a new type of international relations and making the international order more just and reasonable. Development is the foundation of peace and the master key to solving all problems. Peaceful development is the inevitable choice of our socialist modernization drive. China is the largest developing country in the world, and development is of Paramount importance and the key to solving all our problems. To achieve modernization, we must adhere to peaceful development, take economic development as the central task, comprehensively deepen reform, comprehensively rule the country according to law, and comprehensively exercise strict Party governance. In the peaceful international environment, China can make full use of international resources, expand development space, improve international competitiveness, and create favorable conditions for

comprehensively building a modern socialist country. At the same time, taking the path of peaceful development and modernization has created huge market opportunities for China. Based on the growth of Chinese population and Chinese people's pursuit of a better life, the consumption level of Chinese people has shown a geometric growth, and China has the largest middle-income group in the world. The resulting huge consumption potential and market provide opportunities for China's economic development. On the one hand, this can promote domestic industries to produce more and higher quality products, technologies and services, promote industrial optimization and upgrading, and guide supply-side reform to meet China's huge domestic market demand. On the other hand, under the new development pattern with the domestic cycle as the main body and the domestic and international cycles reinforcing each other, the Chinese market and the world market can optimize the allocation of resources, share the market, and inject strong impetus into China's economic development.

3.2. Fairness and justice: the value requirements of modernization on the path of peaceful development

With the opening of the curtain of world history, Western countries began to wantonly expand and plunder in order to accumulate primitive capital, forming the basic pattern of international political order and the division of global interests. In this pattern, the western colonizers opened the brutal exploitation and oppression of the colonies, forming a highly unequal world political and economic pattern. Although a large number of colonial and semi-colonial countries declared independence after the Second World War, inequality persisted. Although the vested interests in the West have reduced their armed aggression, they have instead begun a series of new forms of repression such as peaceful evolution, building walls and breaking chains, which have caused some countries to lose their political sovereignty, fall into the "middle-income trap" economically, and be forced to accept the "universal values" of the West culturally. China has also been treated unfairly in the tide of globalization, but every time we have been able to turn the tide, we rely on our independence and unswerving adherence to the path of peaceful development. Just after the founding of New China, it was faced with external hostile and predatory methods, but independently opened up a new road of peaceful rise. Today, taking the road of peaceful development for modernization has provided a new choice for "third World" countries to realize modernization.

In the new era, China's comprehensive national strength has increased significantly, and various "China threat theories" are constantly heard. Some scholars believe that China and the United States will fall into the "Thucydides trap" when the United States imposes technological blockade, trade sanctions and distorted public opinion on China. Neighboring countries also begin to worry that China's rise will threaten their security. In the face of a complex and grim international environment, China remains committed to the path of peaceful development because it is a path of fairness and justice. Facts have proved that China's peaceful rise is a strong constraint on hegemonic practices and conducive to safeguarding international fairness and justice. Fairness and justice is an important content of socialist core values, and it is also the value requirement of China's modernization on the road of peaceful development ^[3]. To achieve fairness and justice is not only the basic goal of China's socialist modernization drive, but also a value concept pursued by all the people. Only by realizing equity and justice can we fully mobilize the enthusiasm, initiative and creativity of the broad masses of the people and provide a strong driving force for comprehensively building a modern socialist country. In the process of our country's reform and opening up and socialist modernization, we must always adhere to fairness and justice, strive to solve the prominent problems that the masses strongly reflect, and constantly meet the people's growing needs for a better life.

3.3. Democracy and freedom: The value guarantee of modernization on the road of peaceful development

Democracy and freedom are the fundamental content of human beings' opposition to all exploitation and oppression, reflecting modern political civilization, and also the value goal of modern political civilization construction [4]. Democracy and freedom led by the logic of western capital are in contradiction with their exploitative nature in essence. On the one hand, Western liberal democracy replaces real democracy with "delicate" system design such as simple vote democracy and procedural democracy, so that people have power only in form, and Western democracy is in essence a formal value. On the other hand, Western democracies deliberately ignore orderly and effective people's political participation after elections, and democracy is effectively suspended. The common values of mankind advocated by China provide the basic value needs for breaking the false political bondage and for the common pursuit of democracy and freedom.

Democracy and freedom are important contents of socialist core values, and also the value guarantee of our country's modernization along the road of peaceful development. At the national level, China has made universal political choices to ensure that the people enjoy extensive and genuine democratic rights, as well as the right to vote, supervise, express, participate, be informed and supervise in accordance with the law. Freedom requirements should not be divorced from reality, set up within the scope of moral requirements allowed by law, and adhere to the people-oriented concept of freedom. In the process of reform and opening up and socialist modernization, our country has always adhered to democracy and freedom, worked hard to solve the outstanding problems that the masses strongly reflected, and constantly met the people's ever-growing needs for a better life. At the international level, China advocates multilateralism to adapt to the trend of world multi-polarization and economic globalization, and promotes democracy in international relations to build a harmonious world. It is China's solemn commitment to the world to modernize the road of peaceful development and promote the development of the international order in a more just and reasonable direction. At the same time, democracy and freedom are also the values of common development of our country and other countries in the world. Only by upholding democracy and freedom can we realize modernization along the path of peaceful development, achieve the common well-being of people of all countries, and promote the common progress of human society.

4. Follow the path of peaceful development and modernization

The road of Chinese modernization is the road of peaceful development, and safeguarding world peace and promoting common development is the value purport of Chinese modernization. The peaceful modernization of a big country with a population of 1.4 billion is a major event in human history, which calls for 踔厉 and common development.

4.1. Building world peace: Promoting a new type of international relations

The report to the 20th National Congress of the CPC pointed out that China adheres to the Five principles of Peaceful Coexistence to develop friendly cooperation with other countries, promote the building of a new type of international relations, and be a builder of world peace. The core of the new type of international relations is mutual respect, fairness and justice, and win-win cooperation. It opposes a "new Cold War" and confrontation between blocs. It calls on people of all countries to work together to uphold international fairness and justice and realize world peace and development. To follow the Chinese-style modernization path of peaceful development, we must commit ourselves to upholding fairness and justice in the international community and building a new type of international relations featuring mutual respect, fairness and justice and win-win cooperation.

First, mutual respect is a basic principle governing state-to-state exchanges in the international community and a prerequisite for peaceful coexistence among countries and civilizations. Every country has its own special national conditions and has the freedom and right to independently choose its own development path. In the process of modernization following the path of peaceful development, we must respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of other countries, as well as their social systems and cultural traditions, especially the freedom and right of other countries to choose their development path. Second, fairness and justice are the guarantee for building a new type of international relations and safeguarding the common values of peaceful development. Only when fairness and justice are realized can the realization of the values of peaceful development have an institutional basis. After the Second World War, some Western countries have long pursued hegemonic power politics, holding the majority of the discourse power in the international community, and fairness and justice cannot be truly implemented. China upholds a correct view of justice and interests, strives to increase its institutional voice in the international community, promotes greater representation and voice of developing countries, and practices genuine multilateralism. Finally, win-win cooperation is the value of the new type of international relations. In the old international relations, developed countries concentrated resources on their own countries and shifted the crisis to developing countries. No matter in the past, now or in the future, China's development will not come at the expense of the interests of any other country, and China will always be a builder of world peace.

4.2. Contribute to global development: Promote the Belt and Road to improve quality and efficiency

More than 2,000 years ago, Zhang Qian went to the Western regions as an envoy in the Han Dynasty and opened up the ancient Silk Road. As we pursue the modernization of peaceful development, we need to carry forward the Silk Road spirit and work with countries along the Belt and Road to achieve common prosperity through consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits. Since the initiative was put forward, its connotation has been continuously enriched and developed, and more and more countries have participated in and benefited from it.

The Silk Road spirit with "peace and cooperation, openness and inclusiveness, mutual learning and mutual benefit" as its core is one of the spiritual lineage of Chinese Communists, and it is also the spiritual guide of Belt and Road cooperation in the new era. The peaceful development nature of the China-style modernization path is highly consistent with the concept of peace and cooperation advocated by the Silk Road Spirit. To build the Belt and Road at a high level, build an open world economy, provide a platform for communication and cooperation for countries along the route, benefit the people of all countries, peacefully resolve conflicts and contradictions, increase the force for world peace, and provide development opportunities for the world with peaceful development of Chinese-style modernization. To modernize the path of peaceful development, we need to seek greater converging interests among countries through the multilateral cooperation mechanism of the Belt and Road Initiative, resolve conflicts, promote regional peace, and inject fresh impetus into world peace. In the new era, we need to further leverage the important role of scientific and technological innovation, take the construction of an open innovation ecosystem as the starting point, promote the Belt and Road innovation and development to improve the quality and efficiency, and contribute Chinese wisdom and strength to global development.

4.3. Upholding the international order: Participating in the reform of the global governance system

In recent years, the emergence of many problems with global characteristics, such as military conflicts, climate change, major infectious diseases, etc., the multilateral institutions of the

international community are difficult to effectively deal with, and the US-led global governance system and institutions have exposed various drawbacks. The ever-emerging global issues and the fact that all countries share a common destiny require the vast number of newly rising developing countries to participate in global governance on an equal footing and have a greater voice and representation in the global governance system^[5]. With the continuous improvement of its overall national strength, China is increasingly able to exert its influence in the international order and promote world peace and development. As pointed out in the report to the 20th CPC National Congress, China has actively participated in the reform and development of the global governance system, followed the concept of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits in global governance, and promoted global governance in a more just and equitable direction.

At present, the balance of power in the world is undergoing profound changes. Globalization has brought benefits to the world, but it has also brought many challenges. As a responsible major country, China should shoulder greater responsibilities in global governance. The concept of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits in global governance means that global affairs should be handled through consultation by the people of all countries, that consensus on global governance plans should be reached through full consultation, that rules of global governance should be democratized, that consensus should be translated into concrete actions, and that the fruits of joint development should be shared by people of all countries. China believes that the destiny of the world should be in the hands of all countries, international rules should be written by all countries, global affairs should be governed by all countries, and the fruits of development should be shared by all countries. China has actively promoted multilateral mechanisms to play a better role in global governance, expanded the global influence of BRICS countries and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, and increased the representation and voice of emerging markets and developing countries in global affairs.

5. Conclusion

Taking the path of peaceful development modernization has opened up a new road of realizing one's own development by maintaining and making use of the international peaceful environment, and promoting world peace and common prosperity of all countries through one's own development. It has opened up a new situation of socialist countries achieving development while pursuing human civilization and progress. Pursuing modernization along the path of peaceful development conforms to the historical trend of peace and development, and will continue to inject strong positive energy into world peace and development.

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