

## The Impact of Modern Western Philosophical Thoughts on the Values of Contemporary College Students

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**Abstract:** In this paper, the author first elaborates the specific concepts and origins of modern western philosophical thoughts in detail. At the same time, the influence of modern western philosophical thoughts on Contemporary College Students' values is mainly divided into two aspects: negative and positive. Finally, the author deeply analyzed how universities need to correctly deal with the impact of modern western philosophical trends on Contemporary College Students' values and specific education strategies.

Western philosophy is not easy to understand, but in all kinds of civilized philosophy since ancient times, only western philosophy has the longest development time, the most perfect, the most correct thinking direction and method. Western philosophy is the prelude of modern science. Their development vein and basic spirit are consistent. They are all based on the speculative spirit of breaking through chaos and moving towards enlightenment. And this spirit is also the most important thing that the future human beings will say and never abandon. That is to say, western philosophy contains something that is beneficial to mankind forever. They are not chicken soup, not preaching, but a way of thinking, that is, speculation. It gives us not fish, but fishing. Therefore, western philosophy is more valuable than any other civilized philosophy. Otherwise, all kinds of civilizations will not crawl at the foot of Western civilization in modern times. Even as a Chinese, it is necessary to learn Chinese philosophy, but modern Chinese people only learn Chinese philosophy and do not understand modern western philosophy, do not understand speculation, that will only be unable to build a complete value system. Western philosophy is the essential basic skill of modern people! Moreover, Western philosophy brings not only the spirit of speculation, but also their great philosophical achievements based on it, such as dialectics, logic and so on.

### 1. Modern Western Philosophical Trends of Thought

Since ancient Greece, western philosophy has attached great importance to language tradition, that is, Western metaphysical tradition. Derrida criticized "Logocentrism". This tradition shapes the rational characteristics of Western culture, where western logic and modern science were born. Western culture did not step into transcendental realm, but set a boundary for human reason, and human knowledge was limited to the strict category of experience (Kant). Kant said that "I want to limit knowledge and leave a place for belief" after deep speculation, which is contrary to the way that Chinese philosophy abandoned rationality at the beginning. Rational spirit is the fundamental characteristic of western culture which is different from other cultures in the world. The splendid modern civilization of the West is also rooted in it. Without reason, without science, there will be no human civilization today.

Generally speaking, modern western philosophical thoughts originated in the nineteenth century. Nietzsche claimed that God was dead. Pre-Nietzsche western philosophers (such as Plato) were trying to prove one thing: suppose there was no God in the world, what would the world look like, how should people know the world and how people know it? What is the limit of the world? With all kinds of ontology and epistemology, a complete formal logic has been formed. Before Nietzsche, all philosophers demanded answers from outside, even supported their ideas by the development of physics and mathematics. After Nietzsche, for example, Schopenhauer, all philosophers began to

seek answers from their hearts, trying to find answers by understanding the inner world of human beings. All of them had Freud and Jung. And Adler, with Sartre's existentialism. It can be simply said that Nietzsche's philosophical theory is like a seed, buried in the nineteenth century in Western countries, after two centuries, it gradually grew into a tree with flourishing leaves.

## **2. The Negative Impact of Modern Western Philosophical Thoughts on the Values of Contemporary College Students**

In 1978, China put forward the slogan of reform and opening up for the first time. Since then, China has set foot on the mainland of opening up and actively implemented this policy. Whether politically, economically or culturally, China's road to opening up has never stopped. At the same time, while continuously exporting culture to the outside world, foreign capitalist culture has also flooded into China, especially for intellectuals at the end of the last century, facing the midst of a hundred wastes awaiting revival. In Chinese society, they have the same obligation and right to constantly absorb the essence of Western culture, break through their own ethical and moral concepts, and improve the limitations of traditional thinking. Today, the slogan of reform and opening up has been sounded in Shenzhou for more than 40 years, which makes the western capitalist culture begin to deepen. Among the Chinese college students' minds and ideas, the impact on the values of college students is enormous, especially. Because of the impact of hedonism, capitalist individualism and pragmatism, college students feel the discomfort brought by cultural shock in the process of opening up and communication, but at the same time change their own values in the process of cultural shock in the erosion and impact of this modern western philosophy. Next, the thoughts of contemporary college students have more similarities with those of the older parents and grandparents in Nantong, and even many college students still have the idea of materialism. Of course, some of the older generation of revolutionary Communists believe that contemporary college students are college students lacking ideals and beliefs and Communist beliefs, and even many young college students say bluntly that they have not found a cultural catch-up, or even spiritual satisfaction in the pursuit of success. Adequate demand. Because of the loss of spiritual home, contemporary college students are also called vagrants in the spiritual world.

In addition, modern western philosophical thought also makes many young college students more self-interested in ideology, but in practice they show the behavior of sweeping the snow. This selfish and highly utilitarian value is not accepted by the mainstream values. However, this is precisely influenced by the pragmatism trend of thought in modern western philosophy. Under the influence of this trend of thought, modern college students are more able to adapt to the environment of market economy and the development of economy and society. Even some college students regard the pragmatism trend of modern western philosophy as their own. Life motto. From this point of view, the influence of modern western philosophical trends on College Students' values is relatively negative.

## **3. The Positive Impact of Modern Western Philosophical Thoughts on the Values of Contemporary College Students**

However, if we explore it from the perspective of Marxist dialectics, we can find that everything has its positive and negative aspects. For the influx and impact of modern western philosophical thoughts, we also need to make a full analysis from the perspective of dialectics, so modern western philosophical thoughts are the same. It will play a positive role in the values of contemporary college students. Due to the impact of the first industrial revolution and the second industrial revolution, western capitalist countries have shown a technological state and a degree of modernity that China can hardly match. Even today, when China leaps to the second largest economy in the world, we still need to admit that in the field of technological innovation, we still need to admire what the West has done. Especially in the western philosophical trend of thought, the contents of systematic thinking, holistic thinking, analytical thinking and comprehensive thinking are of far-reaching significance to the construction of socialist modernization in China. Especially in the

present era, General Secretary Xi Jinping has repeatedly put forward the slogan of "double creation" and intensified his efforts. Supporting the innovative science and technology industry corresponds to the innovative thinking in modern western philosophy. Under the influence of modern western philosophy, contemporary college students are more creative, more willing to innovate, more willing to break through the traditional shackles, and dialectically think about the future direction of science and technology development, which also provides a continuous source of innovation and talent power for the development of our country.

In addition, under the influence of modern western philosophical thoughts, the values of emphasizing human relations and neglecting logic accepted by college students in the ideological confinement of their native families will be greatly changed. Traditional Chinese philosophical thought requires restraint of oneself and restoring propriety, which seriously suppresses the ideological freedom and academic freedom of contemporary college students, making it difficult for them to explore and communicate, to exert their subjective initiative to create and develop, or even not in line with the pursuit of humanism in the modern West. Under the influence of Fang's philosophical trend of thought, the thinking of contemporary college students can be greatly broken. Not only will the traditional thinking pattern be broken, but also can make contemporary college students more innovative and have the possibility of personalized development, in order to make up for the shortcomings of traditional thinking.

#### **4. Educational Strategies of Colleges and Universities**

Most of the contemporary college students are 18-24 years old, and these young people are in the critical period of world outlook, outlook on life and values formation. After more than ten years of education, they finally enter the University gate, suddenly they have more autonomous time to explore the content they are interested in. The same university is like a university. Like an inclusive society, both its academic tolerance and its arbitrariness in diplomatic exchanges make contemporary college students have access to more and more modern western philosophical thoughts. However, this has put forward higher requirements for the education of colleges and universities. At present, colleges and universities need to correctly look at the impact of modern western philosophical thoughts on College students, make a comprehensive analysis of them from both positive and negative aspects, so as to achieve positive guidance and efforts to cultivate, so that every college student can have a sound and correct. The outlook on life and values.

##### **4.1 Active guidance**

At present, colleges and universities should realize that in dealing with the influx of foreign cultures and modern philosophical thoughts in the West, what they need to do is not to guard against blockages, but to embrace and welcome them with a positive attitude. Especially for such an information-developed society, the ways for students to understand information are diverse, and also It is very simple. At this time, colleges and universities should take a dialectical view of the spirit of innovation and pragmatism in modern western philosophy. They need to integrate it into the teaching activities of Ideological and political courses, so that college students can not only stick to the basic line of the Party, adhere to Communist beliefs, but also develop in an all-round way. The point of view to analyze problems, solve problems, and have a certain spirit of innovation, break the limitations of traditional thinking. The author suggests that colleges and universities can encourage students to face the relationship between science, history and philosophy correctly, and make a deep analysis and dialectical view of the philosophical and cultural thoughts put forward by various countries. At the same time, it is necessary to strengthen the proportion of social practice in Colleges and universities so as to enable students to deeply understand the modernization construction. The essence of service and practical ability.

##### **4.2 Deep understanding**

Modern western philosophy is a complex issue. If we want to have a deep understanding of it, we must guide it in Colleges and universities. We can carry out special courses in the form of

elective courses for every student in Colleges and universities, so that students can learn and understand according to their own interests. First of all, universities need to magnify the rationality of modern western philosophical trend of thought, to meet students' correct innovative ideas, and to eliminate the dross of modern western trend of thought, especially the excessive emphasis on egoism, capitalism and money worship. Secondly, colleges and universities need to correctly look at the impact of modern western philosophical thoughts on College students. Under such an inclusive and open cultural environment, every college student is easily exposed to and influenced by modern western philosophical thoughts, but due to the limitations of cognitive level and ideological basis. Many college students are unable to distinguish the essence of culture from the dross in modern western philosophy. Even in the face of the same content, the acceptance level of college students will be very different. At this time, colleges and universities need to help students establish a correct view of right and wrong as far as possible, so that students can correctly understand the relationship between individuals and others, individuals and collectives, individuals and society.

## **5. Conclusion**

The meaning of life is one of the basic questions of philosophy (especially modern western philosophy). The answer is that everyone should think for himself. But how many great philosophers and thinkers in history, Plato, Descartes, Rousseau, Kant, Nietzsche, Freud, Sartre and so on, have thousands of times more wisdom than us. In their lifetime, they have done a lot of research and Thinking on such basic questions as the meaning of life, and provided many wonderful arguments and answers. These precious materials are worthy of careful reading, analysis and understanding by every college student.

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