RIGHT POLITICAL STRATEGY - FACTORS DETERMINING VICTORY IN THE CAREER OF REVOLUTIONARY LEADERSHIP OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF VIETNAM

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Abstract:
History has proven the continuous victory of the Vietnamese revolution because we have a pioneering Party armed with scientific revolutionary theory, excellent leadership, able to seize opportunities and overcome threats, know to rely on the masses of the people, promote the wisdom of the masses, and creatively apply the lessons of history. From 1930 up to now, over the past 93 years, under the leadership of the Communist Party of Vietnam, the people and the country of Vietnam have innovated and developed day by day, step by step steadily moving towards socialism. Attaining these great achievements, first of all, is because our Party has set out the correct political line. That is the decisive factor for all victories of our country’s revolution, past and now.

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1. Introduction

The establishment of the Communist Party of Vietnam is a shining milestone in our nation’s modern history, a great leap of the Vietnamese revolution in the twentieth century, and brought the Vietnamese patriotic movement to a high level of self-consciousness, with scientific theories to guide the way, led by the vanguard, and associated our country’s revolution with the world proletariat revolution. Thereby, the people's force, which is the true driving force of history, is multiplied. Since then, our country’s revolution has had a leading force associated with a progressive mode of production and ideology. No matter how difficult the hardships and sacrifices, we will definitely win. Looking back on the 93-year journey, since the establishment of the Communist Party, the Vietnamese revolution has been rich, vibrant and strongly developed. That vitality and development stem from the correct political strategies and the Party’s responsibility and capacity to organize the implementation of those strategies.

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2. Methodology

The article is conducted on the basis of the theory of Marxism - Leninism and Ho Chi Minh’s thought; guidelines, policies and views of the Communist Party of Vietnam on political objectives and duties in the process of leading the Vietnamese revolution. In addition, the article also uses other methods such as analysis, synthesis, deduction, induction, list, etc.

3. Content

3.1. The revolutionary and scientific characteristics of the political strategy

A truly revolutionary and scientific political party must first manifest itself in a scientifically and revolutionary correct political strategy. That is because, the correct, revolutionary and scientific political line is the decisive factor to cause the Party strong, the people heroic, and the revolutionary successful. The political strategy, which identifies the basic goals and methods to achieve that goal of the revolution in the long term and in a certain revolutionary period, expresses the nature of the Communist Party, which is the guiding flag, motivates and promotes the masses of people; it determines the destiny of the Party and the nation. The experiences from the practical movements of the communist and workers in the world show that in the revolution, there is no greater risk than the mistake of the strategy, there is no mistake more serious than the mistake of the strategy. The right political strategy is the starting of victory; the wrong political strategy is the starting of failure.

The political guideline determines the ideological work, the organizational and personnel work. Certainly, ideological work, organizational and personnel work have an influence on the formulation and organization of political implementation. Building the Party synchronously in all terms of political, ideological and organizational aspects, in which building Party in terms of politics, first of all, political strategy, is the most significant mission. In the Brief Political Platform that Comrade Nguyen Ai Quoc proposed when conducting the Party Foundation Conference, as well as in the Political Thesis adopted at the 1st Plenum of the Central Committee in October 1930, both showed that as soon as its inception, the Party determined the general strategic guidelines for the Vietnamese revolution: first, it’s the bourgeois civil rights revolution, then it’s the socialist revolution. The movement of reality showed that it was a general strategy governing and covering the revolutionary period. This strategy could also be expressed that in our country’s conditions and circumstances, the conduct of the national liberation revolution must be associated with the construction of socialism, the goal of national independence is associated with the goal of socialism. That guideline has faithfully reflected the deep insight needs and interests of the people, first of all, the working people, who want to be liberated truly, liberated completely and permanently; based on the spirit and ability of continuous revolution, divided into stages, successive steps; based on the perception of the evolutionary laws of human history, the ultimate perception of the fate of capitalism,
imperialism a selection of the socialist path. This selection reflects the inevitable development trend of our country’s history, in line with the objective laws and trends of the times. has become President Ho Chi Minh’s lifelong ideal since he discovered that the Vietnamese revolutionary path is the proletarian revolution; at the same time, it has become the ideal of the whole Party and people of our country over the years.

During the national-democratic revolution, the Communist Party of Vietnam built the right political strategy. It is to carry out the task of anti-imperialism and anti-war closely and inseparably, realising an independent nation and plowmen with fields. The success of the August Revolution and the victory of the resistance against the French colonialists were the right direct results of this strategy. During the anti-American resistance war, our strategy had a great combination between the task of national liberation and the task of building socialism, in order to complete the people’s democratic national revolution in the whole country, and unify the country towards socialism. This is a way that shows strategic constancy, sharpness, tactical flexibility, richness, creativity and flexibility in revolutionary methods and proves that it plays a leading role in determining the success and victory of the revolution. After the South of Vietnam was completely liberated and the country was unified, the Party determined to move the whole country to socialism in accordance with the movement of reality.

Looking back on the whole process of implementing the renovation policy from 1986 to now, the appearance of our country’s society has seen many positive changes, with high economic growth, improved people’s living standards, political stability and security - national defense and security were maintained, external relations has been expanded, the international position has been increased, creating a new position and force of our country’s revolution. Those once again prove that the right political strategy has great vitality in social life, which is an important decisive factor in the leadership of the Party.

During the 93 years of leading the Vietnamese revolution, the Communist Party of Vietnam was not without moments of stumbling, making mistakes and shortcomings. However, a strong Party is the once that recognizes mistakes, has a resolute attitude, has the courage to correct mistakes and knows how to correct mistakes effectively. The Communist Party of Vietnam is like that. Recognizing mistakes and shortcomings, and resolutely correcting effectively is an indispensable quality and capacity of leadership in order to make necessary adjustments, supplements and improvements to the political strategy, and ensure the leadership of the Party, the interests of the people and the entire nation. It is only a right, scientific and revolutionary political strategy that can unite and unify in the party, unite and unify in society, and advance to win great victories.

3.2. Experience lessons on building the political strategy of the Communist Party
Over 93 years of struggle, building, leadership and development for the Communist Party of Vietnam, valuable lessons have been learned in order to have a correct, revolutionary and scientific political strategy. Those are:
First, be faithful and creatively apply Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh’s thought, which is the ideological foundation and guideline for all actions of the Party and our people, first of all, the ideological foundation of the political strategy proposed by the Party. In order to have the right strategy, the Party must be independent, self-reliant, creative, and build a revolutionary strategy on the basis of Marxist-Leninist theory, in accordance with the requirements of history, in match with the reality of Vietnam, meet the requirements of the national liberation, construction and defense of the Fatherland in each specific condition and circumstance. President Ho Chi Minh had an important instruction: “We must improve our cultivation of Marxism-Leninism in order to use the Marxist-Leninist stance, viewpoints and methods to summarize the Party’s experiences, correctly analyze the characteristics of our country. Only then will we be able to gradually understand the development law of the Vietnamese revolution, identify specific lines, mottos and steps of the socialist revolution suitable to the situation of Vietnam” (Ho Chi Minh City, 2011, p.92).

Second, be loyal to the interests of the working class, the toiling people and the entire nation, inherit and promote the traditions, and absorb the quintessence of human culture; know how to refer to the experience of the world’s people’s struggle, of the international communist and workers’ movements. It is also the basis for the Party to be consistent with its leadership role and for our people to believe in the Party’s leadership role.

Third, uphold the spirit of independence, self-reliance and creativity right from the time of building political strategy. Bloody experience showed us that whenever there is independence, self-control and creativity, there is successful, whenever it is stereotypes, machinery, dogma, or lack of independent spirit and self-control that is mistakes and losses; that is because each country, each nation, each Party, each historical moment has different characteristics and circumstances.

Fourth, promote democracy and bring into play the wisdom of the entire Party and people. The success in correcting mistakes and correctly determining the renovation strategy is an important reason that the Communist Party of Vietnam always upholds the principles of living, expanding democracy in the Party and in society, listening to the opinions of cadres, party members and people, without being subjective and satisfied. This experience also means to regularly sticking to reality, attaching importance to summarizing practice, researching theory, and closely combining theory and practice. The practice poses many problems that need to be researched, summarized and answered in order to supplement and complete the Party’s political strategy. It is the extremely new, rich and complex context of the world situation; the way to building socialism in Vietnam, industrialization and modernization, developing a socialist-oriented market economy, proactively integrating into the world, perfecting and renovating the political system... These issues require the promotion of democracy, drawing on the wisdom of the entire Party and people, sticking to reality, summarizing reality, to clarify and serve as a basis for perfecting the right scientific and revolutionary political strategy.

Fifth, the quality and competence of the Party of all cadres and party members has been continuously improved. The reason is that the political strategy was built and
implemented by cadres, party members, grassroots organizations of the National Congress of the Party. The Party must be at the vanguard of theory, intellect, political strategy and actions. Leadership is the guideline, the Party is always at the forefront of the revolutionary cause at all times, cadres and party members stand at the front lines of the revolutionary cause, ready to sacrifice, even their lives, for revolutionary ideals, for the country, and for the people. The masses of people always look at the actions of cadres and party members to follow. Therefore, focusing on cadre work, considering cadres as the root of all work; cultivating revolutionary morality is a fundamental content in Party building. At the same time, the Party must always self-train, self-correct, constantly innovate leadership methods, and improve leadership quality and effectiveness. The Party leads by the right strategy and decisions, and through the Party organization system and the organizations in the political system; through a contingent of cadres and party members in all fields aims to realize the Party’s strategy. Focusing on theoretical research, summarizing practice and constantly clarifying the issues proposed in the science of leadership and management. It is to raise the level of practical organization, make the way to life and turn it into vivid reality. Thereby, it is through reality to concretize, institutionalize, supplement and perfect the strategy.

4. Conclusion

Classical politicians have pointed out that the greatest danger of ruling parties is bureaucracy and misguided direction. We, the Vietnamese people, are very proud of the Communist Party of Vietnam, first of all, proud of the correct, wise, revolutionary and scientific political strategy proposed by the Party. Through that strategy, for the past 93 years, the Party has organized and led our people to overcome hardships and difficulties from victory to victory. Thanks to the right direction and effective implementation, our people stand firm and continue to grow up in the context of a volatile world. With the new position and power of Vietnam today, we are completely excited to move towards a developed society, believing in the political strategy and the Party’s goals set out at the 13th National Party Congress (January 2021). This marks an important step in firmly consolidating and creatively implementing the Party’s political strategy, leading the Vietnamese people to step up firmly in the cause of building a socialist society with wealth, a strong country, democracy, justice, and civilization.

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