Analysis of Chinese Contemporary Feminism under the Marx's Perspective

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Abstract. China's feminist movement take Marxist outlook on women as the guiding ideology, the liberation of Chinese women and their rights are all benefited from this. Marxist outlook on women holds that the degree of liberation of women marks the level of civilization of a society. The degree of liberation of contemporary Chinese women has been improved, but there is still phenomenon of discrimination. To solve the problem of contemporary Chinese feminist, we must vigorously develop the productive forces, promote the balanced development of social economy, provide adequate labor opportunities for women, with full respect for women's employment autonomy; women themselves should actively improve their cultural level, raise their self-consciousness and right consciousness.

Introduction

At the end of eighteenth century, the basic rights and social status of women enhanced under the rise of feminist movement. The feminist movement in China based on Marxist outlook on women, the liberation of Chinese women and the realization of their rights all benefit from this. Marx's outlook on women in Marx's philosophy is mainly in Engels's book Der Ursprung der Familie, des Privateigentums und des Staats (Below, we use it as "origin"). Marx theory as the guiding ideology in Marxist outlook on women, it is based on Marx's world view and methodology as core idea, the social background as the precondition to understand women. Marx's outlook on women is the general view and fundamental idea on the evolution of women's historical status and social status, the development of women's social rights and the ways of women's liberation.

Marx's outlook on women explained in a historical review for the change of women's status. The change of women's status is determined by the development of the society which is based on the development of social productive forces[1]. Mao Zedong's outlook on women is the inheritance and development of Marx's outlook on women, to analyze and solve the women problems under the framework between productive force and relations of production. Therefore, Chinese women's Liberation and equality between men and women is a part of Chinese people's anti-imperialist and anti-feudal struggle, and then achieved victory in a short period of time. So the women get rid of the oppression from the top of the mountains, and become "half of the sky". After the Chinese economic reform, along with economic development, ideological liberation and cultural opening, Chinese movement of equality between men and women develop very fast. Women's rights and interests have been paid more attention and protection.[2]
Problems and Deficiencies of Women's Rights and Interests

First, the protection and realization of women's political rights is not enough. The dialectical relationship between economic base and superstructure in historical materialism is expressed as: "economic base determines the superstructure, and the superstructure also acts on the economy." At present, women through their own transformation and the class struggle to enhance their own society and the independence, equality between men and women is not only legal in the feeble text, and gender equality in fact has considerable achievements. Women's economic status has been protected, so the way into political field and the political rights requirements should be satisfied. The earliest feminist demand for politics was the satisfaction of the vote right, and in today's China, as the development of feminism, this right has been satisfied, but possibility of the inevitable political rights in women is zero or they have to sacrifice part of their other interests.[3] There are also problems in the specific practice of political life though the number has been improved throughout the women's participation in politics. There are two prominent problems. One is the women's participation number is small, and the other is that the structure is unreasonable and the rights and interests of women in administrative system are affected.

Second, women are still discriminated in the higher level of education. In contemporary China, the coverage of higher education is getting higher and higher, more and more women enter the higher education. It is gratifying that the degree of protection of women's education is high in undergraduate course. But in postgraduate and doctoral education, women's right to receive education is still a problem. In doctoral phase, women's unequal treatment are not be ignored not only from the education environment, but also from the social life pressure. The contradiction between social life and study so highlighted that female students faced that life problem impacted their studies.

Third, Women's employment autonomy can't be guaranteed, the unfair employment still exists. The employment of women is a very important part in unfair treatment area. The reason are mainly because their own physical body constitution are not compared with men in terms of physical ability, so the strong technical and high physical requirements work are not suitable for women, so many jobs refused women. [4]This kind of employment discrimination reflects that the disregard of the interests for female employees still exists in some fields and enterprises, and it is also the obliteration for female employees' human rights.

Fourth, traditional feudal morality often kidnapped women. In today's society, the three obediences and the four virtues have been eliminated by the times, but the influence of the traditional feudal morality for women still exists. For example, women over the age of marriage should marry. The higher social status and higher education they have, the more criticism there are for her. Women with doctor degree are difficult to solve her marriage. Such problems invariably reflect that women in social moral aspects still experience the moral kidnapping.

Fifth, domestic violence are not eliminated although the status of women has changed. Although men are not allowed violence with women in the law “Women's Rights and Interests Protection Act”, but in the modern society, domestic violence has occurred, besides physical violence, cold violence is also occurred. The harmonious relationship between husband and wife not only affects the family harmony, but also has a subtle influence on the education of the next generation. [5] That ratio of family violence leads to Female Crime Survey increased year by year. The investigation shows that the ratio is 80% that “Violence must be met by violence” in female criminals caused by domestic violence. Even with the
higher education of the family, the phenomenon of domestic violence still exists.

The Environment and Cause in Feminist Issues

The Imbalance of Social and Economic Development is the Root Cause of the Issue of Feminism

First, whether the balance of economic development or not is the primary reason for women to protect their employment rights. The higher the economic development is, the more jobs are provided, and more employment opportunities will be able to obtain for women, so the realization of the equality of employment will become possible. The large part reason for employment discrimination is that some enterprises believe that men's economic power is more than women's, and women's production is less than men's under the same conditions, so enterprises do not choose women into the workplace at first. In addition, the enterprises or units responsible for the women allowance in Birth process, money subsidies and holiday subsidies make enterprises outweighs the gain, so male become first job selection target. [6]

Second, the degree of economic development determines the full realization of the educational rights of women. Compared to the northwest region, the education resources and education level is more developed, the education strength is more abundant in the eastern and central regions, this is the result of economic development in the East Central region.

The Feudal Out-dated Ideas and Old Ideas are the Main Reasons for the Cause of Women's Right Problems

The bondage of women in traditional culture has a direct impact on all aspects of women's work and life, which is a direct result of gender discrimination. "Male and female have differences" makes the women right to participate in political activities to "women can't do politics"; "a woman without talent is virtuous" also makes the right to education of women is not guaranteed; "three cardinal guides and the five constant virtues" makes women’s moral kidnapping in society by different levels. There are all sorts of social phenomena both in the traditional culture found its roots, thus changing the traditional culture dross and desalination is an important aspect to solve the women's problems.

Women's Self-awareness and Weak Rights Consciousness is the Basic Reason for the Issue of Women's Rights

Female consciousness mainly includes women's rights consciousness and self-awareness. The awareness of women's rights include not only women's participation but also the consciousness of self-protection. In politics, women's political rights guaranteed by law is good, however, such protection makes women sensitive to political and weak enthusiasm to participate. In addition, when subjected to unequal treatment or suffer from domestic violence, many women prefer swallowing insult and humiliation silently to take measures to protect themselves. Thus, women's protection rights awareness is weak. In women's self-consciousness, most women will place themselves in vulnerable groups in society, and take women be protected for granted, many women have "better to marry well than to learn well" thought, which leads to many social problems. In contemporary China, women should not only be independent in economy but also independent in personality, therefore, the establishment of female consciousness is very necessary.
Countermeasures and Measures to Improve Women's Rights and Interests

Improve the Level of Productive Forces, Promote Social and Economic Development, Respect for the Autonomy of Women's Employment

First of all, only by improving the level of development of productive forces can we provide more employment opportunities for women. Marx's feminist views women as an important force in the development of social productive forces, and the root cause of women's struggle is to realize their own corporality. The continuous improvement of productivity means that women will be more extensive and more comprehensive into the field of social production. The more social the production fields are, the more choice of occupation there will be, and then women into the state of employment is greater. To improve the level of development of productive forces also promote the emergence of higher technology, intelligentization and informatization has greatly reduce the female concerns in physiology, and the reduction of physical factors is more helpful for women to participate in employment.

Secondly, the economic base determines the superstructure. All superstructure areas, and the concept of the field of change are rooted in the transformation of the mode of production. Changes in production methods allow more women to join the social production activities, and thus to change the disadvantage of women in social production. The change of the mode of production can also make the influence of the traditional gender concept weakened, and the pressure on women's gender will be reduced continuously.

Finally, the protection of the right to enter higher education depends on the development of economy and the level of productivity. The degree of education and the large part of the coverage of the higher level of education depend on the development of the economy. The economic level increase can provide women more opportunity to receive education, and the higher level of education in the field of gender discrimination built from the identification of women in education in the process of economy[7]. Thus the opportunity for women to participate in higher level education is reduced. Therefore, only by improving the development level of social productive forces, can we play the role of women in the field of higher education in the economic role, and thus protect women's higher levels of education rights.

Improve the Legal Protection System, Weaken the Old Moral Shackles, Build an Effective Way to Protect Women's Rights

First, improve the legal construction in political affairs and provide the most direct protection for women's participation in politics. In view of present situation of female participation in China, we can regard Chinese women's participation as "Diamond Model", that is, higher position and basic position number is low and the moderate positions accounted for the vast majority of the number. These above situation appear in the political work, and the main reason is that the legal system does not guarantee the possibility of women's participation in politics. The gender consciousness of participation needs laws to stop in the cradle, like the "unspoken rule" and "covert operation" approach punished by law. In order to solve the current situation, the country should pay more attention to the proportion of women in the training and selection of cadres, adjust the structure of women's participation, and adjust the structure of the male dominated cadres. The recent selection of the Secretary General in United Nations encourages female candidates to participate, and four women in the nine candidates participate in the competition of the United Nations Secretary general. Such transformation can prove that women's political height and political rights come out in one day.
Second, we should improve the legal protection system of women's employment rights. In the face of more and more employment inequality, we call for the country in the legislative level to improve the "women's rights and interests protection law", and "labor law". We should increase the intensity of the treatment for employment discrimination In the process of improving the law, we should expand the identification of the employment status of discrimination according to the actual situation. In addition, in the need of improving the complaint mechanism of employment discrimination, we should protection of women in employment discrimination after being able to obtain a reasonable judicial protection. At the same time, the state law should be targeted at enterprises and positions with discriminatory legal warning, we also take legal sanctions to protect women's employment rights and interests for the serious cases. Besides, the issue of the protection of women's rights should also increase legislation.

**Women Should Improve Their Own Cultural Level, Cultivate Self-awareness and Awareness of Rights**

The female group should make clear its position and function in the social development. They should put themselves into the society and build up a sense of self-consciousness. Self-consciousness refers to the consciousness of oneself, the appearance and ability of consciousness, and should be the subject of consciousness. The establishment of self-consciousness needs to play the individual consciousness, women should consciously establish self-consciousness, correct understanding of their own value and their own special ability, clear gender, established itself in the general social particularity, seeking the balance point in the particularity, to gain more development opportunities, maximize play its role.

At the same time, women should improve their own quality and personal accomplishment, clear their own educational goals, improve personal qualifications and cultural quality. The improvement of quality and accomplishment will help to improve the level of women, so that women can actively respond to the injustice of the society[8]. The quality of women can improve the quality of women, laying a solid foundation for the new era of female groups. In addition, the male group as the other half of the social development should play the corresponding role in the process of women's liberation. Respect for women, the protection of women's behavior is not only to actively practice in daily life, but also still be in the moral and other aspects of the show.

**Summary**

In summary, under the new situation, Marx's view of women for women's Liberation provides a theory and the practical experience still has to rely on the constantly improvement, and now it is still a new challenge to solve contemporary China feminist issues for new applications of Marx's feminist view. Only through national legislation, social and moral emancipation, women's own efforts and the awakening of the consciousness of the male group, can achieved the new victory of women's liberation.

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