**Socialist Core Values: The Basic Content and Interpretation of Socialist Core Values in China**

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**I.The basic content of socialist core values**

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The 18th CPC National Congress in 2012 proposed to advocate prosperity, democracy, civility and harmony, freedom, equality, justice and the rule of law, patriotism, dedication, honesty and friendliness, and actively cultivate and practice the core socialist values.

Prosperity, democracy, civility and harmony are the value goals at the national level, on the other hand freedom, equality, justice and the rule of law are the value orientations at the social level, and thirdly patriotism, dedication, honesty and friendliness are the value criteria at the individual level upheld by Chinese citizens.

**II. Interpretation of the socialist core values ​​and their meanings**

**National Level: Prosperity, democracy, civilization and harmony**

"Prosperity, democracy, civilization and harmony" are the construction goals of my country's socialist modernization. They are also the distillation of the basic concepts of the socialist core values ​​from the perspective of value goals. They are at the highest level in the socialist core values ​​and have a leading role in other levels of value concepts. Prosperity means that the country is rich and the people are strong. It is the proper state of economic construction in a socialist modernization country, the beautiful aspiration that the Chinese nation has long dreamed of, and the material basis for the prosperity of the country and the happiness and well-being of the people. Democracy is a beautiful appeal of human society. The democracy we pursue is people's democracy, and its essence and core is that the people are the masters of the country. It is the life of socialism and the political guarantee for creating a beautiful and happy life for the people. Civilization is an important symbol of social progress and an important feature of a socialist modernization country. It is the proper state of cultural construction in a socialist modernization country, a summary of the socialist culture that is oriented to modernization, the world and the future, and is national, scientific and popular, and an important support for realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. Harmony is the basic concept of Chinese traditional culture, which embodies the vivid situation of having education, income, medical care, care for the elderly and housing. It is the value pursuit of a socialist modern country in the field of social construction and an important guarantee for the harmonious, stable, sustainable and healthy development of the economy and society.

**Social Level: Freedom, equality, justice, rule of law**

"Freedom, equality, justice and the rule of law" is a vivid expression of a beautiful society and a distillation of the basic concepts of the socialist core values ​​from a social perspective. It reflects the basic attributes of socialism with Chinese characteristics and is the core value concept that our party has been committed to and has been practicing for a long time. Freedom refers to the freedom of human will, existence and development. It is a beautiful aspiration of human society and a social value goal pursued by Marxism. Equality refers to the equality of all citizens before the law, and its value orientation is to continuously achieve substantive equality. It requires respect and protection of human rights, and everyone has the right to equal participation and equal development in accordance with the law. Justice is social fairness and justice. It is based on the liberation of people and the acquisition of their freedom and equal rights. It is the fundamental value concept that the country and society should have. The rule of law is the basic way of governing the country, and governing the country according to law is the basic requirement of socialist democratic politics. It maintains and protects the fundamental interests of citizens through legal construction, and is the institutional guarantee for achieving freedom, equality, fairness and justice.

**Personal Level: Patriotism, dedication, integrity, friendliness**

"Patriotism, dedication, honesty, and friendliness" are the basic moral norms of citizens, and are the distillation of the basic concepts of the socialist core values ​​from the perspective of personal behavior. It covers all areas of social moral life, is the basic moral code that citizens must abide by, and is also the basic value standard for evaluating citizens' moral behavior choices. Patriotism is based on the deep feelings of an individual's dependence on his or her motherland, and is also a code of conduct that regulates the relationship between an individual and the motherland. It is closely linked to socialism, requiring people to take the revitalization of China as their responsibility, promote national unity, safeguard the unification of the motherland, and consciously serve the motherland. Dedication is a value evaluation of the citizens' professional code of conduct, requiring citizens to be loyal to their duties, self-denial and dedicated to the public, serve the people, and serve the society, which fully reflects the socialist professional spirit. Honesty, that is, honesty and trustworthiness, is a moral tradition passed down by human society for thousands of years, and is also the key content of socialist moral construction. It emphasizes honest work, keeping promises, and treating people sincerely. Friendliness emphasizes that citizens should respect, care for, and help each other, live in harmony and friendship, and strive to form a new type of socialist interpersonal relationship.