



The Solutions to Implement Effectively Party-Building Work According to the Resolution of the 4th Plenum of the 12th Party Central Committee in the Current Period

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Abstract: *In this paper, the author aims to analyze the role and importance of Party building in general and in terms of morality according to President Ho Chi Minh's ideology and the guidelines of Communist Party of Vietnam. At the same time, the author points out the basic contents of Party-building work and presented a number of major solutions to effectively implement the Party-building in terms of morality according to the Resolution of the 4th Plenum of the 12th Party Central Committee in the current period.*

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1. INTRODUCTION

Previously, the documents of Communist Party of Vietnam pointed out clearly the goal of the Party-building in terms of politics, ideology and organization, considering them as the basic and consistent orientation in Party- building work. At the 12th National Party Congress, on the basis of inheriting and developing Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh's ideology, practical review and theoretical research on Party building work, our Party has supplemented the goal of Party-building in term of morality. The National Party Congress has affirmed that in order to strengthen the leadership capacity, the ruling Party must be intellectual and moral, as President Ho Chi Minh stated, "Our Party is moral and civilized"¹. Hence it is imperative to focus on party-building morally, especially when our Party is the ruling one. This is a highlight and new point in the content of Party-building in the Resolution of the 12th National Party Congress which has just been approved, which is a necessary supplementation and renovation in the way of thinking about Party-building work at present.

2. THE CONCEPTION OF PRESIDENT HO CHI MINH AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF VIETNAM ON THE ROLE OF PARTY-BUILDING WORK IN TERMS OF MORALITY IN THE CURRENT PERIOD

Building revolutionary ethics is not a new issue. It has been highly valued by President Ho Chi Minh. In the book "Duong Kach Menh" (Revolutionary path) used for training the first-generation cadres of the Party, Ho Chi Minh wrote about moral qualities of revolutionists. This is also the central issue throughout Ho Chi Minh's later works such as "Modifying working styles" published in 1947, "Revolutionary ethics" published in 1958, and "Improving revolutionary morality, wiping out individualism" in 1969. In his will left for the Party, people and the army before his pass-away, regarding morality, he emphasized four words "truly": "Our Party is a ruling party. Each party member and cadre must truly imbue with revolutionary morality in order to be truly uphold diligence, thrift, integrity, honesty and impartiality. We must keep our Party truly clean and deserve to be the leader, the truly loyal servant of the people"². It can be said that the issue of revolutionary ethics and morality of party members have always considered as the top priorities by Uncle Ho. According to Ho Chi Minh, revolutionists must have fine moral qualities, if not, they cannot become good leaders.

By grasping Ho Chi Minh's ideology, throughout the historical periods, especially in difficult times of our country, ethical issues have become more and more concerned by our people and highly valued by the Party leaders. In the context of a portion of cadres and party members declining in political

ideology, morality, lifestyle, corruption, the people's trust in the Party are reducing, President Ho Chi Minh's words about the constant need to train revolutionary morality became more and more urgent. Previously, Uncle Ho said "Our Party is great" because our Party had the right way and the Party was ethical and civilized, at that time every citizen was grateful to the Party and the government for giving them a good life. But now, with the decline of the people's trust in the Party, the task of building a strong and clean Party becomes more urgent than ever. The party members must have fine moral qualities. In order to be strong, the Party must be clean first.

For the past 90 years, since the foundation of the Party, the destiny of our nation has been closely linked to the destiny of the Party. Building a clean and strong party in terms of morality is a prerequisite for the victory of Vietnam's revolution. Revolutionary requirements and missions in the new era require increasing leadership of the Party. Especially in the context of a ruling Party, our Party must be very clean. The vitality and strength of the Party depend heavily on the relationship between the Party and the people. The history of revolutionary struggles of our Party and nation has proved that at any time the Party shows its pioneering and benefits to the people and is closely connected with the masses, being trusted and supported by the masses, the Party will be strong and can lead the revolution successfully. On the contrary, if the Party stands away from the masses, not being trusted and supported by the masses, it will be weakened, reduced its fighting strength and may fail. To be strong, trusted and supported by the masses, the Party must be ethical, clean, worthy of being the leader and loyal servant of the people. That revolutionary view is the cause that creates the Party's strength to lead the people to gain the victories. "Although the task is very easy, without the support of the people, it cannot be completed. On the contrary, with the participation and support of the people, every hard task will be fulfilled"³.

Our Party draws lessons through practice on the close-knit relations between the Party and the people, considering the people as the root of the revolution. The party and the people are united and merged as one entity which cannot be separated. The entire strength of the Party is not only in the Party itself, but mainly in the close-knit relations between the Party and the people.

In order for the Party to be truly ethical, civilized, pure and strong, we must resolutely expel the degenerated party members out of the Party. According to President Ho Chi Minh, individualism is a root disease which results in other dangerous diseases such as arrogance, bossiness, corruption, wastefulness, etc. "A nation, a party and a person, who was great yesterday is not necessarily loved and praised today and tomorrow if they are not pure and contaminated with individualism"⁴. It is individualism that has led to party members' degeneration, and violated Party's discipline. For personal benefits, they divide by faction within the Party, thereby causing serious consequences such as reducing the Party's strength, declining the people's faith in the Party. In fact, in party central committees where there is disunity, it is not only harmful to the Party's internal affairs but also to the people because it is no longer a place for the people to rely on. It is also a weakness of which the hostile forces take advantage and incite the people, causing internal divisions within the Party, dividing the Party with the people, and threatening the survival of the Party.

In order to meet the requirements of the new context, the Party must be built and modified in order to be stronger in all aspects. Building a moral and civilized party is one of the decisive factors for the victory of the national renewal process. President Ho Chi Minh affirmed that our Party is a truly revolutionary party. "The Party is not an organization for officials and party members to earn money. The Party must fulfill the task of national liberation, making the country rich and prosperous and its people happy"⁵. Therefore, in the daily work, each cadre and party member must first of all be a citizen with good moral qualities and a good example in fulfilling his duties. "Party members must do first, then the people follow". Ho Chi Minh asserted, "Revolutionists must consider revolutionary morality as the basis to complete the glorious revolutionary missions."⁶

The movement "To study and follow the moral example of Ho Chi Minh" is carrying out deeply within the Party and throughout the society, promoting a new change in the Party-building and rectification. That movement has strengthened the unity within the Party, making the Party stronger and cleaner to be capable of leading and organizing the people to overcome all difficulties and challenges, making the country more and more prosperous and meeting the people's expectations.

From the vivid realities of the Vietnamese revolution, in the documents of the 12th National Party Congress passed, for the first time the issue of building Party in terms of morality was mentioned in

the section “to strengthen the training of revolutionary ethics and combat individualism, opportunism and pragmatism”. The document also stated the task of “Making regular education and morality training an important content in the goal of building the Party”. Specifically, “Building a clean and strong party politically, ideologically, organizationally and morally”. This is the first time our Party has combined ethics, politics, ideology and organization into the goal of building the Party. Therefore, the 12th National Party Congress put the regular moral education and training into an important content in the goal of building the Party is completely right, in accordance with the requirements of building the Party and meeting people's expectations. This is both the party's responsibility and the people's task in the current period.

3. SOME BASIC CONTENTS OF PARTY BUILDING IN TERMS OF MORALITY ACCORDING TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE 4th PLENUM OF THE 12th PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AT PRESENT

The 12th National Party Congress continued to affirm that Party-building is a key task. In order to implement the Resolution of the 12th National Party Congress, the 12th Party Central Committee issued Resolution No. 04-NQ /TW on “Strengthen Party-building and rectification, preventing and repelling the degeneration in political ideology, morality, lifestyles and manifestations of “self-evolution” and internal “self-transformation”. This shows the political determination of the Party in Party-building work.

Implementing the Resolution of the 12th National Party Congress, the resolution of the 4th Plenum of the 11th and 12th Party Central Committee, it is imperative to step up and resolutely carry out the task of building the Party in terms of morality synchronously with building the Party in terms of politics, ideology and organization as well as the task of developing the economy, culture, society of the country to create a foundation for building revolutionary morality.

The documents of the National Party Congress stated, “We must strengthen the training of revolutionary ethics, fighting against individualism, opportunism and pragmatism. We also need to focus on implementing the target: Building a clean and strong Party politically, ideologically, organizationally and morally”⁷. This is a new step in developing the theoretical thinking about Party-building in accordance with the objective requirements of the vanguard Communist Party in a country with the tradition of ethics and humanity. Besides, it also meets the urgent demands to prevent the negative impact of the market economy and international integration. Especially, it improves the quality of the party organization, the cadres and party members to ensure that the Party is truly clean to firmly fulfill the responsibility of building and defending the Fatherland in the new period and consolidating the people's faith in the Party.

Building the Party in terms of morality can be generalized into 4 core contents as follows:

Firstly, to be profoundly aware and specifically identify manifestations of degradation of morality and lifestyle mentioned in the Resolution of the 4th Plenum of the 12th Party Central Committee and relationship between these manifestations, analyzing the root cause of manifestations to find the solutions to overcome them.

Secondly, to continue to educate and forge revolutionary ethics in the new situation. National independence associated with socialism are the goal and ideals of our Party, which are also the revolutionary moral ideals. Party members' responsibilities are serving the people wholeheartedly, sacrificing for the Party and for the people. Each party member must uphold diligence, thrift, integrity, honesty and impartiality. Party members must be ready to sacrifice their personal interests for the sake of the Fatherland, the Party, and collective interests.

Thirdly, to strengthen the training of revolutionary ethics, fighting against individualism, opportunism, and pragmatism. As President Ho Chi Minh said, “Revolutionary ethics does not fall from heaven. It is developed and reinforced by constant struggle and training”. Therefore, each party organization, government organization, cadres and party members need to attach great importance to moral education and training including family morality, professional ethics and work ethics. From the revolutionary moral standards of cadres and party members as President Ho Chi Minh pointed out, “diligence, thrifty, integrity, honesty, impartiality”, “humanity, justice, wisdom, courage, integrity”, it is necessary to concretize into a standard system of relationships between cadres, party members and party organizations and the people in accordance with the responsibilities and duties of each person. On that basis, every year each leader and party member are committed to training and preserving their fine moral qualities and lifestyles, not falling into degeneration and manifestations of “self-evolution”,

“self-transformation”. Party committees and organizations shall inspect and supervise the fulfillment of commitments by officials and party members of their respective agencies.

Fourthly, to complete and strictly implement the mechanism of inspection and supervision of the implementation of Regulation No. 101-QD / TW, dated June 7, 2012 of Secretariat on the responsibility of setting examples of officials and party members, especially key leaders at all levels, the higher the position officials are, the more exemplary they are because "one example is more alive than hundreds of speeches". The lifestyle of cadres and party members must be clean, healthy, and very close to reality in order to understand the thoughts and legitimate aspirations of the masses. Raising awareness of serving the people. What is beneficial to the people must be done, what is harmful to the people must be avoided. Resolutely fighting against manifestations of emotionlessness, red-tape, authoritarian, harassment and irresponsibility to the people. The degeneration in political ideology, morality, lifestyles, corruption, red-tape, negativity, individualism and selfishness of cadres and party members are bad "examples" which reduce the people's trust in the Party, State and the socialist regime. President Ho Chi Minh stated: “Party members - whether in high or low status - must be exemplary models for the masses everywhere”. To promote the role of cadres and party members, it is necessary to consolidate, uphold and strictly implement the principles of self-criticism and criticism. Recently, in implementing the Resolution of the 4th Plenum of Party Central committee, we implemented these principles not well and effectively. Some cadres and party members have not voluntarily acknowledged their weaknesses and responsibilities in the task assigned to them. Therefore, in order to promote the effectiveness of self-criticism and criticism, it is imperative to have mechanisms for checking and supervising cadres and party members within the Party organizations and monitoring from the public.

4. MAJOR SOLUTIONS TO EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT THE PARTY BUILDING WORK ACCORDING TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE 4th PLENUM OF THE 12th PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AT PRESENT

The Resolution has provided solutions with the guiding viewpoint is that the solutions must be implemented regularly, continuously and synchronously at all levels with high political determination and great efforts. The solutions are on political ideology, self-criticism and criticism; on mechanisms and policies; on inspection, supervision and party discipline; on promoting the role of the people and the Fatherland Front, socio-political organizations. In particular, there are a number of very important new solutions, such as compulsory learning of political theory; training and preserving good moral qualities, fighting against degeneration and manifestations of "self-evolution" or "self-transformation"; having mechanism of state power control; tightening discipline in the Party organizations, upholding the laws of the State, publicizing the results of handling violations; maintaining unity of policy and discipline between the Party and the State. At the same time, increasing the authority and responsibility of the leader to punish cadres under his authority and the people's supervision in building the Party; promoting the role of the press agencies and having motivational mechanism, such as salary or housing policy, etc. On the basis of grasping such solutions, the Party committees, party organizations and officials in charge at all levels shall implement them with a sense of responsibility and a high political consciousness to the Party, the people and destiny of our nation.

Firstly, to define Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's ideology as the Party's ideological foundation and the guiding principles for all the actions of our country's revolution. The platform for building the country during the transition to socialism (supplemented and developed in 2011) wrote about Ho Chi Minh's thought with new, comprehensive and complete perceptions than ever.

Secondly, to determine the Party-building work as the key task. And at the 12th National Party Congress, building the Party along with the Party's rectification is considered as the top and long-term tasks.

Thirdly, to implement the Directive No. 05-CT/TW of the Politburo, dated May 15, 2016, on “Promoting learning and following Ho Chi Minh's ideology, morality and style”. This is a basic, long-term and strategic solution to the Party's existence and development so that the Party can fulfill its duties and historic mission to the people and the nation. This is the regular work of party organizations, authorities, socio-political organizations, localities at all levels associated with fighting against degeneration in political ideology, morality, lifestyles and manifestations of “self-evolution”, “self-transformation”.

Fourthly, to fight resolutely against red-tape, corruption, wastefulness, individualism, opportunism, pragmatism, factionalism, “group interests”, “failure to match words with deeds”.

Fifthly, to affirm the great idea of President Ho Chi Minh, that is "relying on the people to build the Party, government and mass organizations. Relying on the people to strengthen the control of power, preventing and repelling the degeneration in political ideology, morality, lifestyles and manifestations of “self- evolution” and “internal self- transformation”. The key task is to promote democratic practice within the Party and fighting against the problems such as national corruption. Appreciating the responsibilities and exemplary examples of party organizations and party members, the committees and the leaders of committees.

Sixthly, to build and implement strictly regulations to promote the role of taking good examples in morality, lifestyles, working styles of cadres, party members, especially officials and leaders, leaders of agencies at all levels.

Seventhly, to implement strictly the mechanism of inspection, supervision and control of the party organizations, social supervision and criticism of the Fatherland Front, socio-political organizations and the people on ethical qualities, lifestyle of cadres and party members.

5. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, this paper has showed the goal of the Party- building work in terms of morality. The author has also presented some solutions to implement effectively the Party building work following the Resolution of the 4th Plenum of the 12th Party Central committee. Due to the long and complicated process of the Party-building in terms of morality, our Party advocates to drastically and synchronously implement the solutions; promoting the initiatives, creativity and synergy of the entire political system and the people. Combining the daily self-cultivation and training of cadres and party members with the education, management of party organizations, supervision of the Fatherland Front, socio-political organizations, in which leaders and managers, senior officials and the heads are the core; completing and strictly implementing regulations on responsibility of setting the examples of cadres and party members, especially, the members of the Politburo member, the Secretariat, the Central Executive Committee members and the party secretary at all levels.

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