

# Study on the Role of Culture of Rule by Law in the Construction of Cultural Education in Colleges and Universities

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**Abstract:** Construction of rule by law is one of the key tasks of our country for a long time, and it is of great significance for our social development. Culture of rule by law should be given full attention in the construction of cultural education in colleges and universities. Based on the recognition of the importance of the construction of rule by law, this paper, through investigation and research, finds out the shortcomings of the construction of rule by law in colleges and universities, analyzes and discusses one by one, and then determines the position of culture of rule by law in the construction of cultural education. Combined with the actual needs of talent training, some suggestions on specific measures are put forward.

## 1. Introduction

Ruling the country by law is a concept that has been gradually recognized since ancient times. In our country, people have a preliminary and simple understanding of the rule of law. Ruling the country by law is the objective requirement of building socialism in our country at present as well as the direction that our country has been insisting for a long time to push forward. Colleges and universities are the cradle of cultivating high-quality talents in our country. As an important preparatory force for building a country in the future, college students must have a clear concept of rule by law and have firm confidence in the work of rule by law. It is found that there are various shortcomings and problems in the cultural construction of rule by law in colleges and universities. In order to overcome these deficiencies, we should make clear the status of the culture of rule by law in the construction of cultural education, and then take practical measures.

## 2. Meaning and Importance of the Culture of Rule by Law

The culture of rule by law is a kind of excellent human legal culture which includes democracy, human rights, equality, freedom, justice, fairness and so on, including the structure of legal system and the structure of legal concept, as well as the behavior of consciously enforcing the law, abiding by the law, using the law, and taking the pursuit of democracy, freedom and protection of rights as the goal, and the formation of a form of social culture and social life style in the process of establishing a certain concept of governing the country and corresponding institutional model. Specifically, the culture of rule by law is a cultural form and a way of social life formed in the process of establishing a society ruled by law, the core of which is the establishment of the concept of rule by law and the thinking mode of the rule by law, as well as the establishment and operation of the corresponding system and organization under the control of this idea.

Since ancient times, China has had a simple idea of governing the country according to law. At the present stage, the rule by law is an objective requirement for the development of socialist market economy and an important symbol for the progress of national democracy. It also means that the spirit of rule by law can be generalized in practice and realization, which is conducive to the development of socialist democracy, the real realization of people as masters of the country, the promotion of social civilization and the maintenance of long-term stability and stability of the country.

### **3. Present Situation of the Construction of Rule by Law in Colleges and Universities**

College students are a group of high-quality talents in our country. It is imperative to promote and attach importance to the cultural construction of rule by law in the construction of cultural education in colleges and universities. Through investigation and research, it is found that the present situation of the construction of the culture of rule by law in colleges and universities in our country exists the following main problems.

First of all, the legal awareness of college students still needs to be improved. College students, as the high-quality talents who enter colleges and universities through strict selection, already have a relatively high legal consciousness, but in fact, it is still far from enough, and there is a great room for improving the legal consciousness of college students. Some students only have the most basic legal common sense with very vague concept to the concrete law stipulation and definition of illegal act, and unclear judgment and understanding to the tort act and the method of defending rights.

Secondly, a considerable number of college students have not participated in legal publicity activities or received relevant education. In the concept and culture of rule by law, our country has always maintained powerful propaganda and organized a considerable number of activities to popularize law. Many concepts of rule by law are propagated by the media or publication of books, etc. At the same time, China has also set up the "Constitution Day" and other special related anniversary. However, most college students do not actively participate in these publicity activities or even have not heard of those. In addition, they are lacking education and guidance in the culture of rule by law during their study, and their consciousness of rule by law is always maintained at a shallow level. Even if students are passively influenced by propaganda, they do not have the enthusiasm to learn and understand the field related to rule bylaw and keep paying attention to it, which makes the propaganda activities lack of long-term effectiveness. Even if they have a role, they can only be maintained in the short term.

Thirdly, some college students have negative views on the culture of rule of law and lack firm confidence. Nowadays, with developed social Internet technology, fast information circulation speed, and wide dissemination scope, the supervision system still needs to be perfected and the network information is mixed. College students are exposed to a lot of true or false information and news, among which there are many negative descriptions of the culture of rule of law in our country. Although college students already have the ability of independent thinking to some extent, the ability of resolving problems still needs to be improved. After receiving the negative description of the culture of rule of law, many students have a negative attitude towards the construction of the rule of law, without firm confidence and agreement with the culture of the rule of law. There are also some students lacking a fair view of the development of the culture of rule of law because of their inherent prejudice which has seriously affected the formation of correct concept of the rule of law among college students, and to a certain extent exerted a negative impact on their behavior. It can be said that if we do not trust contemporary construction of the rule of law, it is very difficult for students to become qualified talents who are able to meet the needs of social development even if they complete their education.

### **4. Role of Culture of Rule by Law in the Construction of Cultural Education in Colleges and Universities**

Based on the above exposition, we have clearly defined the concept and importance of the culture of rule by law, and also clearly realized that the culture of rule by law has a very important influence on the construction of cultural education in colleges and universities. Through observation and research, we can clearly find that the culture construction of rule by law can be considered to be successful, but it still has all sorts of shortcomings. Quite a few students have a weak sense of rule bylaw with a lack of a clear understanding of many legal concepts and definition of illegal acts. During the study period, students lack effective education and guidance of the concept of rule by law for a long time. Besides, there is no effective education method for the rule by law and no sufficient enthusiasm for participation in related propaganda. Under the information misguided by

network, it is difficult for many students to change their preconceptions, ignore the progress of the construction of rule by law in our country, and have no positive views on the culture of rule by law in our country. It can be said that the culture of rule by law is indispensable in the construction of cultural education in colleges and universities. In other words, the civilization of the rule by law occupies a position that can not be ignored.

Colleges and universities are the cradle of the growth of high-quality talents in our country. College students will bear the burden of building socialism and become the backbone force to promote the development of our country after they have completed their education to enter the society. If there is a lack of cultural construction of rule by law in the process of educating people in colleges and universities, it will be quite unfavorable to the cultivation of these talents, which will have an indirect negative impact on the construction of socialism and the promotion of rule by law in our country.

## **5. Method to Promote the Cultural Construction of Rule by Law**

The culture of rule by law occupies an important position in the construction of education culture in colleges and universities. Therefore, how to carry out the cultural construction of rule by law reasonably and effectively is also a problem worth careful consideration. Under the premise of combining the present situation of the construction of rule by law and requirement promotion, this paper puts forward the following measures.

Firstly, to promote education on rule by law in our daily education. Some college students have weak awareness of rule by law because of the lack of understanding of the content of rule by law in China. As a place to cultivate higher talents, colleges and universities should pay enough attention to this problem. In the daily teaching activities, it is necessary to enhance related education, provide students with learning opportunities and conditions, and actively guide students. Through teaching by professionals, watching relevant documentaries, learning the deeds of advanced figures, and so on, students will be made to have a clear concept of rule by law, clarify the characteristics and requirements of a society governed by law, and clearly identify and define some common legal issues. In a word, it is propitious to improve students in concept and constrain themselves in behavior. Moreover, teachers are supposed to guide students to pay more attention to the construction of rule by law culture and its promotion in our country, realize that with continuous improvement, rule by law in our country has made considerable progress, let students get rid of negative stereotypes, re-understand the construction of the culture of rule by law, and establish confidence in related work.

Secondly, to increase the publicity of rule by law. Colleges and universities should actively respond to the call of the state, give full consideration to the promotion of the cultural construction of rule by law in the education work in colleges and universities, and create a good cultural atmosphere of rule by law through various propaganda activities. Students are allowed to learn about the progress through a variety of channels. In the process of propaganda activities, colleges and universities are suggested to improve the way of activities, so that students can change from passive accepted role to active organization and planning role. In the process of leading propaganda activities, it is necessary to actively learn relevant knowledge of rule by law and legal knowledge, as well as give full play to the initiative. With the accumulation of knowledge, college students gradually deepen their understanding and get rid of the shackles and influences of superficial concepts.

Thirdly, colleges and universities are expected to adopt certain methods to guide students to contact and discuss legal problems and cultivate rule by law thinking. Nowadays, all kinds of media often publish some case lists and carry out analysis and discussion. Colleges and universities can also provide students with relevant channels and platforms to understand some legal problems that have occurred in society. On the premise of studying relevant articles, students are allowed to conduct discussion and gradually cultivate legal thinking. In the process of deeply understanding cases, college students can come into contact with different views on the same issue from all walks of life and consider opinions from various perspectives. In these ways, students are able to really

realize what behavior or practice has violated law, and discipline their behavior with law. When their rights and interests are violated, they know how to use the law correctly, deal with problems with law, and take law as a weapon to safeguard their legitimate rights and interests. Through these discussions, students will become interested in legal issues, deepen their understanding of the culture of the rule of law, and cooperate with various publicity activities. Students will easily have a strong interest in issues related to the rule of law, so as to make the results of education and publicity have a lasting impact.

## 6. Conclusion

China is a country governed by law. With constant thinking and progress, the work of rule by law in China has made considerable progress. Today, when the work continues to develop, the culture of rule by law plays an important role in the construction of education culture in colleges and universities. College students, as a group of high quality talents, can never ignore the construction of the culture of rule by law in their training plan. Those who lack the concept and consciousness of law will be unfavorable to help promote the construction of socialism in our country.

Although college students in our country already have relatively independent thinking ability and relatively complete knowledge reserve, at present, there are still some students can not clearly define illegal behavior with weak sense of the rule by law and consciousness and ability to defend own rights and interests with law. Many ignore the propaganda of the culture of rule by law in their study and life, so they do not have enough interest and attention to the information of popularizing law, and do not take the initiative to participate in the propaganda and promotion activities. In addition, under the influence of mixed information and stereotypes, many students have a negative attitude towards the work of rule of law.

On the basis of recognizing these present problems, it is necessary for us to consider carefully about the importance of the status of law and the promotion of the cultural construction of rule by law in the construction of cultural education in colleges and universities. On the basis of investigation and careful analysis, this paper puts forward the following measures. First, colleges and universities should promote the education of rule by law in daily teaching, so that students can get sufficient guidance and education. Second, we should increase the publicity, let students feel a strong atmosphere of the culture of rule by law, and then personally participate in it. Third, we need to guide students to contact and discuss legal issues, cultivate rule by law thinking, and pay attention to the needs and viewpoints of law from all walks of life. Through various means and measures, colleges and universities will face up to the important position of the culture of rule by law in the construction of education culture, and will play an important role in enlightening and improving students' awareness of law in the future work, so as to cultivate truly qualified high quality talents.

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