# Research on the Cohesion and Leading Power of Socialist Ideology

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**Abstract:** This paper focuses on the cohesion and leading power of socialist ideology. Firstly, this paper summarizes the importance of socialist ideology in today's society and points out its key role in social stability and development. Then, it focuses on the cohesion of socialist ideology, including its theoretical basis, manifestations, influencing factors and promotion paths. Finally, the paper also discusses the leading power of socialist ideology, revealing its connotation, importance, challenges and countermeasures. Based on these analyses, the article further discusses the new requirements of socialist ideology in the new era and the strategies to deal with the challenges of the new era. At the same time, the study put forward a series of specific suggestions, including strengthening theoretical research and innovation, increasing publicity, paying attention to people's livelihood issues, strengthening foreign exchanges and cooperation, etc., in order to comprehensively enhance the cohesion and leading force of socialist ideology. Through this study, I hope to provide useful reference and guidance for the sustainable development and innovation of socialist ideology in the new era.

#### 1. Introduction

Under the background of globalization and informationization, the cohesion and leading power of socialist ideology is of great significance for maintaining social stability, promoting national development and national unity [1]. The purpose of this study is to explore the theoretical basis and practical path of the cohesion and leading power of socialist ideology in order to provide theoretical support and practical guidance for the construction of socialist ideology.

With the acceleration of globalization and the rapid development of information technology, various ideological and cultural exchanges are increasingly frequent, and socialist ideology is facing unprecedented challenges [2-3]. Therefore, enhancing the cohesion and leading power of socialist ideology plays a very important role in consolidating the party's ruling position, safeguarding national security and promoting social harmony and stability [4].

This study will not only help deepen the theoretical understanding of the cohesion and leading power of socialist ideology, but also provide useful ideas and methods for how to strengthen these two forces in practical work. At the same time, this study will also provide reference for researchers in related fields and promote the in-depth development of socialist ideology research.

## 2. The basic theory of socialist ideology

Ideology is a complex concept system, which reflects the interests and demands of a certain class or social group and provides its legitimacy defense [5]. Ideology has many functions, including explaining social phenomena, guiding social behavior and maintaining social stability. In socialist society, ideology plays an important role in rallying people's hearts and leading the way.

Socialist ideology is an ideological system guided by Marxism and reflecting the fundamental interests of the proletariat and the broad masses of the people. Socialist ideology emphasizes the people's dominant position, advocates collectivism values, and strives to realize social fairness and justice [6]. Its characteristics are shown in Figure 1.

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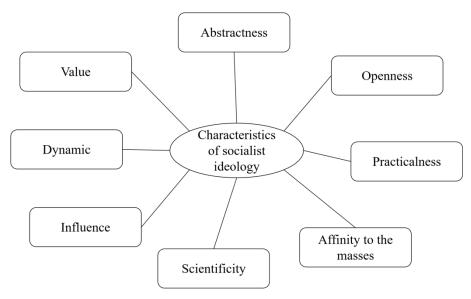


Figure 1 Characteristics of socialist ideology

The development of socialist ideology can be traced back to the founding of Marxism in the mid-19th century. With the rise and development of the socialist movement, socialist ideology has gradually spread around the world [7-8]. In China, socialist ideology has experienced the development and perfection in different historical stages, such as the new-democratic revolution, socialist construction and reform and opening up, and gradually formed a socialist ideological system with China characteristics.

## 3. Cohesion analysis of socialist ideology

## 3.1. Manifestations of cohesion of socialist ideology

Cohesion refers to the mutual attraction and unity between a group or social members due to common goals, values or beliefs [9]. In socialist ideology, cohesion mainly comes from the people's recognition and support for the socialist system and the pursuit and realization of common ideals. This cohesion is an important guarantee for the development of the socialist cause. The manifestations of the cohesion of socialist ideology are various, as shown in Table 1.

Form of expression	Specify		
Value consensus	By spreading core values, socialist ideology forms social members' recognition and pursuit of common values, thus rallying social consensus.		
Unity of thought	Socialist ideology provides a set of unified ideological system and guiding principles, which makes the members of society keep consistent in their thoughts and form a common ideological foundation.		
Be united in one's aims	Socialist ideology has set a common development goal and vision for members of society, and urged everyone to unite and work hard to achieve these goals.		
Action synergy	Under the guidance of socialist ideology, members of society maintain coordination		
Social stability	Socialist ideology helps to maintain social order and stability and reduce social contradictions and conflicts by condensing social consensus and unifying thoughts.		

Table 1 The manifestation of the cohesion of socialist ideology

These manifestations together constitute the rich connotation of the cohesion of socialist ideology.

## 3.2. Factors affecting the cohesion of socialist ideology

There are many factors that affect the cohesion of socialist ideology, including the level of economic development, the level of social fairness and justice, the level of culture and education,

and the party building [10]. Among them, the level of economic development is the basic factor, which determines the people's material living standards and social status, thus affecting their recognition and support for the socialist system. At the same time, the degree of social fairness and justice is also one of the key factors, which is related to the realization and maintenance of people's vital interests and directly affects their cohesion and centripetal force to socialist ideology.

## 3.3. Ways to enhance the cohesion of socialist ideology

To enhance the cohesion of socialist ideology, we need to start from many aspects: First, we should strengthen theoretical armed work, further promote the process of modernization and popularization of Marxism in China, and let the people understand and accept socialist ideology more deeply. Secondly, we should pay attention to the well-being of people's livelihood and effectively solve the most direct and realistic interests of the people. Thirdly, we should strengthen ideological and moral construction and spiritual civilization construction activities. Finally, it is necessary to strengthen party building, especially the work of building a clean and honest party style and fighting corruption. The implementation of these measures can effectively enhance the cohesion of socialist ideology and promote its continuous development and progress.

# 4. Discussion on the leading force of socialist ideology

## 4.1. The connotation and importance of leading power

Leading power refers to the ability to guide and lead. In socialist ideology, leading power refers to the guiding role of socialist ideology in social thought, culture and values, which can provide clear value orientation and behavior norms for social members, thus ensuring the harmonious, stable and sustainable development of society.

The importance of leading power is mainly reflected in the following aspects: it helps to form a unified social thought and values, and enhances social cohesion and centripetal force; By leading the thoughts and behaviors of social members, we can effectively promote social harmony and progress; Leading power is also an important weapon to resist all kinds of wrong thoughts and negative values, which is of great significance to maintaining the stability and development of the socialist system.

#### 4.2. The concrete embodiment of the leading power of socialist ideology

The leading force of socialist ideology is embodied in the following aspects: first, it provides a clear direction and goal for social development and ensures that members of society can form a common direction of struggle; Second, by advocating socialist core values, leading members of society to establish a correct world outlook, outlook on life and values; Third, in the face of major social events and problems, it can provide correct public opinion guidance and ideological support for members of society; The fourth is to promote the cultural prosperity and development of society and enhance the cultural soft power of the country.

At present, the leading force of socialist ideology is facing many challenges, such as the impact of cultural diversity brought by globalization, the proliferation and distortion of network information, and the ideological infiltration of hostile forces at home and abroad. In view of these challenges, the countermeasures that can be taken are shown in Table 2.

Table 2 specifically describes the challenges faced by the leading force of socialist ideology, and puts forward detailed countermeasures and measures for each challenge. By strengthening theoretical research and innovation, cyberspace governance, publicity and cultural exchanges and cooperation with foreign countries, we can effectively meet the challenges and enhance the leading force of socialist ideology.

Table 2 Challenges and countermeasures faced by the leading force of socialist ideology

Challenges faced	Specific description	Countermeasures taken	Specific measures
The impact of cultural diversity brought by globalization	The blending of different cultures leads to the diversification of values, which may weaken the dominant position of socialist ideology.	Strengthen theoretical research and innovation	1. In-depth study of Marxist theory, combined with the characteristics of the times to innovate. 2. Develop a theoretical system suitable for Socialism with Chinese characteristics, and enhance the explanatory power and guiding power of the theory.
Overflow and distortion of network information	The Internet is full of inaccurate, false and even harmful information, which affects the public's recognition of socialist ideology.	Strengthen cyberspace governance	1. Formulate strict laws and regulations on network information management. 2. Intensify the crackdown on online rumors and false information. 3. Improve the public's network literacy and cultivate the ability to distinguish the authenticity of network information.
Ideological infiltration of hostile forces at home and abroad	Hostile forces at home and abroad have infiltrated ideology through the Internet, media and other channels, trying to subvert socialist ideology.	Intensify publicity	1. Actively promote socialist ideology by using mainstream media and social platforms. 2.  Carry out various publicity and education activities to improve people's sense of identity and pride in socialist ideology.
		Strengthen cultural exchanges and cooperation with foreign countries.	1. Actively participate in international cultural exchange activities to show the charm of Socialism with Chinese characteristics culture. 2. Carry out cultural exchanges and cooperation with other countries to jointly resist the infiltration of bad ideology.

# 4.3. Strategies to strengthen the leading force of socialist ideology

In order to further strengthen the leading force of socialist ideology, this paper holds that the following strategies can be adopted: adhering to the guiding position of Marxism in the ideological field and ensuring the correct direction of socialist ideology; Strengthen the cultivation and practice of socialist core values and make them become the common value pursuit of social members; Innovate propaganda methods and methods to improve the appeal and appeal of socialist ideology; Strengthen the construction of ideological work team and improve the professional and scientific level of ideological work.

## 5. The interactive relationship between cohesion and leading power of socialist ideology

## 5.1. Internal relationship between cohesion and leading power

Cohesion and leading power complement and promote each other in socialist ideology. Cohesion is the basis of leading power, and only by forming a strong cohesion can we better play the role of leading power. At the same time, leading power is also the guarantee of cohesion. Through clear leading and guiding, social cohesion can be further enhanced. The two are closely related internally, which together constitute an important support of socialist ideology.

Cohesion and leading power promote each other and develop together in socialist ideology. On

the one hand, strong cohesion can make members of society unite more closely and form common goals and values, thus enhancing the leading effect. On the other hand, clear leadership can provide clear direction and goals for members of society, stimulate their spirit of struggle and innovation, and further enhance social cohesion. This mutual promotion makes cohesion and leading force form a virtuous circle in socialist ideology.

## 5.2. Mechanism to achieve coordinated development of cohesion and leadership

To achieve the coordinated development of cohesion and leadership, it is necessary to establish a perfect mechanism guarantee. First of all, we should strengthen theoretical research and innovation, constantly improve and develop the theoretical system of socialist ideology, and provide solid theoretical support for cohesion and leadership. Secondly, it is necessary to strengthen publicity and education, improve social members' sense of identity and belonging to socialist ideology, and thus enhance cohesion and leadership. Finally, we should strengthen institutional construction and legal protection to ensure the stability and authority of socialist ideology and provide a strong institutional guarantee for the coordinated development of cohesion and leadership.

# 6. Reflections on strengthening the cohesion and leading power of socialist ideology in the new era

The new era has put forward higher requirements for socialist ideology. On the one hand, we must adhere to the people-centered development thought and ensure that ideological work always serves the fundamental interests of the people; On the other hand, we should strengthen innovation and development to make socialist ideology more in line with the requirements of the development of the times and more attractive and cohesive.

Facing the challenge of the new era, we can adopt the following strategies and suggestions: strengthen theoretical research and innovation, and constantly improve and develop the theoretical system of socialist ideology; Intensify propaganda to improve the spread and influence of socialist ideology; Pay attention to people's livelihood issues and ensure that ideological work is closely linked with practice; Strengthen foreign exchanges and cooperation and enhance the international influence of socialist ideology.

#### 7. Conclusions

Through in-depth discussion of the cohesion and leading power of socialist ideology, this study analyzes its theoretical basis, manifestations, influencing factors and promotion paths, and puts forward strategies and suggestions to enhance the cohesion and leading power of socialist ideology in the new era. It is found that only by closely connecting with reality, paying attention to people's livelihood issues, strengthening innovation and development, and enhancing international influence can we effectively enhance the cohesion and leading force of socialist ideology.

Looking forward to the future, socialist ideology will show the following development trends: first, pay more attention to innovation and development, and maintain the times and advanced nature; Second, pay more attention to people's livelihood issues and closely link with reality; Third, pay more attention to foreign exchanges and cooperation and learn from the useful experience of other countries; Fourth, pay more attention to enhancing international influence and contribute to building a community of human destiny.

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