

# Research on the Path of the United Front Serving the Modernization of National Governance System and Governance Capacity

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## Abstract

The year 2022 is the first year of the 14th Five-Year Plan and the first year of a new journey to build a modern socialist country in an all-round way. As an important magic weapon for the Party to overcome the enemy, govern and rejuvenate the country, the role and value of the United Front in promoting the modernization of the national governance system and governance capacity are more prominent. At present, the great changes of the century and the epidemic of the century are intertwined and superimposed, and the great changes in the domestic social structure have brought all-round and deep-seated impacts on the united front in the new era. In this context, the United front work must focus on the world has not undergone major changes in a century, the strategic layout of national rejuvenation, and the overall governance of China, correctly grasp the role positioning and new changes of the United front work in the new era and the new development stage, constantly improve the innovation of the United front work path in the new era, and give play to the advantages of the united front in serving the modernization of the national governance system and governance capacity. We will gather popular support for the modernization of national governance, accumulate important forces, and push forward the great historical cause of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

## Keywords

The united front; Modernization of national governance; Optimized path.

## 1. Introduction

The Fifth Plenary Session of the 19th CPC Central Committee clearly proposed to "basically realize the modernization of the national governance system and governance capacity" by 2035, which is a programmatic design for the comprehensive development of China in all fields under the historical orientation of the new era, and a sign that China's governance in the new era is moving toward institutionalization and standardization. To uphold and improve the system of socialism with Chinese characteristics and modernize China's system and capacity for governance, we must give full play to the advantages of the united front. The Regulations on the United Front Work of the Communist Party of China clearly state that serving and promoting the modernization of the national governance system and governance capacity is one of the main tasks of the United front work.

## 2. The united front in the new era serves and promotes the modernization of national governance

The service advantage of the United front in the new era is reflected in building consensus, pooling strength, and becoming an important force to promote the construction of a modern

national governance system with Chinese characteristics and Chinese values. Under the leadership of the Party, the institutional system for the modernization of national governance enables Chinese people from various parties, social strata and ethnic groups with different interests and political views to form common interests and goals through democratic consultation and other means. Such a process is a process of building consensus, and an institutional system cannot be formed without the cohesion of collective wisdom. The service advantage of the united front in the new era is reflected in the political advantage of building consensus, which can enhance the identity of all members in the process of promoting the modernization of national governance, draw the largest concentric circles, and contribute to the formation of an innovative system of national governance. This is a systematic, comprehensive and complex project for the whole nation, which requires the integration and use of the wisdom and strength of all parties. The united front can do a good job in "people's hearts" work, gather strength, give full play to the unity and joint functions of all kinds of united front organizations at all levels, namely democratic parties, people's political Consultative conferences, non-party intellectuals, united front departments, etc., and gather all forces to unite around the Party. To achieve the goal of pooling people's hearts and consensus in governance, and transform the institutional advantages of the governance system into governance effectiveness. Therefore, the "unity" of the united front is the unity of the people's heart and strength, and the "united front" in the modernization of national governance is to unify the people's heart and strength into the modern governance practice, and consolidate the good situation of "the stars and the moon".

### **3. New changes of United front work in the new era under the background of national governance modernization**

#### **3.1. The United front work environment in the new era is more complicated**

Entering the new era, the principal contradiction in society has not only changed, but historic achievements and changes have also been made in the cause of the Party and state. With the firm leadership of the Party Central Committee and the hard work of the people throughout the country, we have finally won the battle against poverty and completed the building of a moderately prosperous society in all respects on the land of China. China's economic aggregate has continuously reached a new level and ranked second in the world for ten consecutive years. The Chinese people are moving with great spirit toward the goal of national rejuvenation and building a great modern socialist country in an all-round way. But, like a rolling stone up a hill, the closer the goal, the more complicated the situation. China's economy has entered a new stage of development, the people's living standards have improved significantly, and the demands of social interests have become more diversified. The people's needs for the quality of spiritual and cultural life are constantly increasing, the political requirements for rule of law, democracy and fairness are more urgent, and the people's livelihood needs such as education, medical care, housing and elderly care are more concerned. The people's pursuit of a better life is endless, and the changes in these interest demands not only affect the happiness and sense of gain of the people, but also affect the people's sense of fulfillment. More related to social stability and harmony. We should also note that the problem of unbalanced and inadequate development in the new era and at the new stage of development is still prominent, that national governance has exposed some shortcomings and weaknesses, and that the tasks of reform, development and stability are unprecedented at a difficult stage and in a deep-water zone. These deep-seated problems and complex contradictions have raised higher requirements for United front work in the new era. On the basis of the structure of diverse interests, social conflicts, cohesion, and great unity have become more difficult, and the tasks shouldered have never been heavier. In the process of achieving the second centenary Goal, it

is by no means easy or easy to achieve, and the mission of United front work serving the modernization of national governance is becoming more and more difficult. The greater the responsibility and the more complex the contradictions, the more we must carry forward the spirit of struggle, give full play to the advantages of united front work, unite all possible forces, better cope with various foreseeable and unpredictable risks and challenges, turn negative factors into positive factors, and make unremitting efforts and contributions to the realization of the people's aspirations for a better life.

### **3.2. The target of United front work in the new era is more diversified**

In different historical periods, due to different economic and social structures and class relations, the internal composition of the united front is also different. The work of the united front has always focused on the central task of the Party and the state, followed the law of social development, kept fully open, and kept pace with The Times, with its connotation and extension constantly expanding. In the new era, with the rapid transformation of economy and society and the development of network information technology in the era of big data, a large number of new interest groups and social organizations have emerged, a large number of new united front objects have emerged, and the composition of the united front members has become increasingly diversified. The main body of United front work in the new era has gradually extended from the traditional people outside the Party to the domestic and overseas, grass-roots society and information society, and new social strata, such as new media practitioners, have become the new focus of united front work. The Regulations of the Communist Party of China on the Work of the United Front (Trial Implementation) clearly stipulate the scope and object of the work of the united front. They mainly include members of the democratic parties, persons without Party affiliation, intellectuals outside the Party, ethnic minorities, religious figures, people in the non-public sector of the economy, people from new social classes, people who have studied abroad or returned to China, Hong Kong compatriots, Macao compatriots, Taiwan compatriots and their relatives on the mainland, overseas Chinese, returned overseas Chinese and the families of overseas Chinese, and other people who need to be contacted and united, with a focus on their representatives Scholar. In the new era, the work object of the United Front has expanded from the original to the existing 15 categories, covering various fields and aspects of society, and different categories of people are intertwined and integrated. The differentiation and reorganization of new social forces and the continuous development and expansion of the number and ranks of the united front are conducive to the pursuit of common goals, uniting the wisdom of all parties and giving full play to their intellectual advantages, forming a powerful force and becoming an important magic weapon for promoting social development and progress and realizing the complete reunification of the motherland. Without exception, the highly complex overall system of the main body of the united front in the new era, which is composed of multiple organizations and different categories of groups, has also added new challenges to the expansion of the mass base of the United front work in the process of promoting modern national governance. The promotion of the modernization of national governance will affect the allocation of resources and the adjustment of the pattern of interests. In addition, members of various fields and strata have different roles and status and different political views and interest demands. Can the United front work in the new era seek common ground while reserving differences, be considerate and inclusive, respect diversity and difference, build a holistic thinking of the united front, and work together to draw the largest concentric circle? Forging ahead towards the same goal determines the value orientation and governance effectiveness of United front work in the new era, which is also a new subject facing United front work in the new era.

### **3.3. The United front work in the new era has become more intelligent**

The improvement of the modernization level of national governance cannot be separated from the support of science and technology, and the rapid development of emerging digital technologies represented by artificial intelligence has made it difficult to rely on the traditional united front work method. Continue to promote the new pattern of intelligent development of social governance, constantly empower the working methods of the new era, integrate information and intelligence with United front work in the new era, and promote the development of United front work in the new era toward wisdom is imperative. "The use of big data, cloud computing, blockchain, artificial intelligence and other cutting-edge technologies to promote innovation in urban management methods, management models and management concepts, from digitalization to intelligence to wisdom, to make the city smarter and more intelligent, is the only way to promote the modernization of urban governance system and governance capacity, and has broad prospects." In the new era, with the continuous advancement of digital China, the problems of insufficient social governance and insufficient technology supply have been effectively solved, and all regions have seized the opportunity of data industrialization development, and injected a steady stream of new impetus for the realization of intelligent and professional social governance with the help of big data and artificial intelligence. Under this background, the United front work keeps pace with The Times, and the use of new information technology to create intelligent united front work can make the United front work in the new era have a higher vision, a wider scope, more methods and means, and more effective. However, due to the short development time of digital and intelligent construction in China, the overall level needs to be improved, and the United front work faces more difficulties in the application process, such as insufficient funds for digital construction, insufficient introduction of technical talents, big data fraud and low utilization rate, and the lack of unified intelligent information platform construction. It puts forward new requirements for the intelligent management level of United front work in the new era.

## **4. Thinking on the path of optimizing United front work in the new era**

### **4.1. Focusing on the Party, planning and promoting United front work from a political height**

Party, government, military and civilian studies, east, west, North and South, the Party is the core of leadership in all work. The most distinctive feature of the United front in the new era is the centralized and unified leadership of the Party. Marx and Engels once pointed out the concept of leadership in the work of the united front: "In politics, for a certain purpose, it can even form an alliance with the devil." Just make sure you lead the devil, not the devil leads you." The success of the proletariat in establishing the Revolutionary United Front proves that, no matter how great the storms and difficulties, the unwavering leadership of the Party is the correct course to success. Adhering to the Party's leadership of United front work is not only a successful experience forged by the Communist Party of China in the revolutionary era, but also the fundamental guarantee for the sustainable development of United front work in the new era. The development of the United front work must firmly grasp the Party's leadership of the united front, give full play to the party's role as the leadership core of the overall situation and coordination of all parties, and always understand and grasp the United front work in the new era from a political height. First of all, the United front work in the new era has always kept in mind the original intention and mission of seeking happiness for the people, put the starting point and foothold of all work on the position of the people, formulate policies and policies to broadly listen to the opinions of the people, and resolutely do not harm the interests of the people, so as to impress the people and win the support and support of the people. Finally, it is necessary to grasp the political direction, adhere to political principles, and lead the United

Front members to firmly follow the party's confidence and conviction. The environment at home and abroad is changing, and various contradictions are interwoven. We should be vigilant against all kinds of thoughts and behaviors that disturb the political direction. In the face of all kinds of doubts, we should clearly lead members to firm their political stance and political direction, constantly consolidate and expand the patriotic united front in the new era, and provide strong wisdom and strength support for the Party in promoting the modernization of national governance.

#### **4.2. Adhere to the thinking of consultation and strive to draw the largest concentric circles of the united front**

With the new changes in the international and domestic situations, the target of United front work is expanding, and non-Party people are dispersed and highly mobile. In the face of complex and intertwined social contradictions, we must make good use of and adhere to the thinking of consultation, and discuss more matters. When matters concerning the interests of the people are resolved without consultation or with insufficient consultation, it is difficult to act on the basis of the matter. Deliberative democracy achieves consensus through equal and rational dialogue, communication and exchange, makes decisions closely related to the overall situation, and finds the greatest common denominator of society in diverse thoughts and demands. This process of promoting democracy and pooling wisdom has been deeply embedded in China's national governance system, fully reflecting the people's ownership of the country, and is also a unique situation and unique advantage of China's characteristic socialist democracy. Adhere to consultative democracy, first of all, under the premise of adhering to the political bottom line, the United front work in the new era should respect different interests, trust the United Front members, recognize the pluralistic society and diversified interest conflicts and differences, should care for the Allies with the most simple feelings, and actively create an environment that dares to allow the United Front members to offer suggestions. For the errors of views of a few members, we should promptly correct them, avoid bullying others to obey us, and insist on convincing people with reason and guiding them scientifically. Secondly, the united front should establish and open up a variety of effective channels and forms to ensure the effective participation of the broad membership in the political process. Such as ensuring that non-Party members occupy an appropriate proportion of deputies to the People's Congress, members of its Standing Committee and special committees; To recommend non-party persons to hold leading positions in governments and judicial organs at all levels, and ensure that they have positions, responsibilities and rights; The proportion of non-Party members in the Standing Committee and leading members of the CPPCC shall be guaranteed, non-Party members shall participate in the special committees of the CPPCC, and a certain number of non-Party members shall serve in the organs of the CPPCC. Through CPPCC organizations, political parties, groups and other channels, we conducted extensive consultations on major economic and social issues as well as practical issues concerning the people's own interests. Finally, whether it is before or after the decision, it is necessary to fully consult, widely accept criticism and supervision from all walks of life, and continuously expand the radiating influence of the members of the United front through extensive consultation, unifying ideas, and building consensus, lengthening the radius of concentric circles, drawing the largest concentric circles, and pooling the wisdom and strength of the goal of comprehensively building a powerful modern socialist country.

#### **4.3. Innovate the working mode and enhance the awareness and ability of digital united front**

The new era requires the creation of a new situation of united front work. Online communication of ideas, publicity of policies and consultation and discussion with the help of digital network platforms has become a new trend of social governance and an important part

of the national governance system. Its value purport is to open up a new path for consolidating and developing the united front cause by means of digital means, and attract more members to unite closely around the Party. Sichuan Province issued the "14th Five-Year Plan" for Sichuan Digital United Front Construction in 2021, and clarified the timetable and roadmap, requiring that by 2025, the digital pattern of the United front will be basically formed, and the digital level, numerical intelligence ability and numerical governance effectiveness of the united front will be significantly improved; By 2035, the United front digital governance system will be fully formed, and the United front work will fully realize digital transformation. In recent years, through the development initiatives of building a big digital United front in Sichuan Province, United front organizations have continued to make efforts in the implementation of major strategies such as helping rural poverty alleviation, rural governance, and common prosperity. This is a strategic measure to promote the modernization of the united front governance system and governance capacity, and to build the Sichuan grand united front digital governance system. But generally speaking, the innovative digital united front work mode is still in the exploration stage, and the rapid change of new technologies requires us to effectively cope with the development dilemma, digitize the existing united front work, realize the transformation from "digital" to "digital governance", and constantly improve the awareness and ability of digital united front. It is necessary to strengthen united front cadres at all levels to establish digital united front thinking to optimize governance. Today, the number of netizens in China is as high as 1.032 billion. When public opinions, opinions, suggestions and criticisms form a strong public opinion magnetic field on the Internet, party and government organs and leading cadres cannot but bring their own "flight mode". Without grasping social pain points, they cannot reach the public opinion node, and they cannot provide new plans for promoting governance modernization in a timely manner. When digitization and informatization become the infrastructure of the era, leading cadres need to highly understand the important role of digitalization in social governance, take initiative to adapt to the requirements of informatization, earnestly learn to use the network, improve the ability to control and lead the development of digitalization with the mindset of a change, and truly integrate the power of network into daily work.

## 5. Conclusion

Based on the above analysis, the United front work in the new era is facing new situations and new issues in the process of national governance modernization. On the one hand, it provides development opportunities for the construction of the grand united front pattern and can further expand its development space. But on the other hand, the current United front work in the new era still has varying degrees of problems such as weak capacity and strength, imperfect system construction, and mechanism and system to be improved, and the new challenges facing the new situation will continue to expand the interest tension and conflict among members, and the difficulty of preventing and resolving the work will further increase. Opportunities and risks coexist and transform each other, which requires that the United front work in the new era should turn crises into opportunities, have a targeted and appropriate medicine under the strong leadership of the Party, cope with every risk and challenge, consolidate and strengthen the united front in maintaining integrity and innovation, and push forward the modernization of national governance.

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