The Official-oriented Thought: The Historical Cause, The Realistic Harm and The Governance Path

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Abstract. The official-oriented thought is the product of the combine to the bureaucratic politics of the outdated bureaucracy in China, the ideological concept of ranking and the backward small-peasant economy, and is the reflection of the operation mode of the backward social economy in the political field. In contemporary China, there is still a large market in the official-oriented, which it is a kind of power to hinder the political development of the China. It is an important part for Chinese political reform to get rid of the official-oriented thought that through the modernization of governance system and governance capacity to the political China embarked on the road of democracy and the rule of law, so as to maximally enhance the well-being of the people.

Introduction
With the economic development has made remarkable achievements, China has become the second largest economy country of the world. Political development is lagging behind to compare with the high speed development of economy that one of the most important performance is, there is still exist the official-oriented that produced in ancient backward economy era which to some extent affect Chinese officialdom and to make Chinese political ecology showing a discrepancy to compare with vitality of economic development. The official-oriented as historical decay consciousness and behavior is directly related to allocation, use and operation of the political power when those progress out of the way, generated from the traditional society of the official-oriented thought consciousness and the decision of the behavior is often staged. In this case, some officials who has power of their owner will get the official interest that more than multiplicative real reward. The general public servants want to be public officials for their political goal and the public officials will support each other, so that the official-oriented thought and behavior to further strengthen. With the official-oriented thought, leading cadres think that his power is the tool to control subordinates and masses, is the way to show his glory and the position, is a promotion and gain achievement for their own[1].

Official-Oriented Thought and Its Origin
The Meaning of the Official-Oriented Thought
Official standard thought, first appeared in 1980s, is not a strict scientific concept but a popular saying. This argument originated in the economics of terminology: gold-oriented. The gold-oriented refers to a kind of monetary system based on gold as the standard currency, which using gold as a single value scale to measure the value of other commodities. In this view, in the first proposed the term, the meaning of the official-oriented at least is whether the official as a core social value scale to measure a person's social status and value.

Originally, the official is a relatively good name: who handle the national business said the officer that is the original meaning of public service, including service the civil and society by the modern civilized politics required. But in the later, with the advent of the feudal society, people idea have changed. The society have come into being ideology to pay heavily attention to official, which officials of the rights, dignity and wealth get maximal protection, and dominate the others especially grass people fate at the certain extent, but they have the immunity in violation of the law that led to civilians feel not only admire but also a bit more fear. The ancient official system through specific
form such as ordinary people see the officials to be avoided or kneel strengthen the official-oriented thought. Eventually, in the Chinese society gradually formed the official-oriented thought. Therefore, although the official-oriented thought come from the modern, in fact that has already existed in ancient times, which it is a kind of alienation of the original meaning of the official. This idea includes four connotations: First, the operation of public power in the official interests and will for the most fundamental starting point and the end; Second, It is based on the strict discipline and hierarchy, that the lower inferior to the superior who have the absolute right for lower; Third, as a ruler whether official, official size, official rank or reference to the rank level to measure people's social status and life value of the social psychology; Fourth, It is based on this thought that come to being the admiration and fearing of the official social psychological.

The Historical Origin of the Official-Oriented Thought

The Ancient Autocratic Society Is the Institutional Root of the Official-Oriented Thought. 2000 years of authoritarian history in China produced autocracy, bureaucracy, personal worship, individual arbitrariness, paternalism, grade investiture bureaucrats shield one another, cheating, hierarchy, patriarchal ideology, nepotism, jealous, cronyism, worldly-wise and play safe, conformist and conservative of consciousness etc. This kind of official standard thought consciousness has spread for thousands of years, until now in our country social life still has the very deep influence. Some Communist Party members and leading cadres of the party who also consciously and unconsciously become the prisoners of the official-oriented thought.

The Benefit of Privilege Is the Economic Source of the Existence of the Official-Oriented Thought. In tradition society, being an official means that others do not have the privilege to enjoy some privileges, not only can easily address the problem of existence and smoothly achieve the value of life, also can put into the pleasure seeking privilege tools. Therefore, the temptation of privilege is a major source of formation of the official-oriented thought. Since the Fist Emperor of Qin unified China, then China entered the highly centralized monarchy, imperial power dominated all of things. As the ruling class the core of the feudal who enjoyed the luxury of achievements of the material and cultural that created by the laboring people with sweat. The literati class is the carrier of the existence of the official-oriented thought, meanwhile, has strengthened the social public official-oriented consciousness[2].

Desire to Get Rid of Poverty Provides the Driving Force for the Official-Oriented Thought. In the traditional society in China, people have a very painful life due to the neglect of science and technology and the commodity economy. People can still maintain food and clothing in good weather. When people encountered natural calamities and man-made misfortunes that hunger can hardly be avoided. However, no matter natural calamities or man-made misfortunes, being an officer can successfully survive and development. Therefore, under the condition of the economy is backward, striving for the officers is not only to become the best choice for people to get rid of the crisis, but also become a shortcut to enjoy wealth. Villages and towns had been composed society by the hundreds of extreme dispersed, similar to each other and a rare Commodity Exchange relationship that need to produce high above and the emperor control everything of collective regime and dominant ideology, which it is the Oriental Despotism[3].

Subjects Type Political Culture Had Provided Cultural Soil of for Official-Oriented Thought. The political culture is the psychological and spiritual reflection of the political relation. On the subject for Chinese traditional political culture is different from the western type of citizen political culture of the subjects of political culture, lack of equality between people in this culture, emphasizes the differences between people, exist rigid hierarchies in society, on the contrary between the government and the people, weaken subject status of the individual who completely dependent on power, become the core of the society who has the power, turn contributed to the official desire when the people are willing to regard as their parent. In this way, the official-oriented has become a curse that deeper lingering and deeper in our national conception.
The Realistic Harm of the Official-Oriented Thought

Official-Oriented Thought Led to the Rise of Bureaucratic Capital, and Limited the Free Competition

The bureaucratic capital is not to depend on the public authority which is granted by the government or the concession power obtained by the public bidding, but cash in on the part of the capital by bureaucratic oneself to make use of own power. High officials or the enterprise have the background of officials that can reduce the risk. Official individual have a larger freedom for exercising public power that can bring special benefits to the bureaucratic capital in scope permitted by law or the law is not limited, which seriously damage to the market economy of free competition.

The Official-Oriented Leads to the Alienation of Power, Which Has Shaken the Foundation of the Legitimacy of the Ruling

Some officials used power by people given to seek personal gains, power officer deals and trading power for money and sex. Some officials engage in doing business, disguised in business and contact business, so as to enrich themselves; Some officials try to establish a relationship with others officials, to running official wants the official and cheat officer and to raise money by selling official title; for some corruption and bribery. To a certain extent, these phenomena have shaken the basis of the legitimacy of the ruling.

The Relationship between Officials and the Public Was Damaged by the Official Standard

Due to the existence of official-oriented thought and, the power of state organs is very powerful, also because of the lack of effective restraint mechanism of public power, so it is impossible to eradicate the disease from the system on power-holder abuse power and violate civil rights. Too much of the official power, too small of the civil rights and the government and the civil rights are not equal, which lead to the people cannot be treated officials, so the phenomenon of abuse of power is bound to occur. The official-oriented thought had necessarily produced bureaucracy, bureaucratic style of thinking. The official-oriented thought seriously had harmed the interests of the people and the relationship between the officials and the people.

The Governance Path of the Official-Oriented Thought

To Strengthen the Supervision of Power to Provide Constraint Mechanism for Breaking the Official-Oriented Thought

State officials at all levels have the corresponding administrative power, but the power must be supervised and restricted. As early as nineteenth century, John Acton, a famous British historian, once said: power leads to corruption, and absolute power leads to absolute corruption. In order to Officials at all levels make the correct exercise of power, defined the scope of power use the power in their hands must be effectively, return power that should belong to the society, enterprises and citizens. At the same time, you must configure the power reasonably and ensure that power is a reasonable division of labor and interaction.

To Continuously Improve the Citizen Political Participation Consciousness to Lay the Ideological Foundation for Breaking the Official-Oriented Thought

Since the establishment of People's Republic of China (PRC), the overall quality of China citizens has been greatly improved, but the political awareness is still relatively weak, which they think political thing is about officers, is no of their own business. Even participate in the democratic election or democratic decision-making, they also have thought of be frightened by trouble, and do not recognize their own rights and obligations. Therefore, we must further enhance the awareness of political participation of citizens, and make them aware of their political participation is embodied in power. Orderly political participation by citizens, to enhance the democratic, and service and effectiveness of public management.[4] As the government must enhance the openness and
transparency of the work for the masses to create opportunities for participation, so that they can participate in the process of political literacy in the process of exercise and improve. With the enhancement of citizen political participation consciousness and the increase of the opportunity of participating in politics, the official-oriented thought has gradually lost the market.

To Continue to Strengthen Democracy and the Legal System to Provides Institutional Guarantee for Breaking the Official-Oriented Thought

The biggest characteristic of the official-oriented is to govern citizen that is not much the rule of law, is to depends on the number of officials with a strong executive will, right above the law, method instead of the law, speech instead of the law. generation to maintain. Obviously, this is a violation of the spirit of democracy and the legal system. As long as there is rule of men, the official-oriented will take advantage of a weak point of the civil rights that cannot be guaranteed, and sometimes can be violated, which is inconsistent with democratic politics, is also inconsistent with the modern rule of law. Therefore, strengthening democracy and the legal system is the best disinfectant.

Conclusion

To recognize the historical source of the official-oriented thought and the realistic harm is a major issue in Chinese political life, and it is also a practical issue related to the development trend of the political future. On the other hand, the overall trend of political civilization of mankind is an effective restriction of power to make the power of officials not to seek private space. On the other hand, the power of the owner with democracy and the rule of law. A person in charge of the officials that should keep the justice and fair principle, not for their private interests will originally belongs to public power to seek the tools for their own private variable. The official-oriented thought, which is the value orientation of modern political civilization, has become a great obstacle to the current political development in China. The government can lead the people to completely get rid of the social harm of the official-oriented thought through the modernization of national governance system and governance capacity.

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