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HO CHI MINH'S THOUGHT**

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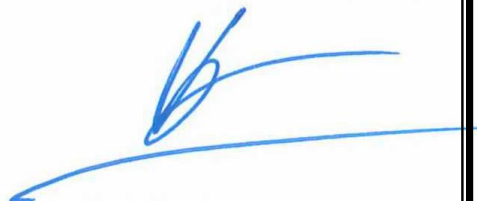
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INTRODUCTION

1. Rationale of the Study

Since its establishment, the Communist Party of Vietnam has consistently upheld Marxism-Leninism as its ideological foundation. Until now, Marxism-Leninism, together with Ho Chi Minh's thought, constitutes the ideological bedrock and guiding principle for the Party's actions. Over the past 95 years, Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh's thought, and the leadership of the Communist Party of Vietnam have been the decisive factors behind every success of the Vietnamese revolution.

The ultimate goal of the Vietnamese revolution, as defined by President Ho Chi Minh and led by the Communist Party of Vietnam, was national independence closely linked with socialism. On the path to achieving this goal, Ho Chi Minh emphasized that the Party must rely on the revolutionary and scientific theory of Marxism-Leninism. Throughout his revolutionary career, from the moment he encountered Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh persistently studied, researched, creatively applied, and steadfastly defended the scientific and revolutionary values of Marxism-Leninism. He always regarded Marxism-Leninism as a "magic handbook" and "guiding compass" for all actions of the Party and the Vietnamese revolution. Ho Chi Minh believed the Party must continuously assimilate, study, and creatively apply Marxism-Leninism to the practical conditions of the revolution; therefore, the struggle to defend Marxism-Leninism remains a regular duty of the Party and every cadre and Party member.

To consolidate and enhance its leadership and ruling role, the Communist Party of Vietnam has always attached great importance to protection its ideological foundation, recognizing this as a crucial task of its ideological and theoretical work. During the Doi Moi process, protection the Party's ideological foundation and the struggle to refute and defeat the schemes and tactics of hostile forces aiming to undermine the Vietnamese revolution have become the central focus of Party-building efforts, as well as a frequent, urgent, and paramount responsibility. On October 22, 2018, the 12th Politburo issued Resolution No. 35-NQ/TW on "Strengthening the protection of the Party's ideological foundation and combating wrongful and hostile views in the new context. The resolution clearly states: "Protecting the Party's ideological foundation means protecting the Party itself, its Political Platform, and its lines; protecting the people, the Socialist Rule-of-Law State of Vietnam; protecting

the achievements of the renovation, industrialization, modernization, and international integration; protecting national interests and the interests of the people; and maintaining a peaceful and stable environment for national development.” It also emphasizes that firmly protection the Party’s ideological foundation and effectively refuting false and hostile viewpoints is a fundamental, pivotal, vital task in Party-building and rectification work.

In the spirit of Ho Chi Minh’s thought, , during the Doi Moi period (especially in recent terms), under the Party’s leadership, efforts to safeguard the ideological foundation have been carried out regularly through various and diverse forms, achieving practical results that contribute to preserving the scientific and revolutionary essence of Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh’s thought.

In the current context, given the increasingly high demands of the the Doi Moi process (national renovation), , industrialization, modernization, and deep international integration, protection the Party’s ideological foundation must be emphasized and adapted to new situation. Moreover, hostile forces continue to intensify their ideological and political attacks, aiming to undermine the revolutionary achievement of the Party and the people; to distort and oppose Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh’s thought; and to distort subvert the path chosen by Ho Chi Minh, the Party, and the people with cunning, insidious and malicious tactics. This reality further demands strengthened efforts in protection the Party’s ideological foundation.

Protection the Party’s ideological foundation is directly linked to the Party’s survival, the regime’s durability, national interests, the people’s happiness, and the success of the Doi Moi process. For this task to be effectively implemented, cadres, Party members, and the public must have an accurate, comprehensive, and profound understanding of the key contents of protection the Party’s ideological foundation according to Ho Chi Minh’s thought. Given the demands of the new revolutionary task, protection the Party’s ideological foundation must be further strengthened with suitable measures to enhance proactiveness, timeliness, and sharpness, thereby producing substantial qualitative shifts.

The Resolution of the 13th National Party Congress clearly affirms: “Strengthening the protection of the Party’s ideological foundation, resolutely and regularly fighting against false, hostile, and politically opportunistic viewpoints is one of the important tasks in Party building””. In his article

entitled “Radiant Vietnam”, General Secretary To Lam also stressed the importance of protection the Party’s ideological foundation, affirming that maintaining and developing Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh’s thought is a key task to ensure the Party’s comprehensive leadership and the country’s sustainable development. He called for enhancing political education, raising awareness among cadres, Party members, and the people about the significance of **protection** the ideological foundation while combating false and hostile viewpoints intended to sabotage the revolutionary cause of the Party and the nation. Therefore, the study, application, and creative development of Ho Chi Minh’s thought on protection the Party’s ideological foundation in today’s revolutionary stage are a vital and urgent mission.

Based on this reality, the researcher has chosen the topic: “***Protection the Party’s Ideological Foundation in the Current Era According to Ho Chi Minh’s Thought***” as the subject of the doctoral dissertation in Ho Chi Minh Studies.

2. Research Objectives and Tasks

2.1. Research Objectives

Based on the study of Ho Chi Minh’s thought on protection Marxism-Leninism and the application of his thought in protection the Party’s ideological foundation during the Doi Moi period, this dissertation aims to clarify general theoretical issues, assess the current state of protecting the Party’s ideological foundation according to Ho Chi Minh’s thought, and propose orientations and solutions to enhance the effectiveness of this work in the new era of development.

2.2. Research Tasks

To achieve the above objectives, the dissertation undertakes the following specific tasks:

- + Provide an overview of existing research related to the dissertation topic.
- + Clarify the connotations of the concepts related to the topic, and elucidate the significance, content, subjects, forces, and methods of safeguarding the ideological foundation; as well as the struggle to refute hostile and erroneous viewpoints of the Party in accordance with Ho Chi Minh’s thought.
- + Analyze and evaluate the current state of protection the Party’s ideological foundation in line with Ho Chi Minh’s thought from 2018 to the present, including the results and underlying causes.
- + Identify emerging issues in protection the Party’s ideological foundation in the current context.

+ Propose orientations and solutions to improve the effectiveness of **protection** the Party's ideological foundation according to Ho Chi Minh's thought in the new era of development.

3. Research Subjects and Scope

3.1. Research Subjects

This dissertation focuses on studying Ho Chi Minh's thoughts on protection the ideological foundation of the Party and the application of that thought in protection the Party's ideological foundation in the current context.

3.2. Research Scope

Regarding the research contents: The dissertation examines Ho Chi Minh's speeches and writings expressing his views on defending Marxism-Leninism, as well as the Party's and the State's guidelines, orientations, and policies on protecting the Party's ideological foundation. It also studies the practical implementation of protection the Party's ideological foundation according to Ho Chi Minh's thought in various areas such as: propagating the revolutionary and scientific nature of Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's thought; political and ideological education to enhance the theoretical understanding of cadres and Party members; and combating false, hostile, and distorted viewpoints that target the Party's ideological foundation.

Regarding the space: The dissertation studies the protection of the Party's ideological foundation and the application of Ho Chi Minh's thought in this task within the territory of contemporary Vietnam.

Regarding the time: The dissertation focuses on the period from October 22, 2018 - when the 12th Politburo issued Resolution No. 35-NQ/TW on "Strengthening the protection of the Party's ideological foundation and combating wrongful and hostile views in the new context. - to the present.

4. Theoretical Foundations and Research Methodology

4.1. Theoretical Foundations

The dissertation is grounded in the methodological foundation of Marxism-Leninism, particularly dialectical materialism and historical materialism, Ho Chi Minh's thought, and the viewpoints and guidelines of the Communist Party of Vietnam regarding the protection of the Party's ideological foundation.

4.2. Research Methodology

In the research process, the dissertation applies the fundamental methodologies of dialectical and historical materialism to clarify theoretical and

practical issues related to protecting the Party's ideological foundation. It also utilizes various other scientific research methods to enhance the accuracy and persuasiveness of the study.

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The synthesis method presents an overview of the current state of research related to the topic. This method helps gather and analyze data from existing documents and sources to conclude prevailing research trends and the issues that require further in-depth study. By reviewing published works, articles, and practical activities related to protecting the Party's ideological foundation, the dissertation affirms the increasing attention given to this issue in the current context.

The dissertation combines historical and logical methods to analyze and clarify Ho Chi Minh's viewpoints on protecting Marxism-Leninism through different historical periods. The historical method helps examine the development of Ho Chi Minh's thought in connection with specific national and global events, thereby portraying the formation and evolution of his perspectives on protecting the Party's ideological foundation. The logical method enables the systematic arrangement of Ho Chi Minh's ideas scientifically, linking events and theories coherently to highlight his thought's strategic and long-term nature in this area.

The dissertation also applies methods of analysis and synthesis, comparison and demonstration, and statistical methods to clarify the current application of Ho Chi Minh's thought in protecting the Party's ideological foundation. Analysis and synthesis help assess factors influencing this work, while statistical methods summarize the practical situation of ideological protection efforts from 2018 to the present. The comparison and demonstration methods enable the evaluation of the gap between theory and practice, contrasting real-world challenges with Ho Chi Minh's theoretical viewpoints to form grounded conclusions and assessments. In addition, the sociological survey method collects opinions from various social groups, providing a

multidimensional perspective on the current state of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and challenges.

The expert consultation method is also utilized to obtain in-depth insights into pressing issues protecting the Party's ideological foundation. It helps forecast emerging factors that may influence this task and propose solutions to enhance its effectiveness in the new context.

5. Scientific Contributions of the Dissertation

- Clarify the content of Ho Chi Minh's thoughts on protecting Marxism-Leninism.

- Clarify the content of the work on protecting Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's thought, which is the current ideological foundation of the Communist Party.

- Assess the current state of the work to protect the Party's ideological foundation from 2018 to the present: achievements, limitations, underlying causes, and emerging issues.

- Propose orientations and solutions to enhance the effectiveness of protecting the Party's ideological foundation through Ho Chi Minh's thought in the new era of Vietnam's revolutionary development.

6. Theoretical and Practical Significance of the Dissertation

Theoretically, the dissertation contributes to clarifying fundamental theoretical issues in Ho Chi Minh's thought on protection the ideological foundation of the Party, as well as the Party's application of that thought during the period of the Doi Moi process (national renovation), . In particular, the study offers an in-depth analysis of Ho Chi Minh's system of viewpoints and the way in which the Communist Party of Vietnam has applied them to protect the Party's ideological foundation in the current context.

Practically, the research findings of this dissertation can be utilized to support the implementation of tasks related to protection the Party's ideological foundation in accordance with the spirit of Resolution No. 35-NQ/TW issued by the 12th Politburo. They also serve practical purposes in propaganda work and in the training and professional development of the Party's specialized personnel engaged in ideological work.

7. Outline of the dissertation

Apart from the Introduction, Conclusion, List of the author's published works related to the dissertation, References, and Appendices, the dissertation consists of 4 chapters and 9 sections.

Chapter 1

OVERVIEW OF PREVIOUS RESEARCH RELATED TO THE DISSERTATION TOPIC

1.1. GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RESEARCH WORKS RELATED TO THE TOPIC

1.1.1. Research works related to Ho Chi Minh's thought on the protection of Marxism - Leninism

With regard to research related to Ho Chi Minh's thought on the protection of Marxism - Leninism, the dissertation refers to 17 relevant studies.

1.1.2. Research works related to the protection of the ideological foundation of the Party in Vietnam

With regard to research works related to the protection of the ideological foundation of the Party in Vietnam, the dissertation refers to 26 relevant studies.

1.1.3. Research works related to the application of Ho Chi Minh's thought on the protection of the ideological foundation of the Party in Vietnam today

With regard to research works related to the application of Ho Chi Minh's thought on the protection of the ideological foundation of the Party in Vietnam today, the dissertation refers to 25 relevant studies.

1.2. ISSUES RELATED TO THE TOPIC THAT HAVE BEEN STUDIED AND ISSUES THAT REQUIRE FURTHER IN-DEPTH RESEARCH BY THE DISSERTATION

1.2.1. Issues related to the topic that have been studied

Through an overview of research works related to the dissertation topic *"Protecting the ideological foundation of the Party Today by Ho Chi Minh's Thought,"* the following points can be observed:

- Many studies have addressed Ho Chi Minh's thoughts on protecting Marxism -Leninism - the Party's ideological foundation - affirming its enduring value, vitality, and guiding role in the Vietnamese revolutionary cause.

- These studies also clarify the necessity of supplementing and developing Marxism-Leninism with the realities of each country while affirming the guiding role of Ho Chi Minh's thought in leading the Vietnamese revolution to success.

- Numerous works have profoundly analyzed the schemes of "peaceful evolution," the "depoliticization" of the military, and the subversive tactics of

hostile forces, exposing distorted arguments that attack the Party's ideological foundation.

- Several studies have proposed effective solutions to safeguard the ideological foundation and counter "self-evolution" and "self-transformation," thereby contributing to the firm advancement toward socialism.

However, some limitations remain: no research has comprehensively and deeply addressed the content, forms, and methods of protecting the Party's ideological foundation by Ho Chi Minh's thought in the current context. The analysis and rebuttal of wrongful and hostile viewpoints are not yet sufficiently profound, and there is a lack of integration between propaganda efforts and ideological struggle. Therefore, conducting comprehensive research and proposing innovative solutions to apply Ho Chi Minh's thought in protecting the Party's ideological foundation is urgently required in the current situation.

1.2.2. Issues to Be Further Addressed by the Dissertation

In reality, up to the present, no research work has specifically addressed the issue of *"Protecting the ideological foundation of the Party today in accordance with Ho Chi Minh's thought."* Therefore, based on independent research and selective inheritance of some previously published findings, the dissertation focuses on the following key issues:

First, the system of Ho Chi Minh's viewpoints on Marxism-Leninism - an essential component of the Party's ideological foundation - and the content of his thought on protecting Marxism-Leninism. On that basis, the dissertation affirms the value, significance, and importance of applying Ho Chi Minh's thought to the protection of Marxism-Leninism as part of the effort to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation in the present context.

Second, the current state of protecting Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's thought - the ideological foundation of the Party - according to Ho Chi Minh's thought; identifying the strengths and limitations, as well as the underlying causes of those strengths and limitations.

Third, to clarify the issues arising in the process of protecting the ideological foundation of the Party today in accordance with Ho Chi Minh's thought.

Fourth, to forecast new factors affecting the protection of the Party's ideological foundation, and to propose orientations and solutions aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of this work in the current situation.

Chapter 2

PROTECTING THE IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION OF THE PARTY ACCORDING TO HO CHI MINH'S THOUGHT - THEORETICAL ISSUES

2.1. RELATED CONCEPTS

2.1.1. Ideological foundation

The ideological foundation is a system of viewpoints, theoretical knowledge, scientific and objective attitudes, perceptions, and assessments of reality. It serves as the basis for constructing and developing the core components of a political organization or a political party, including its platform, viewpoints, policies, guidelines, and orientations for practical action.

2.1.2. The ideological foundation of the Communist Party of Vietnam

The ideological foundation of the Communist Party of Vietnam is the scientific and revolutionary theoretical system of Marxism - Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's thought, which has been tested and proven through the practice of the revolutionary struggle for national liberation, as well as the cause of national construction and defense. This foundation serves as the principal theoretical and methodological basis, orienting the Party's awareness, thinking, and actions to successfully lead the revolutionary cause and ensure the goal of national independence closely associated with socialism. Marxism - Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's thought constitute the ideological foundation and the guiding compass for the actions of the Communist Party of Vietnam and the Vietnamese revolution.

2.1.3. Protecting the ideological foundation of the Communist Party of Vietnam

Protecting the ideological foundation of the Communist Party of Vietnam is the process of preserving, promoting, and creatively developing the core values of Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's thought while actively preventing, refuting, and eliminating all plots, actions, and distortions aimed at sabotaging the Party's ideology. This activity ensures that the Party's ideological foundation remains scientific and revolutionary, maintaining its leading role in society's political and ideological life and providing direction for the cause of national defense, construction, and sustainable development. Protecting the ideological foundation is closely linked to the struggle against wrongful and hostile viewpoints within the broader ideological and theoretical struggle. In this context, "protection" is a regular and foremost task, whereas

“struggle” is an urgent, decisive, and continuous method to safeguard the Party’s ideological foundation more effectively.

2.1.4. Protecting the ideological foundation of the Party in accordance with Ho Chi Minh’s thought

Protecting the Party's ideological foundation through Ho Chi Minh's thought is the collective effort of various actors and forces within the political system and society to protect Marxism-Leninism's scientific and revolutionary values and ensure their continued development in practice. This is also a process of defending the core interests of the working class, the laboring people, and the entire Vietnamese nation in theoretical form. At the same time, it involves preserving the essence and vitality of the Party and protecting a crucial tool of perception and a sharp ideological weapon in service of the revolutionary cause.

2.1.5. Struggling against and refuting wrongful and hostile viewpoints

2.1.5.1. Wrongful and hostile viewpoints

Wrongful and hostile viewpoints are distorted or deliberately subversive perceptions and ideologies that seek to oppose or misrepresent the Party's guidelines, policies, and the laws of the State. These viewpoints negatively impact social ideology, undermine public trust, and threaten national security.

2.1.5.2. Ho Chi Minh’s struggle against wrongful and hostile viewpoints to defend Marxism-Leninism

Ho Chi Minh’s thought on protecting Marxism-Leninism is manifested in his consistent affirmation of the scientific and revolutionary nature of this doctrine and his resolute and uncompromising struggle against all distortions and hostile rhetoric. This struggle serves to safeguard the ideological purity of the Communist Party and to defend the integrity of the revolutionary path chosen by the Vietnamese people.

2.1.5.3. The Communist Party of Vietnam resolutely combats and refutes erroneous and hostile viewpoints that distort Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh’s thought

Firstly, the Communist Party of Vietnam combats the distortion, belittlement, and denial of Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's thought. Secondly, the Communist Party of Vietnam resolutely opposes all plots to set Marxism-Leninism in opposition to, separate it from, or replace it with Ho Chi Minh's thought. Thirdly, the Communist Party of Vietnam firmly refutes the distorted argument, claiming that President Ho Chi Minh was wrong to

introduce Marxism-Leninism into Vietnam. Fourthly, the Communist Party of Vietnam resolutely rejects the slanderous claim that Marxism-Leninism has led Vietnam to a "dead end" of development. Fifthly, the Communist Party of Vietnam resolutely opposes the absolutization of Ho Chi Minh's thought, which asserts that his thought alone is sufficient and that Marxism-Leninism is unnecessary.

Thus, the struggle to refute erroneous and hostile viewpoints against the Party's ideological foundation is a purposeful activity carried out under the leadership of the Communist Party of Vietnam. It aims to criticize and repudiate distorted and unscientific perceptions and to expose the reactionary and hostile nature of distorted arguments and subversive attempts against Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's thought by oppositional and politically opportunistic forces. This activity employs a comprehensive combination of measures and forces to prevent and refute such claims, thereby reinforcing confidence, raising awareness, and cultivating ideals among Party members and the people in the Party's ideological foundation.

2.2. HO CHI MINH'S THOUGHT ON SAFEGUARDING THE IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION OF THE THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF VIETNAM

2.2.1. Ho Chi Minh's Ho Chi Minh's thought on the importance of safeguarding the ideological foundation of the Communist Party of Vietnam

2.2.1.1. The position and role of protecting the ideological foundation of the Communist Party of Vietnam

Protecting Marxism-Leninism - the ideological foundation of the Party - by Ho Chi Minh's thought is a vital and strategic task essential to maintaining the Party's leadership role, protecting the socialist regime, countering wrongful arguments, and strengthening the people's trust in the Party and the regime. This is not only the responsibility of the Party cadr. Protecting Marxism-Leninism - the ideological foundation of the Party - by Ho Chi Minh's thought is a vital and strategic task essential to maintaining the Party's leadership role, protecting the socialist regime, countering wrongful arguments, and strengthening the people's trust in the Party and the regime. This is not only the responsibility of Party cadres and members but also of the entire people. Marxism-Leninism serves as the ideological compass that guides the Party in formulating sound and realistic policies in line with the country's practical conditions and members and the entire people. Marxism-Leninism serves as the ideological compass that guides

the Party in formulating sound and realistic policies in line with the country's practical conditions.

2.2.1.2. The purpose of protecting the ideological foundation of the Communist Party of Vietnam

Firstly, the leadership role of the Party must be maintained.

Secondly, to ensure the success of the Vietnamese revolution. *Thirdly*, to build and develop the country along the path of socialism.

Protecting the Party's ideological foundation is not solely the responsibility of the Party itself but also the shared duty of the entire people. The purpose is to safeguard the Party's leadership role, guarantee the revolution's success, and build a prosperous nation following the socialist orientation. This is a decisive factor for the Party's survival and the nation's sustainable development.

2.2.2. Ho Chi Minh's Thought on the Actors and Forces in Protecting the Ideological Foundation of the Communist Party of Vietnam

Protecting the Party's ideological foundation is a crucial task directly related to the survival of the Party and the development of the Vietnamese revolution. Ho Chi Minh emphasized that this task is not the Party's sole responsibility but a shared duty of the entire political system and the people. His view on the actors and forces responsible for protecting the Party's ideological foundation includes:

The Communist Party of Vietnam - the vanguard force leading the work of protecting the ideological foundation.

Cadres and Party members directly safeguard the Party's ideological foundation.

The people - the broad mass with immense strength in defending the Party's ideological foundation.

The political system is the coordinating force that protects the Party's ideological foundation.

2.2.3. Ho Chi Minh's Thought on the Content of Protecting Marxism-Leninism - the Ideological Foundation of the Communist Party of Vietnam

2.2.3.1. Upholding the revolutionary and scientific nature of Marxism-Leninism

According to Ho Chi Minh, protecting the Party's ideological foundation first and foremost means protecting the scientific and revolutionary nature of

Marxism-Leninism, affirming its historical value and contemporary significance for the Vietnamese revolutionary cause.

2.2.3.2. Struggling against wrongful and hostile viewpoints toward the ideological foundation of the Communist Party of Vietnam

It can be affirmed that the steadfast application and creative development of Marxism-Leninism, closely associated with the struggle against non-Marxist ideological tendencies, is a consistent principle in Ho Chi Minh's thought and practice in protecting the Party's ideological foundation.

2.2.3.3. Integrating theory with practice and enhancing theoretical capacity for cadres and Party members

Integrating theory with practice and enhancing the theoretical capacity of cadres and Party members is vital in protecting the Party's ideological foundation. According to Ho Chi Minh, studying theory is not for "decoration" but must be creatively applied to practical realities. Cadres and Party members must continuously study, draw lessons from experience, develop theoretical thinking, and resolutely struggle against wrongful ideologies to defend the Party's ideological foundation and maintain the revolutionary path.

2.2.3.4. Maintaining unity and solidarity within the Party on the foundation of Marxism-Leninism, with both reason and sentiment

Ho Chi Minh emphasized that unity within the Party is a matter of survival, determining the Party's strength and the revolution's success. Unity is not the result of coercion but rather the outcome of ideological, organizational, and action-based consensus grounded in Marxism-Leninism. To preserve unity, each cadre and Party member must uphold a strong sense of responsibility, take the lead in studying theory, strictly adhere to Party discipline, and resolutely combat individualism, factionalism, and internal division. This key factor ensures the Party remains pure, strong, and capable of leading the Vietnamese revolution to victory.

2.2.3.5. Fostering revolutionary virtues and ethics, combating political, moral, and lifestyle degradation among cadres and Party members

In summary, protecting Marxism-Leninism through Ho Chi Minh's thought is about protecting the Party's ideological foundation and maintaining unity, combating wrongful ideologies, and enhancing theoretical awareness among cadres and Party members. This task is crucial to ensure the Party's leadership role, uphold its purity and strength, and successfully advance the Vietnamese revolutionary cause.

2.2.4. Ho Chi Minh's Thought on the Methods of Protecting the Ideological Foundation of the Party

2.2.4.1. On the Forms of Protecting the Ideological Foundation of the Party

Propagating and educating Marxism-Leninism among cadres, Party members, and the people

Enhancing the theoretical capacity of cadres and Party members

Organizing conferences and political campaigns in defense of the Party's ideological foundation

Resolutely struggling against wrongful and hostile ideologies

2.2.4.2. On the Methods of Protection the Party's Ideological Foundation

Persistently Upholding and Creatively Applying Marxism-Leninism

Strengthening Political and Ideological Education, Integrating Theory with Practice

Building a Pure and Strong Party by the Principles of a New-Type Party

Promoting the Role of Political and Social Organizations in the Protection of the Party's Ideological Foundation

Promoting the Role of the Masses in Defending the Party's Ideological Foundation

Chapter 3

PROTECTION THE PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH HO CHI MINH'S THOUGHT FROM 2018 TO THE PRESENT: REALITY AND EMERGING ISSUES

3.1. THE CURRENT SITUATION OF PROTECTION THE PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH HO CHI MINH'S THOUGHT FROM 2018 TO THE PRESENT

3.1.1. Propagating the protection of the revolutionary and scientific nature and the creative application and development of Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's thought

Fully aware of the crucial role of propaganda work, the Communist Party of Vietnam regards it as a primary instrument for disseminating Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh's thoughts, the Party's guidelines and policies, and the State's laws and regulations. Propaganda serves to orient public opinion, safeguard the Party's ideological foundation, and effectively combat the schemes of "peaceful evolution."

3.1.2. Political and ideological education aimed at enhancing the awareness and understanding of Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's thought among cadres and Party members

Political and ideological education is a vital task aimed at enhancing political awareness, intellectual capacity, and understanding of Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's thought, fostering revolutionary ethics and sentiments, and strengthening confidence in the Party and the State.

3.1.3. Building a specialized force for protection the Party's ideological foundation

Alongside directing the establishment and consolidation of Steering Committees 35 at all levels, the organization, development, and reinforcement of specialized forces to protect the Party's ideological foundation have been consistently directed and implemented by Party committees and organizations at various levels.

3.1.4. Strengthening information orientation and propaganda efforts to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation

Information orientation and propaganda efforts have been strongly led and directed by Party committees, authorities, and relevant agencies from the central to local levels, resulting in significant achievements.

3.1.5. Combating and refuting wrongful, hostile, and distorted views that undermine the Party's ideological foundation

Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's thought constitute the ideological foundation and compass for the actions of the Party and the entire society; therefore, the task of defending the truth and combating wrongful and hostile views has always been a top priority of the Communist Party of Vietnam. In applying Ho Chi Minh's thought on protecting the Party's ideological foundation, this work is carried out not only based on steadfast and scientific principles but also through a close integration of theory and practice. It relies on historical truth and sound, honest, and objective scientific arguments to convincingly refute distortions, thereby contributing to the defense and creative development of Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's thought in the new context.

3.1.6. Building a pure and strong Party and political system, while taking care of the people's well-being, contributes to strengthening the confidence of cadres, Party members, and the people in the Party's ideological foundation.

Building a pure and strong Party; developing a clean, strong State apparatus, the Vietnam Fatherland Front, and socio-political organizations that meet the requirements of protecting the Party's ideological foundation; and

taking care of people's livelihoods-all contribute to reinforcing the people's confidence in the Party's ideological foundation. These outcomes reflect the country's socio-economic development and make important contributions to consolidating public trust in the Party, firmly defending its ideological foundation, and ensuring political and social stability.

3.1.7. Evaluation of Results and Underlying Causes."

3.1.7.1. Advantages and Underlying Causes

** Advantages*

Firstly, to firmly maintain, consolidate, and enrich the Party's ideological foundation, affirming the enduring values of Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's thought.

Secondly, it aims to foil the schemes and tricks of hostile forces attempting to distort and abolish the Party's ideological foundation, thereby firmly protecting Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's thought.

Thirdly, to reinforce and strengthen the trust of Party members, officials, and the people in the ideological foundation, in socialism, the renovation path, and the leadership of the Party.

Fourthly, to vigorously promote the role of all stakeholders and forces in defending the Party's ideological foundation.

** Causes of the Achievements:*

Firstly, the entire Party, people, and army have vigorously advanced the renovation (Đổi mới) process based on steadfast adherence to Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's thought while flexibly applying, continuously supplementing, and developing Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's thought by the historical context and practical conditions of Vietnam's renovation.

Secondly, theoretical research on Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh's thought, the renovation line, socialism, and the path toward socialism in Vietnam has received due attention in a spirit of innovation and creativity, contributing to building a solid theoretical and practical foundation for firmly defending the Party's ideological basis and combating wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

Thirdly, political education has been continuously renewed in content and methodology, ensuring responsiveness, timeliness, and improved persuasiveness.

Fourthly, the mass media and communication platforms have played their role as sharp weapons in orienting public opinion, combating false

manifestations, protecting the Party's ideological foundation, affirming the sound viewpoints of the Party and the State, and widely disseminating the enduring values, scientific and revolutionary correctness of Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh's thought, and the Party's and State's policies, lines, and laws.

Fifthly, a specialized and effective force has been established to defend the Party's ideological foundation and counter hostile and erroneous viewpoints.

3.1.7.2. Limitations and Their Causes

** Limitations:*

The summarization of practical experiences and theoretical research on the protection of the Party's ideological foundation remains infrequent and has not yet met the required expectations.

The content of education and training on Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh's thought, and the revolutionary goals and ideals of the Party has been slow to innovate and remains ineffective.

The struggle to refute wrongful and hostile viewpoints lacks depth and sharpness, and at times has been neither timely nor responsive.

The leadership, direction, and organization by Party committees in the struggle to defend the ideological foundation still show signs of passivity.

The dissemination of positive information through mass media and communication platforms remains limited.

** Causes of the Limitations:*

Firstly, innovation in the content and methods of the Party's ideological work in the new period has not received adequate attention; within the Party, differing opinions have emerged on several fundamental issues related to its lines, policies, and strategies.

Secondly, the reality of the the Doi Moi process (national renovation), process, with the emergence of new elements of socialism, is highly novel and unprecedented in historical experience, making theoretical generalization and guidance more challenging.

Thirdly, the degradation in ideology, politics, morality, and lifestyle-manifesting as "self-evolution" and "self-transformation"-among a portion of Party members, including some high-ranking officials, has become a societal concern, negatively impacting the Party's prestige, reputation, leadership capacity, and ideological strength.

3.2. EMERGING ISSUES IN THE WORK OF DEFENDING THE PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION TODAY

3.2.1. The perception of a segment of Party committees, cadres, Party members, and the people regarding the safeguarding of the Party's ideological foundation in comparison with the requirements posed by practical realities

3.2.2. Information and propaganda work for safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation, and the requirements and tasks of protecting that foundation

3.2.3. The work of theoretical research and practical review in response to the requirements and demands of safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in the current context

3.2.4. There exists a gap between the professionalism, methods, and skills of part of the specialized force and the actual demands of the struggle to protect the Party's ideological foundation

3.2.5. Investment in infrastructure and technical equipment has not met the needs and duties required for the effective defense of the Party's ideological foundation

3.2.6. The requirements of struggling against and refuting hostile and erroneous viewpoints in the new situation

Chapter 4

ORIENTATIONS AND SOLUTIONS TO ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF DEFENDING THE PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION ACCORDING TO HO CHI MINH'S THOUGHT IN THE NEW ERA OF DEVELOPMENT

4.1. FORECASTING FACTORS AFFECTING THE DEFENSE OF THE PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION IN THE NEW ERA OF DEVELOPMENT

4.1.1. Global Factors

4.1.1.1. Globalization and Scientific-Technological Development

Globalization and the advancement of science and technology have been, are, and will continue to provide opportunities for accessing knowledge and

advanced development models, enabling the Party to enhance its leadership capacity, renew its mindset, and improve governance methods in a more scientific and effective manner. The rapid development of information technology also supports the dissemination of the Party's guidelines and policies, contributing to consolidating public trust and enhancing the political awareness and sense of responsibility among cadres and Party members. However, globalization also poses significant challenges to the defense of the Party's ideological foundation.

4.1.1.2. Trends of Democratization and Impacts of Global Political Changes

In the context of globalization and the powerful development of information technology, the trends of democratization and political transformations around the world continue to have profound impacts on many countries, including Vietnam. These trends present opportunities for promoting reform and modernizing the state apparatus, but also pose considerable challenges to political stability and national development orientations.

4.1.1.3. Global Issues (climate change, pandemics, economic crises, armed conflicts, etc.)

In a complex global landscape, challenges such as climate change, pandemics, economic crises, and armed conflicts affect not only individual countries but also global stability and development. Besides opportunities, these global challenges carry potential risks of political and social instability.

4.1.1.4. Imperialism and Hostile Forces Intensifying the Strategy of “Peaceful Evolution” Against Remaining Socialist Countries

Imperialist forces and hostile elements are increasingly aggressive in implementing their schemes to undermine the remaining socialist countries, including Vietnam. Alongside these threats, such acts of sabotage demand a proactive and more effective approach to consolidating and protecting the Party's ideological foundation.

4.1.2. Domestic Factors

4.1.2.1. Achievements of the Renovation Process Driving the Nation into a New Era of Development

The achievements gained from nearly four decades of renovation form an essential foundation and condition for Vietnam to realize its strategic vision and enter a new era-the era of national awakening-toward building a peaceful, independent, democratic, strong, prosperous, civilized, and happy Vietnam, steadily advancing toward socialism.

4.1.2.2. Defending the Party's Ideological Foundation and Refuting Wrongful, Hostile Viewpoints Remain Core Political Tasks

In the coming time, the Party's sound leadership, the State's effective governance, and the engagement of the entire political system will be decisive in defending the Party's ideological foundation and refuting wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

4.1.2.3. The Faith of Cadres, Party Members, and the People in Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's Thought Continues to Be Strengthened

Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's thought remain the ideological compass for Vietnam's development path. Amid globalization and complex global changes, the faith of cadres, Party members, and the people in the revolutionary path continues to be reinforced. However, specific theoretical issues concerning socialism and the path toward socialism in Vietnam have not yet been fully understood. The negative aspects of the market economy will continue to affect the socio-economic, political, and cultural life of various social strata.

4.1.2.4. Corruption, Wastefulness, Negativity, and Ideological-Political-Moral Degradation Among a Segment of Cadres and Party Members Remain Complex

In the coming period, corruption and ideological, political, and moral degradation among a portion of cadres and Party members may continue to evolve in complex ways, posing significant challenges to the Party-building process and the protection of the ideological foundation. Anti-corruption efforts will continue to be promoted with strong political determination.

4.1.2.5. Hostile Forces Seek to Exploit the Party and State's Policy on Streamlining the Apparatus and Downsizing Personnel

The policy of streamlining the state apparatus and downsizing the civil service is a significant initiative aimed at enhancing administrative efficiency, reducing budget burdens, and improving public service quality. However, hostile forces constantly seek to exploit this policy to spread distortions, incite division, and disrupt internal unity, negatively affecting the defense of the Party's ideological foundation.

4.2. DIRECTIONS FOR DEFENDING THE PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION ACCORDING TO HO CHI MINH'S THOUGHT IN THE NEW ERA OF DEVELOPMENT

4.2.1. Persistently applying and creatively developing Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's thought in the cause of renovation, nation-building, and firmly defending the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's thought are inherently scientific and revolutionary. Persistently applying and creatively developing these ideologies is an objective necessity. This application and development must be grounded in a steadfast commitment to their scientific and revolutionary essence, core principles, and the viewpoints of the Communist Party of Vietnam while avoiding confusion or wavering. At the same time, it is necessary to steer clear of conservative, stagnant tendencies arising from fear of innovation and revisionist trends that distort or negate the essence of Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's thought.

4.2.2. Defending the Party's ideological foundation in close association with the struggle against wrongful and hostile viewpoints in the new context

Artificial intelligence transforms human thinking, perception, and ideology in the digital age. Hostile forces are aggressively exploiting advances in science and technology, social media, and online journalism to propagate pluralistic and multiparty viewpoints, distort the truth, incite internal division, and undermine the credibility of leadership. These developments make the struggle to protect the Party's ideological foundation increasingly challenging and complex. The Party consistently identifies the fight against wrongful and hostile viewpoints as a crucial task of ideological and theoretical work.

4.2.3. Linking the protection of the ideological foundation with the core tasks of Party building and rectification and of protecting, constructing, and developing the country in the new era of development

Thoroughly understanding and strictly implementing the Party's guidelines and the State's laws and policies on fast and sustainable development-closely connected with cultural and social advancement, social welfare, improving people's lives, strengthening national defense and security, maintaining political stability, and enhancing diplomatic effectiveness-will contribute to the firm defense of the Party's ideological foundation.

4.2.4. Strengthening Party building and preventing the degradation of political ideology, morality, and lifestyle, as well as all forms of negativity among Party cadres and members

One of the critical factors in defending the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints is the Party's internal struggle against manifestations of degradation in political ideology, morality, and lifestyle, including signs of "self-evolution" and "self-transformation." This is a matter of vital importance for the Party and the regime.

4.3. SOLUTIONS FOR ENHANCING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF DEFENDING THE PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION ACCORDING TO HO CHI MINH'S THOUGHT IN THE NEW ERA OF DEVELOPMENT

4.3.1. Promoting communication to raise awareness of protecting the Party's ideological foundation; investing in resources and establishing models for defending the Party's ideological foundation in line with Ho Chi Minh's thought

First, continue strengthening the leadership and direction of Party committees and Steering Committees 35 at all levels regarding the role and importance of propaganda efforts to defend the Party's ideological foundation and to counter wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

Second, the content of propaganda activities should be innovated to defend the Party's ideological foundation by rapidly changing practical conditions.

Third, forms of propaganda should be diversified practically and effectively.

Fourth, it enhances the effectiveness of state management in propaganda activities related to defending the Party's ideological foundation.

Fifth, promote the role and responsibility of personnel working in ideological propaganda and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

Sixth, continue to invest in resources, improve technical and material infrastructure, and develop and strengthen coordination among relevant forces engaged in propaganda and ideological defense.

4.3.2. Continue improving institutions and mechanisms; mobilize the strength of the entire political system and enhance international solidarity in defending the Party's ideological foundation according to Ho Chi Minh's thought

First, focus on completing Party regulations to enhance the accountability of cadres and Party members in the struggle against hostile plots, schemes, and tactics.

Second, mechanisms should be developed to protect those involved in combating wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

Third, regulations should be established to differentiate between constructive contributors and those espousing hostile viewpoints.

Fourth, regulations should be refined to set examples, particularly for senior cadres, party members, and agency and unit leaders, in participating in the fight against wrongful and hostile viewpoints, treating this as a criterion for annual performance evaluation.

4.3.3. Diversify methods of protecting the Party's ideological foundation across sectors and fields; apply science, technology, and advanced techniques in defending the Party's ideological foundation according to Ho Chi Minh's thought

Strengthening ideological defense aims to build, establish, and develop the socialist ideological system, instill value-oriented confidence, and shape a scientific worldview among cadres, Party members, and the people-fostering the development of new socialist individuals to successfully achieve the goals of socialism, decisively thwart all hostile schemes and actions, and firmly build and safeguard the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

4.3.4. Continue consolidating and streamlining the organizational apparatus; improve the quality of specialized personnel engaged in ideological defense

To ensure depth and effectiveness, building a core, specialized force capable of spearheading the struggle against wrongful and hostile viewpoints is necessary. This frontline force includes researchers and lecturers of political theory, culture, and arts; officers in charge of propaganda, Party affairs, and political work in the military; professional propagandists and speakers from Party organizations; and officers in the military and police specializing in political, ideological, and cultural security. Also included are artists, journalists, editors, and propagandists in media and communication agencies.

4.3.5. Intensify the struggle against wrongful and hostile viewpoints

Closely monitor developments to promptly and appropriately combat wrongful and hostile views at various levels, tailored to specific audiences and sectors. Analyze and identify malicious, distorted information on social media platforms; regularly organize diverse and widespread propaganda activities with multiple forces to raise vigilance against hostile plots and tactics. Ensure

effective state management in screening and addressing false information on social networks.

4.3.6. Strengthen theoretical research and practical review

To defend the Party's ideological foundation, theoretical research must be prioritized and positioned as the guiding light for practical activities. It is necessary to enhance theoretical and empirical research, summarizing lessons learned to facilitate innovative thinking and timely, accurate concretization of Party policies across all areas.

CONCLUSION

In the years of renovation, especially since 2018, defending the Party's ideological foundation has been identified as a critical mission in Party building. It has contributed to preserving the revolutionary and scientific nature of the Party, affirming the enduring values of Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's thought, defeating the distortions of hostile forces, and consolidating the trust of Party members, cadres, and the people. These achievements stem from unwavering adherence to the ideological foundation, innovative theoretical thinking, effective political education, the influential role of mass communication, and the synchronized participation of the entire political system.

However, under the influence of global dynamics and increasingly sophisticated subversive tactics by hostile forces, several limitations remain: theoretical research is not conducted regularly; the content of education has been slow to innovate; counter-arguments against false viewpoints lack sharpness; leadership is sometimes reactive rather than proactive; and communication efforts are still not highly effective.

Therefore, defending the Party's ideological foundation must be emphasized further as a regular, fundamental, and long-term task. It is essential to strengthen communication and raise public awareness, improve policies and directives, diversify protection methods, develop a dedicated, capable team of professionals, intensify the fight against wrongful arguments, and enhance theoretical research while learning from international experience. Implementing these solutions in a comprehensive and synchronized manner represents the creative application of Ho Chi Minh's thought, thereby contributing to the rapid and sustainable development of the country along the socialist path.

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