The Historical and Endogenous Logic of Social Stability in China

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Abstract
The Chinese civilization has lasted for more than 5,000 years, which has formed the cultural phenomenon of social stability in China. The reason of this stability can be traced back to the stress countermeasures of the primitive population to the natural and social environment, as a result, a meme is formed that causes are inherited by causes. China’s social stability has formed a systematic and complex dynamic self-consistent mechanism, and in the new historical period, with its unique charm coruscates the vigorous vitality.

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1. Introduction
China has a long history, but it’s always in the pursuit of the stability of a kind of social governance. From the ancient myths and legends, for example, Nuwa compensates the sky, Jingwei Reclamation, Du Yu controls the water, etc. We can see the courage and confidence of the original community in the enormity of social engineering. There is a record in The Chun Qiu, which has mention 651 BC, the king of the Zhou Dynasty could not match his power, at last, the Marquis of Qi summoned the relevant princes to make an oath to each other, that is forbidden to build water resources that will hinder neighboring countries, and do not block the flow of rice during natural disasters. In the book Mencius, there are as many as eleven mentions of water control, which shows its importance that the primitive population have to be done. Accordingly, the stability of Chinese society is built on the basis of passive stress, which is necessary. The same can be drawn from the contemporary Tao Te Ching, that Chinese social stability has its potential logical structure and fundamental value pursuit. This is on the surface of the concrete that values.

2. The Historical Development of Chinese Society Is a Process of Mutual Influence
Since the beginning of written records of Chinese civilization, monarchs, dilemmas of The Times, social conditions and the search for solutions have always been the main melody of social and historical development. The same pattern is easy to form a similar development structure.

First of all, the struggle against the natural environment, the struggle for land and population, the establishment of the feudal monarchy, in that “circle” type of rolling, the historical development of Chinese society has obtained stable inheritance and self-sufficiency.

Secondly, in a speech on the philosophy of history, Hegel pointed out bluntly and sharply that, since the serfdom system was established by the First Emperor of Qin, Chinese society had already reached the same level of development as that in the late Qing Dynasty. This view proves that Chinese society is a stable structure.

At the last, the historical accumulation has constructed the basic structure, value principle and ideal appeal of Chinese social stability. This is also a perfect illustration of the value of the Five Fundamental Principles of Peaceful Coexistence. All of them constitute the connotation and extension of social stability in China, and so, it
has sustained the development of Chinese civilization for more than 5,000 years.

3. China’s Social Stability Is Not a “Numeration” Precise Calculation, but a Systematic and Complex Dynamic Self-Consistent

In his book Caoyun of the Ming Dynast, historian Huang Renyu analyzed the real records of Caoyun of the Ming Dynast, and concluded that the economic and social stability and political stability at different stages of the Ming Dynasty were highly consistent with the occurrence of major events. He proposed a concept of “numeration” in Chinese social management, and further pointed out the historical trend and times of “numeration” in modern Chinese social management.

We should treat this issue dialectically. The first, with the continuous improvement of economic society and people’s understanding level, accurate and scientific management is the basic means and common adherence of modern society, unless some primitive clans and tribes in the unknown, various countries and regions in the tide of globalization spare no effort to promote modern governance level and governance capacity. This is of course the core content of Huang Renyu’s “numeration”.

In addition, the stability of Chinese history and society is not controlled by precise “numeration”. Also in the present, we are building a moderately prosperous society in all respects, according Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, rather than the “Numbers” led to promote social machinery building.

Thirdly, at different stages in Chinese history, there were governance crises. At that time, the managers could solve the problems even without using the modern technology of “numeration”. In this way, the accurate calculation of “numeration” is not a necessary condition for the stability of Chinese society.

Finally, the modernization drive has injected new variables and factors into the development of China’s social stability, making the current social stability construction not only different from the simple repetition of conformity, but also different from the “overall Westernization” regardless of the primary and secondary, so as to form a system of adhering to the traditional cultural heritage, absorbing advanced thoughts, and taking the new era and new thoughts as the guidance. Systematic and complex high-quality dynamic self-consistent governance system.


As we all know, the historical records of Chinese civilization originated from the Xia Dynasty, due to the lack of historical materials and unverifiable. To be precise, there are historical records of precise significance dating back to the Shang Dynasty, and a large number of inscriptions unearthed on oracle bones record the ingenuity and great contribution of the people of that period to the stability of Chinese society.

Firstly, the shift from the concept of “divine right of Kings” to the concept of “morality based” marked a major change in the understanding of social stability in China, which changed the key factors affecting the stability of social governance from the outside to the inside, and also enabled the later social administrators to find out the reasons from themselves more clearly and try to find the best way to solve the problems.

Secondly, China experienced a feudal dynasty from the Qin Dynasty to the Qing Dynasty for more than 2,000 years, and the cognition of social stability went through a process of evolution, from advocating punishment and conquering by force to the cultivation of culture, education and social enlightenment. This has formed a historical tradition, so that the governance concept of Chinese society, not entirely rely on the stylish and tough mechanical system, but to a greater extent pay more attention to the edification and cultivation of cultural ideas, values, social harmony, thus appearing “water can carry a boat, but also overturn the boat” famous aphorism.

Thirdly, with the deepening of the modernization drive, the Communist Party of China (CPC) has frequently published clever articles on the improvement of social stability in China, which continue to attract the attention of the world. This is a vivid practice and shining example of the Chinese people in their quest for social stability, and it continues to inspire the vigorous and healthy development of Chinese society.

5. The Stability of Chinese Society for Five Thousand Years Is a Healthy and Orderly Cultural Phenomenon

The development of China and the stability of Chinese society have been highly praised and recognized in the scope of history and the world. From the perspective of the “Grand historical view” of the Chinese civilization of more than 5,000 years, this is a miracle in the phenomenon of human culture. However, even today, there are still a small number of people wearing “colored glasses” to advocate democracy, trampling on it. For this reason, we have plenty of reasons to refute.

In the first place, from the establishment of democracy in ancient Greece to its collapse, as well as the
development and perfection of modern democracy, it has been proved that institutions are not sufficient and necessary conditions for social stability, and there is no logical connection between them. History is a good footnote: democracy and autocracy can both collapse and bring prosperity. Plato’s pursuit of “Good institutions” may be the wrong direction of human beings in exploring the root causes, and the joint maintenance and promotion of social progress and development by "Philosophy Kings" and “Good people” may be the sufficient guarantee to promote the long-term development of social stability.

Besides reason is that China’s 5,000-year history of civilization has been characterized by health and prosperity, as well as wars and divisions, but the main ideas have all promoted the stability and continuity of the Chinese society and contributed their share to the new construction. This is the eternal life gene and the code of The Times of the ancient Chinese civilization. It is also the whole process of consideration and a new solution for the long-term development of human culture.

What’s more, China has always been a responsible major country. China has always faced up to its own problems with a broad mind, braved to face the problems in a candid manner, met the challenges, and finally won the victory on all fronts. For example, a few years ago, some so-called experts pointed out that China’s Gini coefficient and Engel coefficient were too high, and there was a risk of contradiction. The Chinese society believes that any difficulty or contradiction arises in the course of development and is caused by insufficient development, and so, any difficulty or contradiction should be treated dialectically and solved seriously in the light of development. Since then, China has used strong steps and measures to effectively address social risks and achieved great success. This is a clear example of the success of China’s flexible social governance mechanism and flexible management in the world.

It can be seen that, China’s social stability over the past 5,000 years, has a profound historical foundation and the law of development, as well as a profound internal logic and the observance of The Times. China has created a glorious human civilization, which is a great feat.

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