

Ruling the Party According to Regulations is A New Great Project of Party Building in the New Era

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Abstract

Ruling the Party according to regulations is a core proposition in line with the law of party building in the context of the new era and promoting the new great project of party building. Since the 18th CPC National Congress, the General Secretary has made a series of significant innovations in the theory of party building and governance, and has made a series of important expositions, creatively answering the logic, core meaning and value implication of governing the party in accordance with the rules and regulations, constituting a rigorous and complete scientific system. Interpreting the generative logic of ruling the Party according to regulations from the perspectives of history, theory and reality; exploring the core essence of ruling the Party according to regulations from the two main lines of value pursuit and practice path of ruling the Party according to regulations in the new era; and exploring the value implication of ruling the Party according to regulations from the theory and practice of party building have important theoretical value and practical significance for further promoting comprehensive and strict rule of the Party in the new journey.

Keywords

Rule-Based Governance of the Party; Important Expositions; Generative Logic; Core Meaning; Value Implication.

1. Introduction

The institutional practice of governing the Party in accordance with regulations can be traced back to the First Programme of the Party adopted at the Party's First Congress, which contains the institutional germ of the practice of governing the Party in accordance with regulations. Since the 18th CPC National Congress, in the great practice of governing the Party strictly, the theory and practice of governing the Party in accordance with regulations have made new development and new breakthroughs. The 19th National Congress of the CPC formally included "governing the Party in accordance with regulations" in the Party's constitution, raising the importance of governing the Party in accordance with regulations to an unprecedented level in the form of the Party's fundamental law. In the context of the new journey of socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era, the party has undertaken a more difficult mission, and needs a more scientific theory of party governance to enhance the party's steadfastness and self-consciousness, the General Secretary of the Party stressed in the report of the twentieth session of the General Assembly, "adhere to the system of governance of the party, rule the party according to regulations" [1]. These important theses are the guiding principles and operational guidelines for a sound system of comprehensive Party leadership. Under the guidance of this great theory, an in-depth exploration of the logic, core meaning and value implication of governing the Party in accordance with regulations will help to promote the new great project of Party construction and realise the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

2. The Generative Logic of Ruling the Party According to Regulations

2.1. Historical evolution: the Party's undertaking of innovations in Party management and governance

With regard to the historical study of the formation of the party in accordance with the rules, as Marx said "the real content of all epoch-making systems is formed as a result of the needs of the period in which they were produced" [2]. Comrade General Secretary as the core of the Party Central Committee summed up the historical experience of the party management of the party, on the basis of this practice, following the law of party building, the party's innovative development of the rule of the party in accordance with the rules of the system elaborated an important exposition of the rule of the party in accordance with the rules of the new era. The historical evolution of governing the Party according to regulations can be divided into three periods [3].

First, the stage of preliminary exploration. During the New Democratic Revolution, the Party, guided by the Marxist doctrine of party building, explored a path different from that of Western political parties. The First Programme of the Party adopted at the First Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) was the beginning of the Party's institutional governance, and the Party Constitution adopted at the Second Congress of the CPC in 1922 devoted a chapter to "Discipline", which provided the basic normative basis and institutional safeguards for the Party to establish and improve its internal regulations and to strengthen the control of the Party. In 1938 Mao Zedong, in his speech at the Sixth Plenum of the Sixth Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, said that the Party's discipline should be based on the principles of "Discipline". In 1938, at the Sixth Plenary Session of the Sixth Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Mao Zedong mentioned for the first time the "internal regulations of the Party", and after the revision of the Seventh National Congress of the Communist Party of China in 1945, a new requirement was put forward for "those who sabotage the Party's programme and the Party's constitution and discipline, but are unable to change them" [4]. During the period of socialist revolution and construction, the Party Constitution, as amended at the Eighth Party Congress in 1956, was a useful attempt by the Party to maintain the purity of the Party and safeguard its unity. Since the period of reform, opening up and socialist modernisation, the Party Constitution was amended at the Fourteenth Party Congress in 1992, adding for the first time the requirement of "internal Party regulations", which is an important manifestation of the great importance attached to the Party's internal regulations. The Fourth Plenary Session of the Seventeenth Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) for the first time summed up the Party's experience in building the Party by saying that "taking the Party Constitution as the basis and democratic centralism as the main content", highlighting the importance of building the Party on a systematic basis [5].

Second, the stage of preparation and presentation. During the period from the eighteenth to the nineteenth congresses of the Party, the General Secretary made a number of important statements about governing the Party in accordance with the rules, and in October 2014, at the Fourth Plenary Session of the Eighteenth Central Committee of the Party, it was proposed for the first time that "governing in accordance with the law requires that the Party govern the country in accordance with the Constitution and laws, and that the Party govern in accordance with the laws and regulations of the Party". Discipline and rules have been placed in a more important position, and on 4 June 2015, the General Secretary, in his speech when listening to the report on the sixth round of the 18th Central Committee's inspection, explicitly proposed "to adhere to the rule of law, rule the Party in accordance with the rules", and "to adhere to the rule of law, rule the Party in accordance with the rules and regulations" [6] (p195). This is the first time that the General Secretary formally put forward the "rule of the Party according to regulations". In his speech at the Fifth Plenary Session of the 18th Central Committee of the

Communist Party of China in October of the same year, the General Secretary proposed for the first time that "the Party be governed strictly and in accordance with regulations" [6] (p10). This makes it clear that the overall strict governance of the Party should take the path of governing the Party according to regulations.

Thirdly, it is a stage of rich development. Since the nineteenth CPC National Congress, the General Secretary's important thesis on governing the Party in accordance with regulations has been perfected day by day, and on 18 October 2017, the General Secretary further called for the "organic unity of the rule of law and the rule of the Party in accordance with rules and regulations" and "comprehensively advancing the Party's political, ideological and organisational construction" in his report to the nineteenth CPC National Congress, disciplinary construction, with system construction running through it", and "strengthening the ability to rule by law, and accelerating the formation of a system of Party regulations and systems covering all aspects of Party leadership and Party construction" [7]. The report of the 19th CPC National Congress included "governing the Party in accordance with regulations" in the Party's constitution, elevating it to a strategic level of governance. In the report of the 20th Party Congress, the General Secretary once again emphasised the need to "insist on governing the Party according to rules and regulations, and governing the Party by system", which profoundly demonstrated the Party's firm determination to insist on governing the Party according to rules and regulations, and to strengthen the Party's self-revolutionary efforts in the new era and on the new journey [8].

2.2. Theoretical Logic: Organic Integration of Marxism and Chinese Practices

Any scientific theoretical system has its generation of theoretical logic, and the rule of the party according to the rules is based on the inheritance of Marxist theory of party building, and the organic combination of the excellent traditional Chinese culture and the practice of the party management and governance of the party. It fully demonstrates that "ruling the party according to rules" is the unity of lawfulness and purposefulness, and the integration of traditional rule of law thinking and wisdom of rules.

Firstly, from the point of view of regularity and purpose, the rule of the party according to regulations profoundly grasps and sorts out the relationship between the law of the construction of the Communist Party and the philosophy of governance. In 1859 Marx had written in a letter to Engels that "party discipline must be absolutely guaranteed, or it will be nothing" [9]. Engels also believed that a party must pay attention to party discipline in the construction of its rule in order to continuously improve its binding force. In 1904 Lenin accused the editorial board of the central organ of "trampling on the organs and laws of the party" in his "Letter to the Party" [10]. It shows that all three are fully aware of the importance of party discipline. Nurtured by the richness of Marxist theory, the Party Central Committee, with Comrade General Secretary as its core, has always stressed that Party discipline is the key to governing the Party in accordance with the rules, stressing the need to "safeguard the system with strict discipline, and strengthen the binding force of discipline and the power of system implementation" [11]. It aims to explore effective ways for the Party's self-revolution in the process of realising the goal of the two hundred-year struggle and the Chinese dream of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, to ensure that the Party achieves long-term governance, better grasps the laws of governance, and better serves the country and the people [12]. Ruling the Party in accordance with regulations fully embodies the unity of inheriting the experience of the past and echoing the demands of the times, and is the organic unity of regularity and purposefulness in the civilisation of human social systems.

Secondly, from the point of view of the integration of the rule of law and the wisdom of the rules, the theoretical source of the rule of the Party according to the rules comes from the profound and far-reaching Chinese traditional culture, and the rule of law and rules of thought of the

Chinese traditional culture are reflected in the field of governance. The General Secretary attaches importance to the integration of the two, and creatively put forward the important assertion that "adherence to and development of Marxism must be combined with the excellent traditional Chinese culture" [13]. First of all, the legitimacy of governing the Party according to regulations is based on the rationality of governing the Party by virtue, and the concept of "common governance by virtue and law" can be traced back to the ancient concept of governance. Xunzi's idea of "emphasising the law over rituals" and Dong Zhongshu's idea of "moral rule as the mainstay of the state, with both morality and punishment" are the cultural origins of the rule of the Party by rule. The General Secretary emphasised during the eighteenth collective study session of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China in 2014 that "the first step in politics is to win people, the first step in governing the country is to govern the officials, and the first step in politics is to govern with virtue, and to rectify one's self and cultivate one's body" [14]. This fully demonstrates the interpretation of the "rule of etiquette and law" on the basis of the excellent traditional Chinese legal culture. Secondly, the Party has absorbed the essence of the ideology of rules and regulations. Whether it is the idea of "heavenly governance" of the Mohist school, the "prudent reflection" of the Confucian school, or the combination of "law, art and style" of Han Fei Zi, they are all vivid expressions of the idea of rules. The rules of the Party mainly include the Party Constitution, discipline, national laws, fine traditions and work habits, of which discipline is the written rule. In this regard, the General Secretary pointed out: "Among all the Party's disciplines and rules, the first is political discipline and political rules" [15]. The excellent traditional Chinese culture is the essential cultural heritage of the Communists in governing the Party, and the Party has made remarkable achievements in governing the country in inheriting the idea of the rule of law and the wisdom of rules.

2.3. The Logic of Reality: The Call of the Times for Courageous Self-Revolution

Theory comes from practice and develops continuously in practice. Ruling the Party in accordance with regulations has achieved the organic unity of problem orientation and mission leadership. Based on the Party's situation, the country's situation, and the world's situation, it responds to the many real problems existing in the Party in the context of the new era, and fits in with the current overall plan for the construction of China's socialist modernisation, and is a scientific guiding theory that responds to the real needs of the times and the development of the country.

First, it is an inherent need to ensure that the Party remains in power for a long time. Since the reform and opening up, while numerous historical achievements have been made, many real problems have also emerged within the Party. Ruling the Party according to regulations is aimed at the current weakness of the Party's leadership, the lack of Party construction, the ineffectiveness of the overall strict governance of the Party, the indifference of the Party's concept of indifference, organisational disorganisation, loose discipline, loose discipline, loose and flabby Party governance and other problems within the Party [16]. The General Secretary pointed out that the Party is still facing the serious challenges of the "four tests" and "four dangers", and that the Party must adhere to the ideological construction of the Party while urgently promoting the institutional governance of the Party in order to ensure its long-term ruling position, while "... the focus of the institutional governance of the Party is to comply with the rules and regulations. The focus of institutional governance is to govern the Party in accordance with the rules" [17]. It can be said that the problem orientation is one of the realistic starting points for ruling the party according to regulations.

Secondly, it is in line with the overall plan of China's modernization. Since socialism with Chinese characteristics entered the new era, the first hundred years of struggle has basically been achieved, and is now moving towards the second hundred years of struggle, the

transformation of the hundred years of struggle has injected fresh blood into the new era of governing the Party in accordance with the rules and regulations, and has helped to respond to the new requirements of the rule of law in the construction of China. "Rule of the country must first rule the party, the party must be strict", rule of the party in accordance with the rules is to promote the comprehensive rule of law is a necessary prerequisite for the state, only the party will be well managed and well ruled, in order to govern the country well. The General Secretary pointed out that to carry out a great social revolution in the new era of socialism with Chinese characteristics, it is necessary to strengthen the self-revolution and improve the ability to govern. China's problems must be solved first and foremost by the Party, and in particular by our own management and strict governance of the Party. The Party's self-revolution refers to the Party's continuous improvement of its purity and advancement through profound examination and self-adjustment of itself in order to lead the process of social revolution. Since the new era, the Party Central Committee, with Comrade General Secretary as its core, has put the rule of law thinking into practice in governing the country, incorporating the system of Party rules and regulations into the socialist rule of law system with Chinese characteristics, so that the Party's governance of the country is guaranteed by both Party rules and national laws [18].

3. The Core Essence of Ruling the Party in Accordance with The Rules

Since the 18th National Congress of the Party, the General Secretary has stood on the height of the overall situation of the strategy for the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation and the great changes that have not been seen in the world for a hundred years, profoundly analysed the new development of the world situation, the national situation and the Party's situation, and put forward the major assertion of adhering to ruling the Party according to the rules, and put forward a lot of new ideas and new requirements for the Party's construction of a new great project. The General Secretary's important exposition on ruling the Party according to regulations has laid the foundation for the moulding of the General Secretary's thought on the rule of law, which is the fundamental basis and action guide for ruling the country according to law in the new period. The General Secretary's important exposition on ruling the Party according to regulations has provided in-depth answers to the questions of the value pursuit and practical path of ruling the Party according to regulations in the new period, which also constitutes the core essence of ruling the Party according to regulations.

3.1. Value Pursuit of Ruling the Party According to Regulations

In the construction of a strong country, national rejuvenation of the new journey, the party to manage the party in order to manage the party, strict governance of the party in order to rule the party. In the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee on the sound system of comprehensive and strict governance of the Party held the fifteenth study, the General Secretary stressed the need to implement the general requirements of the Party's construction in the new era, to further improve the system of comprehensive and strict governance of the Party, and to strengthen the determination of the Party to continue to move forward in the new era of the construction of the Party's new great project. To promote the rule of the Party in accordance with the rules around the overall situation of the development of the Party and the national cause, and to achieve the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. Looking back on the Party's more than 100 years of struggle, it has always adhered to the mission of focusing on the centre and serving the overall situation in all periods of revolution, construction and reform, which is the mission of adhering to the rule of the Party in accordance with the rules and regulations. The General Secretary pointed out that "adhering to the Party's principle of being in charge of the Party, governing the Party strictly in a comprehensive manner and having the courage to make a self-revolution are elements of the general

requirements for Party construction in the new era" [19]. It fully embodies the pursuit of the value of ruling the Party according to rules in the new era.

First of all, ruling the Party in accordance with the rule of law has a fundamental, global, stable and long-term guiding role for Party building and national development. By governing the Party in accordance with the rules, we can ensure that all levels of Party organisations and all Party members always work on the track of the rule of law, thus maintaining the unity of the Party and enhancing its governing ability and leadership level. By adhering to the rule of law, we can ensure the advancement and purity of the Party, and ensure that the Party will always be the strong leading core of the socialist cause with Chinese characteristics.

Secondly, governing the Party in accordance with the rules is of far-reaching significance to the Party's long-term rule. In order to stay in power for a long time, a political party must constantly carry out self-revolution and maintain a state of mind that keeps pace with the times. The General Secretary attaches great importance to the establishment of a sound system of party regulations, and based on this top-level design, proposed to "establish a sound system of party regulations with the Party Constitution as the core, supplemented by complementary measures", and enhance its implementation capacity. Ruling the Party according to regulations is an important means for the Party to carry out a self-revolution. By strictly enforcing the Party's rules and regulations, problems within the Party are identified and corrected in a timely manner, and abuses of power and corruption are prevented, thus ensuring that the Party always wins the trust and support of the people.

Finally, governing the Party in accordance with regulations plays a pivotal role in achieving the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. The great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation is the greatest dream of the Chinese people since modern times, and it is also the historical mission that the Party has shouldered since its establishment. At present, China's economic and social development has fully entered a new era and a new stage of development. To promote high-quality economic and social development, to build a modern socialist country in all aspects, and to oversee the "five-in-one" overall layout and the "four-comprehensive" strategic layout, the Party needs to continuously promote self-revolution to lead the great social revolution. To realise this great dream, the Party must always maintain a high degree of political awareness and strong combat effectiveness. Ruling the Party in accordance with regulations can ensure that the Party plays its due leadership role in all fields and at all levels, and leads the people of all ethnic groups in the country in the common struggle to achieve the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

3.2. The Practical Path of Ruling the Party in Accordance with Regulations

The General Secretary's important exposition on ruling the Party according to regulations explains its scientific connotation from multiple latitudes, answering the questions of "what to rule according to", "what to rule", and "how to rule", which are a series of key foundations. The key questions are: to govern the whole Party on the basis of the Party's internal rules and regulations, to effectively strengthen the implementation of the Party's internal rules and regulations, and to insist on the organic unity of the rule of the Party according to rules and the rule of the country according to law.

(1) To govern the whole Party on the basis of the Party's internal regulations.

The General Secretary pointed out that "we should play the complementary roles of ruling the country according to law and ruling the Party according to rules and regulations, and ensure that the Party not only governs the country according to the Constitution and laws, but also governs the Party according to the Party's internal regulations and rules the Party in a strict manner" [6] (p198), clarifying the importance of the Party's internal regulations in the management of the Party and the Party's governance and rejecting the view that "governing the Party according to the Party's rules and regulations" is not a good idea. rules of the Party". Party

regulations is the centralised embodiment of the party's will, according to the party regulations governing the party must be oriented to all party members at all levels, covering all aspects of the party's construction.

First of all, to "grasp the key" as a starting point, give full play to the leading cadres of the demonstration role. The majority of leading cadres to rule the party in accordance with the specific work, will be "internalised in the heart" and "externalised in the line" organically combined, in the ideological clear status and role of the party's laws and regulations, in the action of the "regulations" Become a conscious behaviour, really dare to grasp, dare to supervise, dare to take responsibility, give full play to the "above rate" of the vanguard exemplary role. Ensure that all levels of party organisations and all party members always act on the track of party discipline and state law. This is not only an inevitable requirement for safeguarding the Party's unity and maintaining its advancement and purity, but also an important safeguard to ensure that the Party always becomes a strong leadership core for the cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics.

Secondly, deepening the reform of the State supervision and management system. The effective exercise of state supervision is an important form of supervision of the Party and an important means to effectively promote the Party's continuous improvement of its own quality. In order to achieve unified supervision of regulatory agencies and build a unified, authoritative and efficient regulatory system, Beijing, Shanxi and Zhejiang carried out pilot work on reforming the regulatory system in 2016. This was followed by nationwide pilots, gradually forming a complete supervisory system from the central to the local level. In 2018, China then formulated a national supervision system, which not only provides a legal basis for the reform of China's supervision system, but also complements the Party's internal regulations.

(2) Effectively strengthen the implementation of party regulations.

The General Secretary has repeatedly stressed the need to strengthen the implementation of regulations and systems, focusing on implementation and enforcement, not just on paper, verbal, long-term "lock" in the drawer, to make it really take root, so that it plays a role. In the new situation, strict enforcement of the law is to promote the fundamental rules and regulations of the party, and the implementation of the party's internal regulations is to test the effectiveness of China's rules and regulations of the party's important yardstick. This also highlights the importance of the implementation of party regulations and the need to truly reflect the value and role of regulations through practical action. Only by effectively strengthening the implementation of the Party's internal regulations can we ensure that internal affairs of the Party are conducted in accordance with the provisions and procedures, further strengthen the Party's organisational discipline and behavioural norms, and provide a solid guarantee of the rule of law for the development of the Party and the national cause.

Firstly, the construction of the Party's internal regulation system should be promoted at a high level and as a whole. In the process of the Party's self-revolution, the Party's self-revolution should be closely integrated with the overall cause of the Party, and the overall cause of the Party should be used as a leader and a driving force to promote the in-depth development of the Party's self-revolution [20]. Ruling the Party according to rules and regulations should focus on improving the quality of the Party's internal regulations as a whole, and should be carried out in an orderly manner in all fields, at all levels, and in all links, so as to achieve the scientific establishment of rules and regulations, the democratic establishment of regulations, and the establishment of rules and regulations according to rules and regulations. The historical process of party construction shows that ruling the party according to regulations is the basic guideline of the party, a summary of the party's theoretical innovations and practical experience, and the basic institutional basis for ruling the country according to law and the rule of law. It is necessary to improve the construction of the Party's internal regulations and system, and to perfect the Party's internal regulations system. Taking the Party Constitution as a guide,

we are comprehensively promoting the hierarchical construction of Party regulations and focusing on the establishment, reform, abolition and interpretation of Party regulations.

Secondly, there are no no-go areas for the enforcement of party rules. The Party has always emphasised the importance of party integrity and the fight against corruption, regardless of status, and any member of the Party, has the privilege of violating discipline and the law. In concrete work, transparency should be enhanced to avoid abuse of power, retaliation and other improper behaviour. Only with the concerted efforts of all Party members can the goal of a genuine Party with no prohibited areas of enforcement be achieved. "The enforcement of the Party's internal regulations is the root of the Party's political enforcement", its authority determines that there can be no no-go areas for the enforcement of rules, it is the fundamental requirement to promote the rule of the Party in accordance with the rules, resolutely safeguard the seriousness of the Party's internal rules and regulations, and it is also the intrinsic requirement to strictly enforce the rules, justly enforce the rules, and standardise the enforcement of the rules [6] (p21).

(3) Adhering to the combination of governing the Party in accordance with the rules and ruling the country in accordance with the law.

Since the Nineteenth National Congress, the General Secretary has established the organic unity of the rule of law and the rule of the Party in accordance with regulations as an important element of the basic strategy of "adhering to the rule of law in all respects". In the socialist rule of law system with Chinese characteristics, as an important part of the two, interdependent and mutually reinforcing, is the Party's leadership of the people to govern the country carried out a useful exploration, but also the rule of law in the construction of China's inevitable requirements. Ruling the Party in accordance with the rules means governing the Party on the basis of the Party Constitution and the system of Party regulations, while the core concept of ruling the country according to the rule of law is to adhere to the supremacy of the Constitution and the law, and through the rule of law to regulate the functioning of State power, safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of the people, and modernise the country's system of governance and its ability to govern. Combining the rule of the Party by regulation and the rule of the State by law is of great practical significance and far-reaching historical significance, and is an important manifestation of strengthening the coordination and consistency between the Party's internal rules and regulations and national laws, and ensuring that the Party's internal rules and regulations and national laws are mutually supportive and complementary.

First, this combination reflects the organic unity of Party leadership, people's sovereignty and the rule of law. Party leadership is the fundamental guarantee of the rule of the State by law, people's ownership is an essential feature of socialist democratic politics, and the rule of the State by law is the basic way in which the Party leads the people to govern the country. The three are mutually supportive and mutually reinforcing, and together constitute the basic framework for the political development of socialism with Chinese characteristics.

Secondly, this combination is conducive to the construction of a systematic, complete, scientifically regulated and effectively functioning system. The system of party regulations and the national legal system are the two pillars of the socialist rule of law system with Chinese characteristics. By strengthening the construction of the Party's internal regulations and system, and promoting the convergence and coordination of the Party's internal regulations and national laws, we can ensure that all the work of the Party and the State is always run on the track of the rule of law.

Finally, this combination is also conducive to enhancing the effectiveness of national governance. In modern societies, the rule of law is an important symbol of the modernisation of national governance systems and capacities. Through the organic combination of governing the Party in accordance with the rules and governing the country in accordance with the law,

we can promote the formation of a favourable rule of law environment in which we can act in accordance with the law, seek the law when in trouble, use the law to solve problems, and rely on the law to resolve contradictions, thereby enhancing the overall effectiveness of national governance.

4. The Value Implications of Ruling the Party According to Regulations

A series of speeches made by the General Secretary on ruling the Party according to regulations, a series of decision-making and deployment, and a series of important measures put forward show the Party's self-consciousness and firmness to continuously strengthen the rule of the Party according to regulations in the new historical period, with profound value implications. The General Secretary's important discourse on ruling the Party according to regulations is distilled from practice and is a scientific answer to the way of governing in the new period from a new historical orientation. Ruling the Party in accordance with rules and regulations implies great value for the Party's governing ability, the modernisation of the governance system and the realisation of the Chinese Dream.

4.1. It is a shining example of the combination of Marxist theory of party building and the practice of party building.

Since its founding, the Party has always insisted on combining the Marxist theory of party building with the actual practice of Chinese revolution and construction, constantly exploring the road of party building suitable for China's national conditions, and forming a series of theories and practical experiences of party building rich in Chinese characteristics, which have enriched the Party's theory of party building as well as developed the Marxist theory of party building.

(1) Developed the theory of party building.

To govern the Party in accordance with rules and regulations, to organically combine "strict governance of the Party" with "governing the country in accordance with the law", to combine the idea of the rule of law with the rule of law to govern the Party on the basis of Party rules and regulations, to bring Party building into the orbit of the rule of law, and to effectively and thoroughly implement the principle of the rule of law into all practical aspects of Party governance. The principle of the rule of law has been thoroughly implemented into all practical aspects of party governance. Since the reform and opening up of the Party, the Party has further deepened its work of Party building, putting forward a series of new theories and practices, such as the building of the Party's governing capacity and the building of the Party's advancement, and continuously promoting the building of the Party to a new level. In the Regulations on Internal Supervision of the Party, which were considered and adopted by the Sixth Plenary Session of the 18th Central Committee, the concept of governing the Party in accordance with rules and regulations appeared for the first time in the Party's internal regulations, and in the Party Constitution, which was considered and adopted at the 19th National Congress, the concept of governing the Party in accordance with rules and regulations was included in the section of the general programme. This is a new development in the Party's ruling ideology, philosophy and mode of governance, and a profound summary of the Party's century-long history of struggle, which has effectively raised the Party's awareness of the rules and regulations, strengthened the responsibility of Party members and cadres, enhanced the combat and cohesion of the Party's organisations, and facilitated the Party's own development and the consolidation of the Party's leading position.

(2) Enriched the Marxist theory of party building.

Ruling the Party in accordance with regulations, based on the reality of socialism with Chinese characteristics, is an innovation and development of the Marxist theory of Party building,

adapting to the development needs of contemporary China. Ruling the Party according to regulations embodies the inherent requirements of adhering to Party leadership, strengthening Party construction, and advancing the modernisation of national governance, and at the same time is an important aspect of Party governance [21]. Ruling the Party according to regulations is both a new requirement for the new period of strict party and state governance, and a new exploration of the study of Marxist theory of governance. Firstly, a new thinking has been established in party building. The General Secretary has put forward a series of new ideas and assertions on ruling the Party according to regulations, which are highly strategic, systematic and practical. This is the General Secretary's profound thinking and strategic deployment of the Party Central Committee on the issue of ruling the Party strictly, which organically combines the strict rule of the Party and the rule of the country according to law. Secondly, it focuses on the institutional construction of the Party. Ruling the Party in accordance with the rules, focusing on the establishment and improvement of the Party's internal regulatory system and accountability mechanism, emphasising the strengthening of the Party's standardisation. Further, it strengthens the education of party members. Ruling the Party according to regulations, in the process of enriching the Marxist theory of party building, it has strengthened the theoretical armament and ideological education of the majority of party members, and fostered a team of loyal and responsible party members. Finally, new elements of self-revolution have been injected. The Party's self-revolution, with the courage of turning the knife blade inward and governing the Party strictly according to the Party's internal regulations, and striving to create a clean and upright political atmosphere, will surely continue to promote the Party's construction to a higher level.

4.2. Ensuring that the Party remains a strong leading centre for the cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics

(1) Strengthening the political function of the Party.

The Party has insisted on governing the Party in accordance with the rules and regulations, and has advanced the scientific and standardised work of Party building. The Party stresses the importance of firmly upholding the authority of the Constitution, giving play to the centralised and unified leadership of the Party, and advancing the continuous development of the cause of the rule of law in socialism with Chinese characteristics. In this process, China has strengthened the construction of its legal and regulatory system, pushed forward the reform of the judicial system, strengthened the impartial administration of justice, fought corruption and crime, safeguarded the rights and interests of the people, and promoted social harmony and stability; in the course of the full development of all these endeavours, the Party's political function has been continuously strengthened in the form of the rule of law.

(2) It has enhanced the Party's leadership and governance.

The enhancement of the Party's leadership capacity and governing level is the direction in which the Party has long been making continuous efforts. Strengthening the Party's construction through rule by law is an important means of enhancing the Party's leadership and governing level. It is only by constantly improving the Party's leadership and governing level that it can make greater contributions to safeguarding the fundamental interests of the people and promoting the country's prosperity and development. The General Secretary's important exposition on governing the Party according to regulations provides a complete set of theoretical and institutional framework for Party construction, making Party construction work more institutionalised and standardised, which can effectively enhance the Party's leadership and governing ability.

(3) The purity and advancement of the Party has been maintained.

In ruling the Party according to regulations, it is emphasised that leading Party members and cadres must consciously abide by the Party's statutes and regulations, strictly implement the

Party's decisions and directives, be consistent in word and deed, and maintain the unity and purity of the Party. Grass-roots Party organisations play the role of a fighting fortress, liaise closely with the masses, implement the Party's lines and policies into practical work, and provide correct guidance and services to Party members and cadres. They strengthen the supervision of the power of leading Party members and cadres, establish a sound system of internal Party supervision, and strictly implement the system of Party organisational life and democratic centralism. By governing the Party in accordance with the rules, the Party is able to better unite the Party, unite the masses, continually strengthen the Party's construction work, maintain the Party's purity and advancement, and ensure that the Party always serves the people and fights for the cause of socialism.

4.3. Contributing Chinese wisdom and providing lessons for political party building around the world

Party after a long period of practice and summed up, formed to adapt to China's national conditions of the Marxist theory of party building and governing experience, with a high degree of significance. Since the 18th Congress, the Party Central Committee to promote the rule of law in the country's unprecedented determination and strength, stressing the need to adhere to the rule of law, rule by law, administration in accordance with the law to jointly promote the rule of law, adhere to the rule of law, the rule of law, the rule of law, the rule of law, the construction of society as a whole, a solid implementation of the spirit of the Party to the work of all the work [22]. General Secretary of the important thesis on the rule of law of the party, the party's great practice of the latest achievements, not only the party to the international stage, but also for the construction of political parties in all countries put forward a new topic for the cracking of the world's political parties to build the problem contributes to the wisdom of China.

5. Concluding Remarks

An in-depth study of ruling the Party according to regulations in the new era will help deepen the understanding of the Party's leadership style, governance logic and working methods. In order to make the Party's construction more institutionalised, procedural and standardised, we must steadily push forward the unfolding of all the work of ruling the Party according to regulations in accordance with the laws of Party construction, constantly improve the Party's leadership and governing level, and make ruling the Party according to regulations a long-term mechanism. Under the guidance of the General Secretary's important exposition on ruling the Party according to regulations, our practice of ruling the Party according to regulations will be steadily advanced, while at the same time providing richer practical and theoretical experience for the General Secretary's important exposition on ruling the Party according to regulations.

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