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INTRODUCTION

1. Rationale for the Dissertation Topic

Over the course of 40 years of pursuing the renewal process, under the leadership of the Communist Party of Vietnam, our country has achieved great and significant accomplishments. Since its establishment, the Communist Party of Vietnam has consistently affirmed that firmly safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation and resolutely combating and refuting erroneous and hostile views constitute a key and regular task, as well as a fundamental and critically important component of Party building and rectification.

In the face of rapid and complex developments and the emergence of numerous unprecedented and novel issues, the Fourth Industrial Revolution has exerted profound and comprehensive impacts on the world, particularly through artificial intelligence, while non-traditional security issues have become increasingly complex. Hostile and reactionary forces continue to employ various schemes and tactics, making extensive use of cyberspace to disseminate documents, harmful and toxic information, and erroneous and hostile views aimed at undermining the Party, the State, and the socialist regime. Consequently, the struggle to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation, undertaken by the entire Party, the entire people, and the entire military, is confronting new and increasingly complex difficulties and challenges.

Against this backdrop, on October 22, 2018, the Politburo of the 12th Party Central Committee issued Resolution No. 35-NQ/TW (hereinafter referred to as Resolution No. 35-NQ/TW) on "Strengthening the Protection of the Party's Ideological Foundation and Combating and Refuting Erroneous and Hostile Views in the New Situation." The Resolution clearly identifies the objectives of protecting the Party, its Political Platform, and its guidelines; protecting the people and the socialist rule-of-law State of Vietnam; protecting the cause of renewal, national industrialization and modernization, and international integration; safeguarding national interests; and maintaining a peaceful and stable environment for national development.

This constitutes a key and urgent political task of decisive significance to the survival of the Party and the strength and stability of the socialist regime. In practice, the implementation of Resolution No. 35-NQ/TW has been extensively concretized and has become a regular and intrinsic political task of the entire Party, the entire military, and the entire people. This transformation from guiding viewpoints into practical action not only ensures continuity in ideological work but also contributes to building a firm "people's hearts and minds" posture,

thereby defeating schemes and tactics of “peaceful evolution” employed by hostile forces.

Recognizing the profound role and strategic position of the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics in safeguarding the Party’s ideological foundation, practical developments over the past years have firmly affirmed the Academy’s prestige and mission as the national strategic-level center for training and fostering leading and managerial cadres and conducting theoretical and political research for the Party and the State. At the same time, the Academy has consistently served as a leading force on the Party’s ideological and theoretical front. In implementing Resolution No. 35-NQ/TW of the Politburo, in recent years, the Party Committee, the Board of Directors of the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics, and the Academy’s Steering Committee 35 have provided leadership and direction for the synchronous and resolute implementation of activities to safeguard the Party’s ideological foundation. The Academy has achieved significant results, affirming its pivotal role through successfully organizing national-level Political Essay Competitions on safeguarding the Party’s ideological foundation; integrating the protection of the Party’s ideological foundation into advanced political theory training programs; proactively publishing valuable theoretical research works; and gradually developing a cyberspace-based posture for ideological struggle.

However, in light of the increasingly demanding requirements of the ideological struggle in the digital era, this work at the Academy continues to reveal certain contradictions and bottlenecks. Methods of struggle still show signs of administrative formalization, while the speed of response, proactiveness, and sharpness in addressing hostile information campaigns in cyberspace have at times failed to keep pace with actual developments. The effective linkage between research, teaching, and the combativeness of theoretical work has not yet been fully realized. At some specialized units, the integration of content on safeguarding the Party’s ideological foundation and combating and refuting erroneous and hostile views into individual lectures and thematic sessions sometimes remains formalistic and mechanically integrated, rather than being transformed into natural patterns of thinking and sharp practical skills for each cadre and learner. Mechanisms for coordination and the development of specialized forces also remain inadequate. These circumstances reveal an urgent research gap, namely the need for a comprehensive and systematic scientific study that thoroughly addresses both the theoretical and practical dimensions of safeguarding the Party’s ideological foundation within the specialized environment of the Academy.

In response to the objective requirements of the new period of development, the position and mission of the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of

Politics extend beyond the function of transmitting theoretical knowledge. The Academy has increasingly become a strong ideological stronghold, playing a leading role in orienting ideological perceptions and public opinion throughout the political system. The Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics not only plays a pivotal role in disseminating and developing Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh Thought but also bears the responsibility of safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation from within the Academy system itself, thereby making a direct contribution to the cause of Party protection. Closely associated with this responsibility, the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics has effectively implemented key political tasks, ranging from public communication and the training of leading and managerial cadres to enhancing the quality of strategic policy advice for national development.

The protection of the Party's ideological foundation and the struggle to combat and refute erroneous and hostile views have been incorporated into research activities, scientific conferences, and lectures within training and fostering programs for cadres across the Academy system and at provincial and municipal political schools under the Central Government. The Academy's vanguard role on the Party's ideological front has also been strongly demonstrated through the activities of socio-political organizations, among which the Veterans Association and the Youth Union have become frontline forces, proactively engaging in the struggle and firmly safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in the new situation. Coordination between the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics and the Central Commission for Communications and Mass Mobilization, the Communist Review, the Truth National Political Publishing House, the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences, provincial and municipal Party Committees, Party Committees directly under the Central Government, the armed forces, and even ruling communist parties around the world in safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation has been maintained regularly through diverse forms and has produced positive results.

Of particular significance is the organization of the Political Essay Competition on safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation pursuant to Plan No. 22-KH/HVCTQG dated May 19, 2021, issued by the President of the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics. The competition has contributed to disseminating positive values associated with the protection of the Party's ideological foundation and has now developed into a major nationwide competition of considerable scale.

Alongside these achievements, the work of safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation at the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics continues to reveal shortcomings that are not fully commensurate with its position and expectations. Although considerable attention has been devoted to this task, the integration of the mission of safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation into teaching and learning activities still faces certain limitations. At some units, teaching methods have been slow to undergo innovation; the incorporation of content on combating and refuting erroneous and hostile views into training programs remains formalistic and has not achieved the necessary depth and persuasiveness.

Many scientific research projects on safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation and combating and refuting erroneous and hostile views remain repetitive and have yet to demonstrate sufficient depth. Coordination among agencies and units responsible for safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation has at times failed to achieve optimal results, with a lack of synchronization and insufficient mobilization of collective strength. Coordination mechanisms among the forces engaged in safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation still contain operational gaps, particularly in the development of the cadre contingent. Notably, the development of core forces remains inadequate; there is still no strategic roadmap for nurturing leading experts in political theory research and teaching, and the existing arrangements have not yet fully met the increasingly demanding requirements of the new situation.

Recognizing the importance of protecting the Party's ideological foundation in association with the unique position and responsibility of the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics, the doctoral candidate selected the topic: *"The Protection of the Party's Ideological Foundation at Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics in the Current Period"* for the doctoral dissertation in the major of Party Building and State Government.

2. Objectives and Tasks of the Dissertation

2.1. Objectives

Based on clarifying theoretical and practical issues concerning the protection of the Party's ideological foundation at the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics in the current period, the dissertation forecasts influencing factors and proposes orientations and major solutions to strengthen this work in the new era.

2.2. Tasks

Reviewing scientific works related to the dissertation topic.

Clarifying theoretical and practical issues in implementing the protection of the Party's ideological foundation at the Academy in the new context.

Objectively and comprehensively assessing the current situation of this work from 2018 to the present, identifying achievements, shortcomings, weaknesses, and practical experiences.

Proposing orientations and major solutions to strengthen the protection of the Party's ideological foundation at the Academy through 2035, thereby contributing to building the Academy into an internationally influential theoretical center for protecting the Party's ideological foundation.

3. Research Object and Scope

3.1. Research Object

The dissertation studies the protection of the Party's ideological foundation at the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics in the current period.

3.2. Research Scope

Spatial scope: The study focuses on the Academy system, including the central Academy in Hanoi and affiliated academies.

Temporal scope: The research analyzes the implementation of the protection of the Party's ideological foundation from 2018 (the issuance of Resolution No. 35-NQ/TW) to the present and proposes orientations and solutions through 2035.

4. Theoretical Basis, Practical Basis, and Research Methods

4.1. Theoretical Basis

The dissertation is grounded in Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh Thought, and the guidelines and viewpoints of the Communist Party of Vietnam concerning the protection of the Party's ideological foundation and the struggle against wrongful and hostile viewpoints. It also inherits and develops theoretical and practical research findings from previously published scientific works.

4.2. Practical Basis

The practical basis of the dissertation derives from the leadership, direction, and comprehensive implementation of protecting the Party's ideological foundation throughout the Academy system.

4.3. Research Methods

The dissertation employs the methodology of Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh Thought, especially Marxist dialectical materialism, combined with

methods of systematization, logical-historical analysis, analysis-synthesis, and specialized methods of Party Building and State Government sciences such as surveys, investigations, and practical reviews.

5. Scientific Contributions of the Dissertation

First, theoretically, the dissertation contributes to clarifying the special role and position of the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics in protecting the Party's ideological foundation in the current period.

Second, practically, the dissertation objectively and comprehensively assesses the current situation of this work at the Academy, drawing practical experiences from theoretical research, teaching practice, and direct struggle in cyberspace.

Third, regarding solutions, the dissertation proposes feasible viewpoints and groups of solutions, especially in cyberspace, aimed at building the Academy into a solid ideological fortress contributing to safeguarding the Party and the socialist regime in the new era.

6. Theoretical and Practical Significance

6.1. Theoretical Significance

The dissertation deepens theoretical issues concerning the protection of the Party's ideological foundation within the specific environment of the Academy. It provides an in-depth theoretical framework for applying Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh Thought to building ideological resilience and political steadfastness among strategic-level leaders and managers.

6.2. Practical Significance

The dissertation can serve as a reference for leadership, direction, and implementation activities within the Academy system and provincial political schools. Its findings are also valuable references for teaching, learning, and scientific research in Party Building and Political Science.

7. Structure of the Dissertation

The dissertation consists of an Introduction, four chapters with nine sections, a Conclusion, a list of the author's published scientific works related to the dissertation topic, references, and appendices.

Chapter 1

OVERVIEW OF RESEARCH RELATED TO THE DISSERTATION TOPIC

1.1. Foreign Research Works Related to the Dissertation

The dissertation reviews two groups of foreign studies:

- (1) Studies on ideological work;
- (2) Studies on protecting ideological foundations.

These scientific works-including research projects, monographs, doctoral dissertations, and journal articles-provide important theoretical and practical insights for studying the protection of the Party's ideological foundation today.

1.2. Domestic Research Works Related to the Dissertation

The dissertation systematizes and summarizes three groups of domestic studies:

- (1) Studies on ideological work;
- (2) Studies on protecting the Party's ideological foundation;
- (3) Studies directly related to protecting the Party's ideological foundation at the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics.

1.3. Overview of research findings of related scientific works and issues to be further studied in the dissertation

1.3.1. Overview of the Findings of Related Research Works

First, scientific works have conducted extensive and in-depth research on Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh Thought, and the Party's viewpoints and guidelines, affirming the scientific nature of Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh Thought, as well as the correctness of the Party's choice to adopt them as the Party's ideological foundation.

Second, based on practical reviews, scientific works have continued to affirm that the struggle to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation takes place every day and every hour in response to the determined opposition and subversive activities of hostile and reactionary forces, as well as dissatisfied and politically opportunistic elements.

Third, numerous scientific works have provided in-depth analyses of the adverse impacts of erroneous and hostile views, misinformation, and distorted information on political and social stability, the renewal process, and the cause of national industrialization and modernization.

Among these impacts, “self-evolution” and “self-transformation” constitute one of the major internal risks to the survival of the Party and the regime. Accordingly, scholars have proposed various viewpoints, orientations,

and solutions for combating and refuting erroneous and hostile views, preventing and defeating the strategy of “peaceful evolution,” and countering other hostile activities.

Third, research works have also proposed viewpoints and solutions for combating and refuting erroneous and hostile views and safeguarding the Party’s ideological foundation, emphasizing that the Party’s leadership is the foremost and decisive factor underlying the achievements of the Vietnamese revolution.

Fourth, within the system of international references, foreign scientific research works related to ideological work and the protection of the theoretical foundation of Communist Parties serve as a basis for theoretical and practical comparison, with substantial similarities and relevance. Reviewing these works enables the dissertation to establish an objective and comprehensive perspective while systematizing and generalizing the theoretical framework concerning the Party’s governing capacity under new conditions.

The research findings of these scientific works provide valuable references for the author in fulfilling the objectives and tasks set out by the dissertation.

1.3.2. Issues on Which the Dissertation Focuses

The dissertation fully and deeply assimilates the findings of previous research projects containing relevant contents, while continuing to conduct research and focusing in depth on the following issues:

First, to review the state of research related to the topic; systematize and analyze scientific works on safeguarding the Party’s ideological foundation and combating and refuting erroneous and hostile views; and identify the research tasks that remain to be undertaken by the dissertation.

Second, to clarify theoretical and practical issues concerning the protection of the Party’s ideological foundation at the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics in the process of implementation, including concepts, roles, contents, and characteristics.

Third, to analyze and assess the current situation of safeguarding the Party’s ideological foundation at the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics from 2018 to the present; identify its causes; and draw practical lessons concerning the Party’s leadership in safeguarding the Party’s ideological foundation.

Fourth, to analyze the new context, identify urgent requirements, and forecast factors affecting the protection of the Party’s ideological foundation. On this basis, the author proposes orientations and key solutions to strengthen the protection of the Party’s ideological foundation at the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics in the coming period.

Chapter 2

THE PROTECTION OF THE PARTY’S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION AT HO CHI MINH NATIONAL ACADEMY OF POLITICS IN THE CURRENT PERIOD - BASIC THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL ISSUES

2.1. Overview of the Academy and the Issue of Protecting the Party’s Ideological Foundation

2.1.1. Overview of the Academy

Decision No. 214-QD/TW, issued by the Politburo on December 28, 2024, affirms that the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics is an agency under the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, under the direct and regular leadership and direction of the Politburo and the Secretariat. Its principal functions and tasks include: (1) serving as the national center for training and fostering middle- and senior-level leaders and managers, as well as cadres specializing in political theory and science, for the Party, the State, the Vietnam Fatherland Front, and socio-political organizations; (2) serving as the national center for training and fostering cadres, civil servants, and public employees, and developing human resources at undergraduate and postgraduate levels; serving as the national center for conducting scientific research on Marxist-Leninist theory, Ho Chi Minh Thought, the theory of the renewal process, the Party’s policies and guidelines, and the State’s policies and laws; conducting research in political science, leadership and management science, administrative science, public administration, and public governance to serve teaching and learning, and contributing scientific foundations to the formulation and improvement of the Party’s guidelines and policies and the State’s policies and laws in the cause of national construction and defense; firmly safeguarding the Party’s ideological foundation and combating and refuting erroneous and hostile views; providing consultation on theoretical work and criticism of culture, literature, and the arts; and providing consultation, orientation, management, and coordination of scientific activities of central Party agencies; (3) serving as the agency responsible for researching and compiling the History of the Party and providing guidance and conducting appraisal of the histories of local Party organizations and Party organizations of central ministries and sectors; and being responsible for organizing and guiding the implementation of professional tasks of provincial and municipal political schools directly under the Central Government, as well as cadre-training schools of central ministries and sectors, in the field of political theory.

The Academy's Party Committee is a Party Committee directly superior to grassroots Party organizations and is one of the major Party Committees under the Party Committee of Central Party Agencies. The Academy's Party Committee comprises 9 Party Committees, 25 grassroots Party cells, and 140 Party Committees and Party cells directly under grassroots Party Committees, with 2,841 officially registered Party members and, each year, more than 4,000 Party members who are learners participating in temporary Party activities. The Academy's Party Committee comprises six major Party Committees distributed across different regions of the country, namely: the Party Committee of the Academy of Journalism and Communication (with 29 subordinate Party cells); the Party Committee of the Academy of Public Administration and Governance (with 20 subordinate Party divisions and Party cells); the Party Committee of the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics, Region I (with 18 subordinate Party cells); the Party Committee of the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics, Region II (with 18 subordinate Party cells); the Party Committee of the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics, Region III (with 19 subordinate Party cells); and the Party Committee of the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics, Region IV (with 18 subordinate Party cells).

The Academy's Party Committee operates in accordance with Regulation No. 34-QD/TW dated October 14, 2021, issued by the Secretariat of the Central Committee. It exercises comprehensive leadership over the performance of the Academy's political tasks, organizational and personnel affairs, Party building, Academy development, and mass mobilization and mass activities. The Academy's Party Committee is subject to the regular and direct leadership and direction of the Politburo and the Secretariat with regard to political orientation and key matters in the implementation of political tasks, and is subject to the direct and regular leadership of the Party Committee of Central Party Agencies.

Pursuant to Resolution No. 18-NQ/TW dated October 25, 2017, the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics has reorganized its organizational structure and improved the effectiveness and efficiency of the operations of agencies and units throughout the Academy system. **Currently**, following the organizational restructuring in accordance with Resolution No. 18-NQ/TW dated October 25, 2017, the organizational structure and apparatus of the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics comprise the following:

(1) Leadership of the Academy

The Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics has a Director and no more than five Deputy Directors. The Director of the Academy is assigned by the Politburo, while the Deputy Directors are considered and appointed by the

Secretariat. The leadership of the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics operates under the headship system. The Director of the Academy is responsible to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, the Politburo, and the Secretariat for the Academy's operations and for organizing and directing its work. The Deputy Directors assist the Director in performing assigned tasks in accordance with the Director's delegation.

(2) Leadership of the Central Theoretical Council

The Central Theoretical Council has a Chairperson and no more than five Vice Chairpersons, who are considered and appointed by the Secretariat upon the recommendation of the Chairperson of the Council. The leadership of the Central Theoretical Council operates according to the principle of collective leadership and individual responsibility. The Chairperson bears overall responsibility, while the Vice Chairpersons are assigned responsibility for specific areas by the Chairperson. The Office of the Central Theoretical Council is located at the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics.

(3) Affiliated agencies and units

These include: the Office of the Central Theoretical Council; 9 departments and functional units; 16 institutes for research, teaching, and scientific information and publishing; and 6 affiliated academies. Specifically:

- Departments and functional units include:

Department of Organization and Personnel

Department of Training and Fostering Management

Department of Scientific Management

Department of Political Schools

Department of International Cooperation

Department of Planning and Finance

Inspectorate

Office of the Academy

Center for Information Technology and Digital Transformation

- 16 institutes for research, teaching, and scientific information and publishing:

Institute of Philosophy

Institute of Political Economy

Institute of Scientific Socialism

Institute of Ho Chi Minh and Party Leaders

Institute of Party History

Institute of Party Building

Institute of Socio-Economic and Environmental Studies

Institute of Politics and International Relations
 Institute of State and Law
 Institute for Human Rights
 Institute of Culture and Development
 Institute of Leadership and Public Administration
 Institute of Ethnicity and Religion
 Institute of Scientific Information
 Journal of Political Theory
 Political Theory Publishing House

- *Affiliated academies:*

Academy of Politics, Region I (located in Hanoi)
 Academy of Politics, Region II (located in Ho Chi Minh City)
 Academy of Politics, Region III (located in Da Nang)
 Academy of Politics, Region IV (located in Can Tho)
 Academy of Journalism and Communication (located in Hanoi)
 Academy of Public Administration and Governance (headquartered in Hanoi, with one branch campus in Ho Chi Minh City, one branch campus in Da Nang City, and one branch campus in Dak Lak Province).

2.1.2. Protecting the Party's Ideological Foundation - Concept, Role, Content, and Participating Forces

2.1.2.1. Concept of Protecting the Party's Ideological Foundation

The Party's ideological foundation is the political-ideological basis associated with politics, consisting of a system of theoretical knowledge, viewpoints, attitudes, and scientific evaluations of objective reality upon which other components of the Party, such as its political platform, guidelines, policies, and orientations, are established and developed. The Party's ideological foundation serves as the banner for achieving political objectives.

At present, the ideological foundation of the Communist Party of Vietnam consists of three core components: Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh Thought, and the theory of the Party's renewal policy. These constitute the ideological system guiding the country's sustainable development in the new era.

Based on the above analysis, the doctoral candidate finds that the concept of protecting the ideological foundation of the Communist Party of Vietnam has been clearly and consistently defined. The dissertation adopts the concept stated in Resolution No. 35-NQ/TW dated October 22, 2018 of the 12th Politburo:

Protecting the Party's ideological foundation means protecting the Party, its Political Platform and guidelines; protecting the people and the socialist rule-of-law State of Vietnam; protecting the cause of renewal, industrialization,

modernization, and international integration; safeguarding national and ethnic interests; and maintaining a peaceful and stable environment for national development.

2.1.2.2. The Role of Protecting the Party's Ideological Foundation

First, protecting the Party's ideological foundation plays an important role in ensuring the Party's survival, enhancing its position and prestige, and maintaining steadfastness on the socialist path.

Second, it contributes to Party building and the strengthening of the political system.

Third, it helps defeat the schemes and tactics of hostile forces and maintain the working-class nature of the Party.

Fourth, it contributes to consolidating the spiritual foundation of society, strengthening the confidence of cadres, Party members, and the people in the Party and the socialist path, while promoting national unity and solidarity within the Party and society as a whole.

Fifth, protecting the ideological foundation of the Communist Party of Vietnam also contributes to safeguarding the common ideological foundation of communist parties worldwide.

2.1.2.3. Content of Protecting the Party's Ideological Foundation

First, protecting the scientific and revolutionary nature and the fundamental principles of Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh Thought.

Second, protecting the Party's political platform, guidelines, renewal theory, and the State's legal system.

Third, protecting the Communist Party and thereby contributing to safeguarding the socialist regime.

Fourth, protecting the Party's ideological foundation to ensure the existence and stability of the political system, the State, and the legal system.

Fifth, summarizing practice and developing theory to supplement and improve Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh Thought.

2.1.2.4. Forces Participating in Protecting the Party's Ideological Foundation

The forces engaged in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and combating wrongful and hostile viewpoints constitute a comprehensive force, including:

First, Party committees at all levels, Party agencies, and all cadres and Party members.

Second, the Vietnam Fatherland Front, socio-political organizations at all levels, and the people as active participants.

Third, institutions engaged in political theory research, education, training, and fostering.

Fourth, journalists and collaborators of central and local press agencies.

2.2. The Protection of the Party's Ideological Foundation at the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics in the Current Period - Concepts, Content, Roles, and Characteristics

2.2.1. Concept of Protecting the Party's Ideological Foundation at the Academy

The protection of the Party's ideological foundation at the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics is the totality of purposeful, organized, proactive, and creative activities in propaganda, teaching, and scientific research carried out by cadres, lecturers, and learners throughout the Academy system under the leadership of the Academy Party Committee and Board of Directors. These activities aim to preserve, consolidate, and develop Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh Thought; protect the Party's political platform and guidelines; and proactively prevent, combat, and refute wrongful and hostile viewpoints, thereby affirming the Academy's role and position throughout all revolutionary periods of the Party.

2.2.2. The Role of Protecting the Party's Ideological Foundation at the Academy

First, it contributes to supplementing and developing Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh Thought; improving the Party's guidelines and the State's policies and laws; and providing scientific arguments for combating wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

Second, it affirms the Academy's role as the leading center for theoretical research and training of the Party and the nation.

Third, it contributes to building a contingent of leading experts who serve as pioneering forces directly participating in the protection of the Party's ideological foundation and the struggle against wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

Fourth, it promotes the Academy's role as a core institution for ideological orientation and broad dissemination, thereby enhancing the effectiveness of protecting the Party's ideological foundation in provinces and localities nationwide.

2.2.3. Content of Protecting the Party's Ideological Foundation at the Academy

First, thoroughly grasping and organizing the implementation of the Party's guidelines, policies, and resolutions on protecting the Party's ideological foundation, transforming them into programs and plans for political tasks.

Second, assigning responsibilities and coordinating forces involved in the implementation process.

Third, deploying diverse contents and forms of implementation.

Fourth, building and developing core forces.

Fifth, inspecting and supervising the implementation process.

Sixth, conducting preliminary and final reviews and evaluations of implementation outcomes.

2.2.4. Characteristics of Protecting the Party's Ideological Foundation at the Academy

First, the protection of the Party's ideological foundation at the Academy combines harmoniously “building” and “combating,” steadfast protection and persistent struggle, in which “building” is fundamental and long-term while “combating” is urgent.

Second, the work is characterized by high systematicity and strong theoretical orientation.

Third, it is closely linked with all activities of the Academy, contributing to the Academy's core functions of scientific research and cadre training.

Fourth, the Academy is identified as a highly qualified expert force in implementing Resolution No. 35-NQ/TW.

Chapter 3

THE PROTECTION OF THE PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION AT HO CHI MINH NATIONAL ACADEMY OF POLITICS IN THE CURRENT PERIOD - CURRENT SITUATION, CAUSES, AND EXPERIENCES

3.1. Current Situation

3.1.1. Achievements

3.1.1.1. Promoting the Dissemination and Implementation of Central Resolutions and Guidelines

First, the Academy has organized the study and thorough dissemination of policies on protecting the Party's ideological foundation for cadres, lecturers, and learners in a serious, profound, and effective manner.

Second, the Academy has concretized the directives of the Central Steering Committee 35 and the Party Committee of Central Party Agencies through specific action programs and implementation plans.

3.1.1.2. Effective Assignment of Responsibilities and Coordination of Forces

First, internal coordination among units within the Academy system has achieved remarkable results.

Second, the Academy has strengthened its direction of provincial political schools in implementing Resolution No. 35-NQ/TW.

Third, coordination between the Academy and external units has been further strengthened, especially in organizing the Political Essay Contest on Protecting the Party's Ideological Foundation.

3.1.1.3. Strengthening the Implementation of Contents and Forms

First, scientific research associated with protecting the Party's ideological foundation has achieved many outstanding results.

Second, training and fostering activities associated with ideological protection have been strengthened.

Third, propaganda and political education have been closely linked with safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation.

3.1.1.4. Strengthening Organizational Structures and Core Forces

The Academy leadership has promulgated directives and consolidated organizational structures; developed a contingent of lecturers and core forces appropriate to the characteristics of a central Party school; and improved material and financial conditions.

3.1.1.5. Enhancing Inspection, Supervision, and Internal Political Protection

The Academy has strengthened inspection and supervision of Party organizations; enhanced focused inspection activities; tightened discipline regarding public statements and professional ethics; and directed provincial political schools in implementing ideological protection associated with building standardized political schools under Resolution No. 11-NQ/TW.

3.1.1.6. Promoting Preliminary and Final Reviews

The Academy has systematically and scientifically conducted reviews associated with major political milestones, while transforming review results into scientific arguments for reporting to the Politburo and Secretariat.

3.1.2. Shortcomings and Limitations

3.1.2.1. The provision of resources for safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation has at times been untimely and has not fully met the urgent requirements arising from practical circumstances

3.1.2.2. Supporting staff responsible for implementing Resolution No. 35-NQ/TW at specialized institutes have not effectively fulfilled their advisory role to Party committees and heads of units in organizing professional activities

associated with the implementation of Resolution No. 35-NQ/TW of the Politburo

3.1.2.3. Scientific research works directly related to the task of safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation have not been commensurate with the available potential

3.1.2.4. Activities to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation undertaken by some cadres and lecturers remain limited, particularly in communication products published on the "Vietnam Prosperity" website

3.1.2.5. The system of regulations governing speech discipline and the use of social media by cadres and Party members remains limited

3.2. Causes and some practical lessons

3.2.1. Causes of the Achievements

3.2.1.1. Objective Causes

First, the enduring values and scientific nature of Marxism-Leninism continue to be vividly demonstrated and realized through profound transformations in social reality.

Second, progressive-oriented movements and the complex developments in the contemporary world situation.

Third, Ho Chi Minh Thought is not only a particularly valuable spiritual heritage of the Vietnamese nation but also a theoretical system of international stature, which has been extensively studied and deeply embraced by progressive forces and peace-loving peoples around the world.

Fourth, after 40 years of national renewal and 35 years of implementing the Platform for National Construction during the Transitional Period to Socialism, Vietnam has established an increasingly strong foundation, potential, international standing, and reputation.

3.2.1.2. Subjective Causes

First, the Party Committee, the Board of Directors, and the Steering Committee 35 of the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics have provided resolute and comprehensive leadership and direction for the effective implementation of activities to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation.

Second, the organizational structure and core forces responsible for safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation have been regularly consolidated and strengthened.

Third, cadres, Party members, and lecturers of the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics have consistently demonstrated clear awareness of and proactively and actively fulfilled their roles and responsibilities in protecting internal political security and safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation.

Fourth, there has been relatively close and effective coordination among units within the Academy system, as well as with relevant agencies, organizations, and localities.

Fifth, inspection and supervision by Party committees over cadres and Party members regarding compliance with regulations on public statements and the use of social media have been strengthened.

3.2.2. Causes of the Limitations

3.2.2.1. Objective Causes

First, the world and regional contexts are undergoing rapid, complex, and unpredictable changes; traditional and non-traditional security challenges are intertwined, exerting profound impacts on the global political and economic landscape.

Second, modern capitalism has demonstrated considerable adaptability and continues to maintain a dominant role in the global economic and political system.

Third, certain Western countries and hostile and reactionary forces have intensified activities aimed at undermining the Party and the State, employing increasingly sophisticated and complex narratives and tactics.

Fourth, documents providing guidance on the implementation of activities to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation and combat and refute erroneous and hostile views are classified as confidential documents, and many Party committees do not disseminate them on a regular basis.

Fifth, amid the rapid development of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, cyberspace has become a strategic and direct arena in the struggle between different ideological systems.

3.2.2.2. Subjective Causes

First, a small proportion of cadres and lecturers at the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics do not yet have a full and profound understanding of the strategic importance of safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation.

Second, the role of some Party committees and heads of units under the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics in implementing tasks related to safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation has at times not been fully brought into play.

Third, inspection and supervision methods rely primarily on administrative reporting and have not yet established specialized supervision mechanisms for scientific products and training activities associated with the ideological struggle.

3.2.3. Some Practical Lessons

First, the lesson of ensuring centralized and unified leadership and direction by the Party Committee, the Board of Directors, and the Steering Committee 35 of the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics.

Second, the lesson of maintaining a close linkage between “safeguarding” and “development,” between “building” and “combating,” and between “theory and practice.”

Third, the lesson of promoting the pivotal role of lecturers and scholars and mobilizing the combined strength of forces both within and outside the Academy.

Fourth, the lesson of integrating the task of safeguarding the Party’s ideological foundation with the training and fostering of cadres and scientific research activities.

Fifth, the lesson of enhancing proactiveness and ensuring timeliness in combating and refuting erroneous and hostile views in order to safeguard the Party’s ideological foundation.

Chapter 4

FORECAST OF FACTORS AFFECTING THE WORK AND ORIENTATIONS AND KEY SOLUTIONS TO STRENGTHEN THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE PARTY’S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION AT THE HO CHI MINH NATIONAL ACADEMY OF POLITICS IN THE NEW ERA

4.1. forecast of factors affecting the work and orientations for strengthening the safeguarding of the party’s ideological foundation at the ho chi minh national academy of politics in the new era

4.1.1. Forecasting Influencing Factors

4.1.1.1. International Context and Contemporary Trends

Forecasted Advantages

First, Marxism-Leninism continues to affirm its value as a correct scientific worldview and the most progressive methodology guiding human cognition and practical activities.

Second, peace, cooperation, and development remain major global trends and common aspirations of progressive peoples around the world.

Third, globalization and the rapid development of the Fourth Industrial Revolution are exerting profound impacts on all aspects of social life worldwide, fostering the emergence of new economic forms.

Forecasted Difficulties and Challenges

First, the global political, economic, and security environment remains unstable, complex, rapidly changing, and difficult to predict.

Second, the formation of alliances, strategic competition, and interest conflicts among countries, especially major powers, are increasingly complicated, bringing both opportunities and challenges, particularly for small and medium-sized countries.

Third, global issues such as financial security, energy security, water security, food security, climate change, natural disasters, and epidemics continue to develop unpredictably.

Fourth, political relations among countries in the region, especially major powers, still contain contradictions that may lead to conflicts and wars, including territorial and maritime disputes.

4.1.1.2. Domestic Situation

Forecasted Advantages

First, after 40 years of renovation, Vietnam's national strength, potential, international standing, and prestige have been significantly enhanced, creating an important foundation for the country's advancement in the new era.

Second, the steadfast and creative application of Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh Thought, and the Party's renewal theory in the practical leadership of national construction and defense has continued to prove effective.

Third, Party building and rectification work has achieved many positive results and gained increasing public trust.

Fourth, the protection of the Party's ideological foundation has consistently received attention from the Party and has gradually become institutionalized and effective.

Forecasted Difficulties

First, the economy still faces the risk of lagging behind, and the danger of falling into the middle-income trap remains considerable.

Second, certain strategic regions and key areas still contain latent factors threatening social and political stability.

Third, the Fourth Industrial Revolution poses new challenges for production, trade, and social welfare.

Fourth, Party building and political system development have not yet fully met practical requirements.

Fifth, hostile forces both inside and outside the country continue to intensify sabotage activities and increasingly coordinate to create social instability, including within the contingent of cadres and Party members.

4.1.2. Orientations

First, steadfastly uphold, creatively apply, and continue developing Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh Thought, and the Party's renewal theory as the Party's ideological foundation.

Second, build comprehensive systems of programs, plans, and projects on protecting the Party's ideological foundation and effectively organize their implementation.

Third, regularly improve the quality and effectiveness of leadership and direction by Steering Committee 35 at all levels.

Fourth, strengthen substantive and effective coordination between the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics and relevant agencies and organizations in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and combating wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

Fifth, enhance leadership, direction, inspection, and supervision of implementation activities.

4.2. Major Solutions to Strengthen the Protection of the Party's Ideological Foundation at the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics through 2035

4.2.1. Raising Awareness, Capacity, and Responsibility among Cadres, Lecturers, and Learners throughout the Academy

First, unify and enhance political awareness and self-consciousness among all actors within the Academy system.

Second, improve professional competence and skills in identifying and refuting wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

Third, enhance political responsibility and the exemplary vanguard role of cadres, lecturers, and learners in protecting the Party's ideological foundation.

4.2.2. Strengthening the Leadership and Direction of the Party Committee, Board of Directors, and Leadership at All Levels

First, the Academy Party Committee and Steering Committee 35 should focus on seriously, comprehensively, and proactively implementing Resolution No. 35-NQ/TW while integrating its content into the Academy's key operational fields.

Second, the Party Committee must strengthen its role in orientation, direction, and implementation.

Third, Party organizations, cadres, and Party members throughout the Academy system must clearly identify the content and methods of protecting the Party's ideological foundation.

Fourth, continue promoting the exemplary responsibility of leaders and heads of units in this work.

4.2.3. Fundamentally Innovating Training Programs, Scientific Research, and Educational Content

Programs, plans, and projects must be developed according to the principles of clearly defined tasks, personnel, responsibilities, deadlines, and effectiveness.

The Academy should continue focusing on research programs, projects, seminars, workshops, and practical reviews to provide scientific arguments for protecting and developing Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh Thought, the Party's guidelines, and the State's policies and laws.

It is necessary to regularly organize domestic and international scientific conferences and publish sharp and persuasive studies to refute wrongful and hostile viewpoints through the media.

The Academy should continue effectively integrating the protection of the Party's ideological foundation and the struggle against hostile viewpoints into research and teaching activities.

4.2.4. Focusing on Organizational Leadership and Mobilizing Forces

The Academy should continue consolidating and promoting the effectiveness of its core contingent in a streamlined, efficient, democratic, scientific, and professional direction.

Broad participation and responsibility should be mobilized among experts, scientists, cadres, Party members, lecturers, learners, and students.

Training activities for personnel implementing Resolution No. 35-NQ/TW should be strengthened, with Steering Committee 35 and its assisting bodies serving as the core force responsible for advising, directing, guiding, organizing, inspecting, and supervising implementation throughout the Academy.

The Academy should also strengthen the roles and responsibilities of affiliated organizations and political schools in building and developing expert teams specialized in protecting the Party's ideological foundation.

4.2.5. Enhancing Coordination and Promoting Synergistic Strength among Internal and External Forces

The Office of Steering Committee 35 should strengthen coordination with specialized units and experts in carrying out scientific tasks.

The Academy should continue promoting effective coordination between the Office of Steering Committee 35 and the Center for Technology and Digital Transformation.

Great importance should be attached to coordination between the Academy and external agencies, organizations, and localities in protecting the Party's ideological foundation.

4.2.6. Expanding International Cooperation in Theoretical Research and Experience Exchange

First, diversify forms of cooperation in theoretical research and organize international scientific forums.

Second, strengthen mechanisms for expert exchange and foster international debating and argumentative skills among core personnel.

Third, the Academy must improve institutional mechanisms and tighten regulations governing public statements by cadres, lecturers, and learners when working with foreign partners.

4.2.7. Strengthening Inspection, Supervision, Preliminary Reviews, and Practical Summaries

The Academy Party Committee should formulate annual and long-term inspection and supervision programs associated with the working agenda of Party committees.

Inspection and supervision of the implementation of Resolution No. 35-NQ/TW should be conducted through both direct and indirect forms associated with scientific research, training, and educational activities appropriate to each unit.

Attention should be focused on inspecting and supervising political and ideological education activities for cadres and Party members through regular political meetings.

Leadership and direction of inspection and supervision activities should be strengthened, and organizations and Party members violating the Party's Political Platform, Charter, resolutions, directives, and regulations should be handled promptly and strictly.

The activities of Steering Committee 35 at the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics and affiliated academies should be promoted, while relevant regulations should be formulated in association with accountability mechanisms for Steering Committee members.

At the same time, practical experiences should be summarized and drawn from inspection and supervision activities related to the implementation of Resolution No. 35-NQ/TW.

CONCLUSION

Starting from the particularly important position of protecting the Party's ideological foundation in the new context, together with the Academy's outstanding achievements in theoretical research, cadre training, and standardization of educational programs, the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics has affirmed its pioneering role within the Party school system and maintained a strong and healthy ideological front.

The protection of the Party's ideological foundation is not only a central political task but also a continuous mission closely associated with the prestige and existence of the Party school system.

Based on theoretical research and practical surveys, the dissertation has clarified the concepts, roles, contents, and characteristics of protecting the Party's ideological foundation at the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics in the current period. At the same time, it has identified achievements, limitations, and causes, thereby drawing valuable practical lessons.

Through forecasting influencing factors and proposing orientations, the dissertation has systematically and feasibly proposed groups of solutions and implementation measures to improve the effectiveness of protecting the Party's ideological foundation at the Academy in the new era.

These efforts contribute to affirming and maintaining the leadership role of the Communist Party of Vietnam in society, firmly safeguarding national sovereignty in cyberspace, and directly contributing to the cause of Party building, rectification, and the comprehensive strengthening of the political system in accordance with the spirit of the Documents of the 14th National Congress of the Communist Party of Vietnam.

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