

# The Rules of Comprehensively Strictly Governing the Party Under the New Situation

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Being an important part of the “four comprehensives” strategic thinking in an all-round way, the comprehensive and strict governance on the party has promoted the position of the construction of the party in constructing the socialism with Chinese characteristics. From the “strict governance on the party” to the “comprehensive and strict governance on the party,” it doesn’t only mean that the “comprehensive” word is added in literal, but the content of innovation and requirements should be improved, and it has the following rules: Our country should adhere to combine the establishment of the ideological party and the governance of the institutional party, and our country should adhere to combine the comprehensive and strict governance on the party and the control of the “key minority.” Our country should adhere to the combination of strengthening the main responsibility and playing the role of people’s supervision and also should adhere to combine the strict punishment with the effective prevention.

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Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, the construction of the career of the socialism with Chinese characteristics has entered into a new stage. On the basis of considering Xi Jinping as the general secretary of the party center of the Communist Party of China to realize the Chinese dream of great rejuvenation of Chinese nation and on the basis of profoundly summarizing the experience and lessons of the party’s construction and the changes of the world situation, national situation, and the party’s situation, our country carries out a scientific analysis on the current situation of China’s party construction, and our country puts forward the strategic thought of comprehensive and strict governance on the party. As an important part of the “four comprehensives” strategic thought, the comprehensive and strict governance on the party enhances the Party’s position in constructing the socialism with Chinese characteristics. From the “strict governance on the party” to the “comprehensive and strict governance on the party,” it doesn’t only mean that the “comprehensive” word is added in literal, but the content of innovation and requirements should be improved, and it has distinctive rules.

## **1. Our Country Should Adhere to Combine the Construction of the Party With Thoughts With the Management of the Party With Institutions**

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strict governance on the party, and the management of the party with institutions is the fundamental guarantee of the comprehensive and strict governance on the party. In the summary conference of the masses' line education activities of the party, the general secretary Xi Jinping points out that it depends on the education and the institution of the comprehensive and strict governance on the party. Education and institution that one is gentle and one is just should exert their strengths in the same time and in one direction.<sup>1</sup> As a senior animal, people have ideological consciousness and they should bind their own behaviors. However, the ideological consciousness is instable, and it needs the external institutional constraint. The construction of the party with thoughts is the ideological defensive line, and the ideology is a kind of guide, which guarantees the basis that a party has a right political direction. The management of the party with institutions is a fundamental guarantee for the rights of the party and the behaviors of party members and the two aspects are interrelated with each other and they are reinforced with each other. Only by sticking to the combination of the idea of the construction of the party with thoughts and the management of the party with institutions can we form a comprehensive and strict rule of the party.

The construction of the party with thoughts is the basis of the party, and it is a distinctive feature that the Marxist party is different from all other political parties, and it also is the foundation for the Communists living in this society. Since the establishment of our party, our party has attached great importance to the construction of the party with thoughts. For a long time, the party considers the construction of the party with thoughts as an important criterion to strengthen its own construction. We attach great importance to the ideological and political education work of party members and strengthen the party culture of all party members. The general secretary Xi Jinping points out: "The ideological slope is the most serious disease," and "we can't relax or weaken the ideological works, and we should grasp the leading right of ideological works and the right to speak firmly in our hands" (2014-10-09).<sup>2</sup> At the current stage, we should strengthen the ideological construction from the comprehensive perspective, and the most important thing is that we should guide the majority of party members to establish a scientific Marxism belief, and we should strengthen the party's spirit and moral education. We should further consolidate the leading position of the Communist Party in the ideological field. The comprehensive and strict governance on the party solves the problem that the party members join in the party in their ideology by constant education in order to make the members understand the Communist Party's historical mission, consciously assume the responsibility of building a well-off society in the comprehensive perspective, and realize the great rejuvenation of "the Chinese dream" of the Communist Party of China.

At the same time, the construction of the party with thoughts must be combined with the management of the party with institutions, or it will not exert its deserved function, and it becomes an empty talk. The management of the party with institutions also is a good tradition of the self-construction of the Communist Party of China. The management of the party with institutions focuses on the compulsive mean to solve the problem that the party's members and cadres encounter in the code of conduct, and it is benefit to regulate the behavior of party members. If there is no wholesome system, the right will not be controlled, and corruption problems will appear. The management of the party with institutions should have a wholesome system, strict and it should be strictly implemented. The establishment of a wholesome system should emphasize the scientific and reasonable design of the institution and the gap of the declined institution. "It isn't feasible that a cat is closed in a cattle cage" (2014-10-09).<sup>3</sup> The party's institutions should be accurate and we don't need too many institutions. We should improve the existing institutions according to the actual situation, and a new institution should be put forward. Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, the

appearance of a series of inner-party laws and regulations makes a good result in the construction of the inner-party institution, including the “Laws and Regulations of the Communist Party of China.” The main function of the institution is to implement it, and our country should attach importance to the timeliness institution, and we should implement it seriously to guarantee the effective fulfillment of the security system.

Our country should adhere to the combination of the construction of the party with thoughts and the management of the party with institutions, which is a new method that is put forward by the general secretary Xi Jinping in the new situation about the strict governance on the party from the comprehensive aspect. On the one hand, the ideological and educational work of the party should be carried out with the implemented institutions. On the other hand, the effectiveness of the management of the party with institutions is the result of consolidating the party’s ideological construction. The construction of the party with thoughts and the management of the party with institutions should be combined closely, and they should be interrelated with each other, which constitute two pillars of the strict governance on the party from the comprehensive aspect. The construction of the party with thoughts provides a direction for the management of the party with institutions, and the management of the party with institutions provides a good guarantee for the construction of the party with thoughts. The unity makes a more scientific and systematic the thoughts of the comprehensive and strict governance on the party.

## **2. Our Country Should Adhere to Combine the Comprehensive and Strict Governance on the Party and the Control of the “Key Minority”**

The general secretary Xi Jinping stresses that: “The key point of the comprehensive and strict governance on the party is to seize the leading cadres the ‘key minority’” (2013-03-06).<sup>4</sup> The comprehensive and strict governance on the party includes all the party members, but each party member has different responsibilities and status in the party. The leading cadres are the “key minority” among the party members, but they play an important role. If our country want to strictly govern the party from the comprehensive perspective, our country should seize all the party members and improve the overall quality of all the party members. Our country should grasp the “key minority,” so that the leading cadres in the party members can play their leading role and all party members can be driven to make a development and progress and they can keep the party’s advanced and pure characteristics all the time.

For the comprehensive and strict governance on the party, the basis and the essence is that the party organizations at all levels and all party members should deal with things in accordance with the basic rules in the political life in the party and the party’s rules and regulations. There is no exception in the comprehensive and strict governance on the party. All the party members must comply with the rules and regulations of the party, and everyone is equal in the rules and regulations of the party. The overall quality of the party members is the specific performance of the party’s advanced characteristic and pure characteristic. Only when our country focuses on all the party’s members can our country achieve an effect in the comprehensive and strict governance on the party. At present, our party has more than 80 million party members, and the number of party members is huge. However, some party members just join in the party in the form, and they don’t really join in the party in their ideologies. These party members just obtain benefits with their identities of being party members. They are only willing to exercise the rights of party members, but they don’t want to fulfill the obligations of party members. Xi Jinping stresses that the comrades of party members should strengthen their sense of responsibility, and they should remember that their first identity is a member of the Communist Party

of China. They should be loyal to the party, and they should serve the party. No matter what position the member is, every member should always remind themselves the responsibilities and obligations as the party members, they should take the overall situation into account, and they should share the responsibility for the party from the perspective of the interests of the party and people. The strength of a political party not only depends on the number of the party members, but also should pay attention to the quality of the party members. To fundamentally improve the quality of the party members, the cohesion is of great significance for improving the party's fighting force. When the party carries the masses' education line practice activities, our country should strengthen the Marxist belief of the party members, so that all the party members can remember the purpose of serving people and they can work hard for the party's goal.

Facing with all the party's members, the comprehensive and strict governance on the party should grasp the key minority. The general secretary Xi Jinping stresses in the national organizational work conference that: "The party should manage the party, and first of all, it should well manage the cadres; the key is to strictly govern the officials for the comprehensive and strict governance on the party" (2013-07-16).<sup>5</sup> He stresses that if our country wants to improve the overall quality of the party's cadres to make them become the backbone strength of governing the party and the country. Party members and leading cadres hold the right in all aspects, and they are the specific performers of the party's theory and route principles and policies. Therefore, the overall quality of the party members and the leading cadres directly affects the construction of our party. Our country should seize the "key minority" of the leading cadres, which means that our country seizes the "key point" of the comprehensive and strict governance on the party. To improve the overall quality of the party members and the leading cadres, our country should do the following two aspects well that: Firstly, we must strictly carry out the selection and the appointment, we must strictly control the selection of the leadership cadres, and we should improve the credibility of selecting the talents. We should insist on selecting the talents who have the political integrity and the professional competence, so the right orientation of choosing and employing talents can be formed. Secondly, it is necessary to improve the management, and the leading cadres in the party should form a set of perfect and reasonable management institution. Our country should take the encouragement as the main mean and should take the supervision as the supplementary mean. Our country should increase the accountability strength of the leading cadres, our country should deal with them seriously, and our country can't forgive them without any principles for the leading cadres who obey the laws and regulations.

Our country should adhere to combine the comprehensive and strict governance on the party and the control of the "key minority," which is the key point to the comprehensive and strict governance on the party. The key of the comprehensive and strict governance on the party is to strictly governing the officials. Our country should adhere to grasp the comprehensive and the key officials, so that our country can go to a new stage of the comprehensive and strict governance on the party.

### **3. Our Country Should Adhere to the Combination of Strengthening the Main Responsibility and Playing the Role of People's Supervision**

Our country should adhere to the combination of strengthening the subjective responsibility and playing the role of people's supervision and the combination is the implementation application of the internal cause and external relations in the Dialectical Materialism in the field of the party's construction. The embodiment of the party's management, the party's governance, and the party's self-consciousness is to strengthen the

responsibility of the party. The embodiment of the external force of the party's supervision of the comprehensive and strict governance on the party is to play the role of people's supervision. Our country should adhere to the combination of the self-management and people's supervision, so that the internal forces and the external forces can be combined to produce a good pattern of the comprehensive and strict governance on the party.

Firstly, the party organizations at all levels should insist on strengthening the main body responsibility. Our party is a highly conscious political party guided by the Marxism and our party has a strong sense of urgency and it can adhere to the truth with a strong consciousness and our party always walks in the forefront of the times. Our country stands for the fundamental interests of the major people. The comprehensive and strict governance on the party depends on its own strength, and our party should govern its party, so the comprehensive and strict governance on the party can be carried out. Our party has many members, and there are a large number of the basic party organizations, which cover a huge wisdom and energy. At the same time, the party organization also includes the supervision, the inspection, and a series of institutional mechanisms. Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, the party's construction has achieved an outstanding result. The effective implementation of the anti-corruption work has eradicated a large number of corrupt officials in the party, and our party relies on its own forces to strengthen its own construction, which means that the party committees at all levels should strictly consider the strict governance on the party as a systematic project. The leading cadres should give an example. If our country wants to improve a democratic system in the party, the serious criticism and self-criticism should be carried out and the political life in the party should be managed seriously. Our country should strengthen the party's political life of the democratic, political, and fighting characteristics, and the quality of political life in the party should be constantly improved. At the same time, the comprehensive and strict governance on the party should also implement the main body responsibility and the party committees at all levels should explicit their responsibilities. The management of the party and the comprehensive and strict governance on the party should be implemented, so that our country can better solve the prominent problems of itself. If our country doesn't explicit its responsibilities and the governance can't be implemented, the effectiveness of the comprehensive and strict governance on the party will be lessened in a large level.

It is not enough to depend on its own strength for the comprehensive and strict governance on the party and it also need people's supervision function. This supervision embodies the unification of the masses' orderly participation and the spirit of the party's responsibility of the masses. The general secretary Xi Jinping stresses that: "The masses possess the wisdom and strength of ruling the country, and governing the politics and ruling the party by the party. The strict governance on the party must rely on people" (2014-10-09).<sup>6</sup> It profoundly reveals the position of the masses in a comprehensive position in the comprehensive and strict governance on the party, and the strict governance on the party must take the people as the core link. The party represents the fundamental interests of the major people, and the ultimate inspector on the party's work is the masses. The party should implement the mass route, and firstly, the party should learn from the masses. Secondly, the party should educate the masses, and finally the party should accept the criticism and supervision of the masses. The wisdom of the masses is the source of the wisdom of the comprehensive and strict governance on the party, and the wisdom absorbing from the masses is the key point to improve the policy of the comprehensive and strict governance on the party. To play the role of people's supervision, we must firstly improve the institution, and we must protect people's right to be informed from the institution. Only when people have a right to be

informed can the institution effectively carry out the supervision. Secondly, people's supervision and the approach of giving an advice and a suggestion should be unblocked. Finally, an All-round supervision institution should be built. The internal party should have committees to carry out the supervision, and the external people party should be supervised by people. All various professional organizations should carry out the supervision and a supervision system should be formed, and the supervision of the party can be really carried out.

Our country should adhere to strengthen the main body responsibility and play the role of people's supervision, which is a core link of the comprehensive and strict governance on the party, and our country should fully play the role of people's strength. The problems people really concerning should be solved, and the further close relationship between the party and people should be improved in the process of the comprehensive and strict governance on the party.

#### **4. Our Country Should Adhere to Combine the Strict Punishment With the Effective Prevention**

The "strict" word is the main line of the comprehensive and strict governance on the party and it also is the most significant feature of the comprehensive and strict governance on the party. In the governing process, the governing party proves for many times that the time of the governance of a governing party is longer. The governing foundation is easier to be weakened for the corruption, the more the tasks of the anti-corruption are; therefore, we should put the anti-corruption works in the schedule. Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, the governing concept of the party appears a new characteristic, and the severe punishment and the effective prevention of corruption have become the top priority of the current party's work. Xi Jinping, the general secretary points out that: "We should form a punishment mechanism and a prevention mechanism that doesn't dare to the corruption situation, and we should form a protection mechanism that isn't perishable easily" (2014, 388).<sup>7</sup> To achieve the strict governance on the party from the comprehensive perspective, the severe punishment and the effective prevention should be combined together. Both of them should be carried out, and both of them should be strong. Strict punishment and effective prevention is the relationship between a temporary solution and a permanent solution, and it is related to the party's life and death, which is the politic task that the party should carry out in the primary situation for a long time. The strict punishment is the prerequisite for the effective prevention, and the effective prevention is the deepening of the severe punishment. Only when the two aspects are combined together, the strength of the comprehensive and strict governance on the party can be formed.

The comprehensive and strict governance on the party should cover both the permanent situation and the temporary situation and both the punishment and the prevention shall be carried out, and comprehensive management shall be carried out. The ultimate goal of building an uncorrupted government is to cure the permanent situation. However, only when the permanent situation should be overcome first, the various unhealthy tendencies existing in the party can be overcome. The behaviors is that violating the party's discipline should be severely punished in order to strictly rule the party from the comprehensive perspective and create the conditions for the permanent situation. The general secretary Xi Jinping stresses that: "The strict governance on the party from the comprehensive perspective and the punishment shall be carried out" (2014, 135).<sup>8</sup> The corruption has become the biggest factor that affects the social stability, and it seriously restricts the operation of the public power. In view of the arduous anti-corruption tasks under China's new current situation,

the most important thing is to establish a set of strict punishment mechanism to punish the corruption. Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, our party has severely punished the lawlessness and chaos with the non-restricted area, the whole coverage, and the zero-tolerance attitude. Our party has never allowed that the corrupt officials have a hiding place, which effectively curbs the spread and the enlargement of the party's bad atmosphere and corruption. In the future anti-corruption road, our country shall continue to carry out the anti-corruption with a zero-tolerance attitude, and if our party find a corrupt official, our party shall punish him, and a strong anti-corruption deterrent strength shall be formed, so that people who have the right shall consciously strict themselves, and they are afraid of being corrupt. At the same time, we must also severely punish all the unhealthy problems that occur in the masses.

Punishment is a temporary solution, and prevention is a permanent solution. We should punish the leading people who have already done the corrupt things and we should take the preventive measures, and the temporary solution is winning the time for the permanent solution. For the comprehensive and strict governance on the party, we must intensify our efforts to prevent the work and we must eradicate the problems of the corruption. We will spoil corruption in the beginning situation. In recent years, China's anti-corruption work has made a great progress, and a large number of corrupt officials have already been punished. The party's various behaviors have been effectively curbed, which creates a good prerequisite for the permanent situation. On the one hand, it is necessary to strengthen the ideals and beliefs of the party members and the leading cadres, and their ideology should be strengthened and their ability to refuse the corruption should be improved. At present, in facing with the national punishment in great efforts, some leading officials don't have the corrupt behavior, but they still have fluke mind, and a uncorrupt and honest concept does not be really established. We must strengthen the public servants consciousness of the leading cadres, and the leading cadres should correctly recognize the power to them given by the masses and they should serve people wholeheartedly. Only when the public officials establish a lofty ideals and beliefs can public officials become the public servants of the masses, and can they be good officials. They should regard the masses as a goal and they should regard the uncorrupt and honest politics as a great ideal and a goal of struggle. Then they can regulate their own behaviors and they can resist the erosion of all kinds of temptations and decadent ideas. On the other hand, the institutional mechanisms for preventing the corruption have not yet been fully established and the corrupt conditions still exist. We should focus on strengthening the institutional construction, we should prevent the corruption from the original source, and we should expand the field of preventing the corruption. We should strengthen that the leaders' operation of the right should be supervised, and a reasonable system of the supervision can be formed. In the field of the social culture, the establishment of the correct values should be advocated, and the uncorrupt and honest culture should be constructed. In the community, a kind of concept that people are proud of the corruption should be established, and a kind of concept that people consider the greedy social habits as a shame, and we should establish a kind of anti-corruption mechanism that helps the masses to take part in the anti-corruption.

In the process of the strict governance on the party from the comprehensive perspective, we must adhere to the combination of the strict punishment and the effective prevention. We should increase the intensity of the punishment and we should punish the corrupt officials according to the law. We also should continue to increase the efforts to prevent the corruption and we should inhibit the condition breeding the corruption. We should minimize the phenomenon of the corruption.

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