



Developing the Power of the People's Union - A Great Motion for Social-Economic Development in Vietnam Today

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ABSTRACT

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Looking at the movement and development of social history, the power of great solidarity plays a significant role, and that role is vividly shown in the practice of human activities. By summarizing practice and experience, assessing the role of great solidarity has been affirmed by the Communist Party of Vietnam: "Great national unity is the strategic line of the Vietnamese revolution, the enormous resources and resources in the construction and defense of the Fatherland" ([Communist Party of Vietnam, 2016, pp. 158-159](#)). With that remark, the Party has adequately assessed the strength of great solidarity and made great solidarity a long-term strategy for socio-economic development. Within the scope of this article, the author focuses on analyzing the role as the driving force of promoting the strength of great solidarity for the socio-economic development in Vietnam today in three essential aspects: (1) the driving force for the development economy; (2) motivation for socio-cultural development; (3) the driving force to stabilize the political situation and perfect the political system.

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1. Promoting the great unity of the whole people is the driving force for economic development

When analyzing the driving role of great solidarity for socio-economic development in general, it is necessary to start in the economic field; especially since our country is in the process of perfecting the socialist-oriented market economy, more and more attention is paid to the driving role of the great unity of the whole people in economic development; Specifically, exploiting the aspect of product development, perfecting the organization and management of production.

Firstly, promoting the great unity of the whole people is the driving force for production development.

Material production is the process by which people use labor tools to affect the natural world and transform the material forms of the natural world in order to create material wealth to satisfy the needs of human existence and development. People;

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Thus, the production process must rely on three factors: workers, labor tools and labor objects. The power of great solidarity is a driving force to promote the development of all three factors.

In the beginning, man appeared as a result of the long-term evolution of nature, a product of nature; but through the process of labor, people have improved nature and rose to master nature. From small people who are trembling, afraid and dependent on nature, they know how to unite to create strength, together to fight against the dangers of nature such as wild animals, floods, droughts, etc. Solidarity, sticking people together into a collective, organization, and community is eligible to develop all their abilities and assert themselves.

For production to develop, there must be labor tools and the application of science and technology to the production process. This requires people to cooperate, exchange and learn to exchange experiences to improve their skills; manufacture labor tools; apply and transfer science and technology. Obviously, this is the job and duty of many people; because one person at the same time cannot take on all those jobs. Therefore, when it comes to the level of development of labor tools and science and technology, it is the result of an entire generation

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of people in a particular historical period. Thus, gathering, living and working together, helping and sharing will make human labor less challenging, and it also helps people to research and create modern materials and means of work. Contributing to promoting the development of labor tools, techniques and production technology will directly affect the improvement of labor productivity and product quality, reduce muscular labor and reduce labor costs, increasing the proportion of gray matter in the product structure. All of the above factors have a direct, decisive impact on the development of production.

Making the production process more and more modern, productivity and labor efficiency higher, making production more and more developed. When the level of workers is improved, tools and means of work are improved, it will help people to carry out the production process even in places where it is difficult or impossible for humans to do it directly. That process will also make the object of labor expand and become more affluent. From the forms available in nature, such as minerals, land, sea, rivers, lakes, mountains and forests (natural resources); other forms have been processed by human hands, such as leather for shoes, fabrics for garments, components for electronic production and assembly. This proves that the labor objects are many and plentiful but still limited. There is still a great need for human efforts in using economically and creating many processed objects to replace those available in nature; otherwise, resources will be exhausted, affecting the production process and social development.

In addition, great solidarity has created a driving force for product development, thereby contributing to the reproduction of human labor. Because the development of production will gradually liberate human labor and meet people's needs of food, clothing, accommodation and other spiritual needs. Therefore, the new man has all the conditions to develop physically and mentally, helping him become the subject of the production process.

Second, promoting the great unity of the whole people is the driving force to perfect the organization and management of production.

The organization and management of production have great significance for economic development. Because if organized scientifically, under the development level of the productive forces, by the specificity, comparative advantages of the locality and the country, it will promote socio-economic development. On the contrary, unreasonable production organization lacking in science, subjectivity, voluntariness, stereotyping, and machinery will cause socio-economic crisis and stagnation.

Production labor is a continuous process with assignment and linkage between stages, departments, organization members, branches, and territories in chronological order. In order to have a reasonable assignment, first of all, it is necessary to agree to be able to coordinate the assignment. Only great solidarity can create unity between ownership, management, division of production and distribution of products. Thus, the organization and management of production will be stable and achieve high efficiency.

Conflict is objective and conflict resolution is the driving force of development. In the process of organizing and managing production, thanks to the spirit of great solidarity, it is possible to resolve the contradictions in the way of economic organization and management, contributing to the planning and reforming of the management model and economic development of our Party and State. However, this depends on the perception of contradictions and methods to resolve people's conflicts. In fact, in order to limit and resolve conflicts in the economic field, the great unity of the whole people is the most optimal solution to create a broad consensus within the organization to the entire production line system.

2. Promoting the great unity of the whole people is the driving force for socio-cultural development

As a form of social consciousness, culture reflects social existence in such aspects as handed down traditional values, intellectual development level and the whole spiritual life. Therefore, when studying the dynamic role of promoting the great unity of the whole people in cultural development means studying its impact on the above aspects.

Firstly, promoting the great unity of the whole people is the driving force to preserve and develop the nation's traditional culture.

The history of our nation's struggle to build and defend the country is the history of the whole nation coming together to build and defend the country. During a thousand years under the domination of the feudal forces from the North and more than a hundred years facing the Western powers, a tiny Vietnam is a very heroic, resilient and indomitable nation. Moreover, every time politely posed problems to be solved, and the whole nation put itself in a position of readiness to fight and die. They all uphold the spirit of great solidarity to overcome all hardships and dangers, fight and defeat invaders with evil, and help each other overcome difficulties to build a prosperous and robust country jointly. This has formed a traditional cultural beauty of the nation. Furthermore, it is also thanks to the spirit of solidarity that that tradition is always preserved and passed on from generation to generation. This is an eloquent proof of the role of great solidarity that always accompanies history,

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contributes to writing glorious history pages and especially always contributes to preserving and promoting good cultural traditions of the nation.

Today, before the trend of globalization and international integration, Vietnamese culture has the opportunity to reach out to the big sea. That process has taken place in the exchange, learning, contact, and rubbing with many other cultures, but one thing to be proud of is that we integrate, not dissolve. Because Vietnamese culture has been firmly forged through a long history and has become a solid block from the unity of the whole nation. Therefore, when integrating with the world is an opportunity for Vietnamese culture to assert its bravery, at the same time absorbing the quintessential external values to enrich the Vietnamese culture.

With the policy of the great unity of the whole people, especially the great solidarity movements, they have promoted their positivity and effectiveness in repelling negative and "counter-cultural" phenomena in socio-economic life. Actions to prevent social evils, monitor and denounce criminals, and boycott counterfeit goods and inferior quality goods are all based on people's solidarity, joining hands to eliminate the negative from the community. The people's solidarity and struggle have created strength so that progress and good can be won. It can be said, that the incredible solidarity of the whole people has contributed to the crystallization of culture in each activity of socio-economic life.

Second, promoting the great unity of the whole people is the driving force to raise the people's intellectual level and develop their spiritual and cultural life.

When economic life develops, besides material needs, people also have many other needs for spiritual and cultural life, such as learning, entertainment, festivals generally the need to improve people's intellectual level and enjoy cultural and spiritual values. In this case, the great unity of the whole people is not only a driving force for economic development but also a driving force for socio-cultural development. Because great solidarity movements are means to multiply, disseminate and bring intellectual, cultural and spiritual values to each citizen; at the same time bring people directly to participate as creators of spiritual and cultural values and as genuine beneficiaries of those values (Ho, 2003, p. 118). On the one hand, the policy of great national unity makes cultural values crystallize and transform into movements, specific action programs by the Vietnamese Fatherland Front at all levels and mass organizations. On the other hand, it is also the remarkable solidarity of the whole people through movements and specific action programs that have raised the level of awareness and enjoyment of culture - art; leading to and promoting cultural activities to develop in both breadth and depth in order to meet the increasing needs of people. It is also thanks to the

remarkable solidarity of the whole people that individuals can create a vast network of connections, helping themselves overcome their limitations and reach out to integrate with culture, civilization and the ordinary progress of society. From there, people clearly understand the outside world, customs, practices, and spiritual life.

The great unity of the whole people also strongly impacts the morality and lifestyle of each individual in particular and the whole society in general. Many human knowledge and achievements, moral qualities, and new lifestyles have been disseminated and replicated through the great solidarity movements. The will to rise to riches and escape poverty and backwardness, a lifestyle that respects the law and discipline and a civilized, modern lifestyle with industrial style has had a strong and comprehensive impact on social life. This becomes even more meaningful when nowadays, many people run after the market economy and forget about morality for the sake of personal interests but forget about the common interests of the collective.

3. Promoting the great unity of the whole people is the driving force for stabilizing and perfecting the political system

Stabilizing and perfecting the political system is a very urgent requirement to create a solid foundation for economic development. That is the common task of the entire Party and people. The building of the great unity bloc and the promotion of the perfect unity bloc's strength will create a solid impetus to stabilize and perfect the political system in Vietnam today.

First, promoting the great unity of the whole people is the driving force for socio-political stability.

Through the great solidarity movements that took place with great enthusiasm, widely organized by the Fatherland Front, in which the people are directly involved, it has contributed to raising the awareness, role and status of workers. Immersing in the collective, connecting with the collective and becoming a part of the collective helps employees to be aware of their role and position; from there, they can protect their legitimate interests, fight for democratic rights and widely implement social democracy. As a result, workers have begun to be aware of and demand their right to participate in and supervise the operation of the political system. This is the driving force for political stability and social development because our Party has affirmed: "The socialist society that our people are building is a society: Rich people, strong country, democracy, fair, civilized; owned by the people" (Communist Party of Vietnam, 2011, p. 70), taking democracy as the essential foundation for socio-political stability and as a driving force for the development of society.

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When employees are aware of their position and role, that is when managers are forced to change their thinking and leadership. They begin to value employees, associate employees' interests with production results and organizational performance results, increase autonomy and self-determination for the establishment and employees, and maximize their benefits. These are the foundations that create the premise for socio-political stability. Besides, raising the awareness of position and role, of rights and obligations has helped people to form their political consciousness; thereby motivating them to act to bring about positive changes in socio-political life such as Engels once emphasized that "everything that motivates people to act must, of course, go through their mind" ([Marx & Engels, 1995, p. 438](#)). When the people's political consciousness is enhanced, it requires leaders and managers to constantly improve their roles and sense of responsibility for leadership and management. Since then, efforts have been made to "improve the decentralization mechanism, ensure uniform management of planning and development orientations, strengthen supervision, inspection and inspection; at the same time, promote the proactive role, sense of responsibility, and improve the capacity of each level and each branch. Expanding democracy goes hand in hand with strengthening discipline" ([Communist Party of Vietnam, 2011, p. 142](#)) to ensure unity and stability.

The great unity of the whole people has promoted the faster development of society; political - social activities are diverse and complex, and socio-political organizations develop more and more complex, but all are unified. Especially in the ranks of the Party, great solidarity has set the requirements. It is the driving force to build a strong and clean Party, helping the ruling Party constantly innovate and strengthen the organization to improve its leadership capacity. The purity, strength and solidarity in the Party will be the nucleus that is replicated, creating solidarity, stability and development in society. It will suit society's development and create people's trust.

Thus, the solidarity and unity of the whole people will be the driving force for socio-political stability; because when there is any situation, or socio-political issue arises, it is brought to a referendum, asking for the opinions of the people according to the motto "people know, people, discuss, people do, people check" and to be resolved by the whole population. In the face of a fundamental problem of great significance to the development of the nation - nation, one person cannot solve it, but with the combined strength of many people, everything will be handled quickly, transparent and effective.

In addition, a factor that helps stabilize society is strengthening national defense and ensuring political security. To have solid national defense and security, it is required to focus on mobilizing all potentials to build force; that force can

only be created from the great unity of the people. The current strength of the entire people includes the remarkable solidarity of all nations, religions, and economic sectors material and spiritual strength of the Vietnamese community at home and abroad. The strength of patriotism and socialist ideals, together with all the outstanding revolutionary achievements in the twentieth century with the leadership of the Party and State. All that strength was gathered in the Vietnamese Fatherland Front, based on a solid alliance between the working class, the peasantry and the intelligentsia. It is widely attracting all social classes, people of all sectors, all genders, all ages, all ethnicities and religions to strengthen the nation's defense and security and towards "Rich people, strong country, democracy, fair, civilized; owned by the people." Thus, great solidarity has provided human and material strength, both material and spiritual, to create a solid all-people national defense. When the people's hearts agree, support and believe in all guidelines and policies of the Party-State, national defense - security will be consolidated and guaranteed. Ensuring national defense and security will contribute to the stability and development of the socio-political situation.

Second, promoting the great unity of the whole people is the driving force to perfect the political system.

The Communist Party of Vietnam has affirmed that "the entire organization and operation of our country's political system in the new period is aimed at building and perfecting a socialist democracy, ensuring that power belongs to the people." ([Communist Party of Vietnam, 2006, p. 446](#)). To have democracy, we must practice great solidarity because there is a close relationship between great solidarity and democracy. In order to monitor and implement democracy widely and ensure that democracy is implemented in practice, it is necessary to rely on the coordination and solidarity of the whole people. Because of the incredible solidarity movements, people have the conditions to promote their right to master and protect their mastery. At the same time, promoting the strength of great solidarity must also rely on democracy. Since the excellent solidarity movement is entirely voluntary, it only attracts and gathers people to participate when they are mastered. Therefore, great solidarity and democracy are always associated with each other. Democracy is an essential criterion for assessing socio-political stability; it reflects society's development level in the process of social liberation. Democracy is also the goal of perfecting the political system. Particularly in this respect, great solidarity has been seen as the driving force to perfect the political system.

The political system is a set of legal, political organizations in the society, including political parties, the state and socio-political organizations linked together in an organization. It aimed at influencing the processes of social life,

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consolidating, maintaining and developing a political regime consistent with the ruling class's interests. Currently, the political system in Vietnam is a complete system made up of the close association between the Communist Party of Vietnam, the State of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Vietnam Fatherland Front, Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union, Vietnam General Confederation of Labor, Vietnam Women's Union, Vietnam Farmers' Union, Vietnam Veterans Association. Moreover, other social organizations established under regulations under the law; operates based on an alliance between the working class and the peasantry, and the intelligentsia under the leadership of the Communist Party of Vietnam and the management of the State of Vietnam. Many factors are needed to perfect and develop the political system, but the first and most important factor is the close solidarity between its constituent parts. Because when a part is missing, it will affect the operation of the whole system and not become a complete system. Therefore, the great unity of the whole people is the most critical factor in perfecting and developing the ruling system. Only great solidarity and through great solidarity can create a close connection, forming an indivisible unity. From there, it helps the member departments to coordinate synchronously and smoothly as well as divide their functions and powers in the implementation of assigned responsibilities (Nguyen, 2010).

Politics is an inherently complex field focusing on power and interests among different classes, forces, and organizations; it contains many sensitive issues that must be resolved thoroughly. Therefore, properly resolving power and interests between classes, and organizations, requires effort and great solidarity of the whole political system. Specifically, the solidarity within the Party, the solidarity between the Party - the State and the People, between the people and the people, and between organizations (Huynh, 2009). Such widespread solidarity has brought the operational efficiency of the political system to a new level.

Looking back at Vietnam's history, the great unity of the whole people helped us to fight foreign invaders to gain power. Currently, in order to maintain the government and ensure socio-political stability, we need to continue the tradition of great solidarity, and that tradition must be promoted even more to fulfill our mission and tasks. Bringing into play the strength of the great unity of the people in order to arouse the great potential of internal resources to continue the innovation process, accelerate industrialization and modernization, and build and defend the socialist Vietnamese Fatherland. In addition, promoting the strength of the great unity of the whole people also aims to affirm that the development path of the country must rely on the strength of the whole people, "bringing

our strength to liberate us" that proves our people are qualified to shoulder the great cause that history has entrusted.

CONCLUSION

Ho Chi Minh warned in his testament: "Solidarity is an extremely precious tradition of the Party and our people" (Ho, 2001, p. 662). Because it is precious, Ho Chi Minh asked each person, especially cadres and party members, to maintain unity and unanimity, "like preserving the pupil of one's eyes" (Ho, 2001, p. 662). As a driving force and resource for socio-economic development, the strength of the people's great unity has become a decisive factor in all victories of the cause of nation-building and defense. In addition, promoting the great unity of the whole people is also a resource for socio-economic development in Vietnam today, including material and spiritual resources. Although the country's economic situation and the world have faced many difficulties over the years, our country still maintains stability and gradually achieves achievements in all fields of economy, politics, ideology, culture, national security and defense. Thanks to the excellent implementation of the great unity policy and promoting the strength of the great unity of the whole people, it has created a driving force and mobilized all resources to participate in the process of land construction and development. Country; become an endogenous force to help us successfully implement the set socio-economic development goals.

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