

# *Research on the Inheritance Path of "Fengqiao Experience" From the Perspective of Community Governance*

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**Abstract:** The Third Plenary Session of the 18th CPC Central Committee clearly proposed to promote the modernization of the national governance system and governance capacity, reflecting our party's efforts to promote the modernization of the country with system modernization. Promoting the modernization of the national governance system and governance capacity can enable the Party and the government to optimize the governance concept in a timely manner, and the development of grassroots social governance in China is also due to the development and progress of the modernization of the national governance system. In the process of development, the "Fengqiao Experience" in the new era always adheres to the people-oriented, takes the mass line, insists on the Party's leadership core, and inherits the "Fengqiao experience" from the perspective of the modernization of national governance. First, we must clarify the root causes of its inheritance, and second, what specific requirements and ways to inherit the "Fengqiao Experience" in the new era. Finally, we must deal with the relationship in the process of inheritance. This can help us to better inherit the "Maple Bridge experience" in the new era.

## **1. The Necessity of Inheriting the "Fengqiao Experience"**

In the context of more than half a century of social reform, the "Fengqiao Experience" can still be widely applied and highly valued by the Central Party Committee, the fundamental reason lies in its unwavering adherence to the leading role of the Party, its people-oriented approach, reliance on the power of the masses, and the mass line, which is consistent with the goal of modernizing the system of national governance and governance capacity in the new era, therefore, we must inherit and develop the "Fengqiao Experience" well.

### **1.1. Adhering to the leadership of the Party**

This is the core connotation of the "Fengqiao Experience" and the fundamental basis for ensuring

that the "Fengqiao Experience" remains fresh and vibrant with vitality and spirit. In the new era, the "Fengqiao Experience" always adheres to the leading role of the Party, fully leverages its political advantages, and integrates the leadership of the Party with the spirit of the "Fengqiao Experience", thereby ensuring that it runs through the entire process of grassroots social governance and social reform and development. The basic principle of adhering to the leadership of the Communist Party of China has never been abandoned since the birth of the "Fengqiao Experience". The inheritance of the "Fengqiao Experience" in the new era must also adhere to the principle of continuing to uphold and strengthen the leadership of the Party in practice.

### **1.2. We must put people first and ensure the principal position of the people**

The "Fengqiao Experience" is the Chinese experience of the Communist Party of China leading the people to contribute to the social governance of various countries in the great journey of the cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics. Adhering to the people-oriented, to ensure that the main status of the people is unchanged is the "Fengqiao experience" enduring and rich vitality of the fundamental. It is consistent to emphasize the principal position of the human being and adhere to relying on the masses and taking the mass line. The people's character is the most distinctive feature of the CPC. The CPC always regards serving the people wholeheartedly as the starting point and goal of all its work, and satisfying the interests of the overwhelming majority of the people is the focus of the Party's work. Whether it is governing the "four types of elements", improving the social security environment, innovating the social management and social governance model, none of them is to make the socialist economic development in a stable social environment, but it is fundamentally to let the people's vital interests and yearning for a better life to be satisfied, which reflects the theoretical core of the "Fengqiao Experience" is people-oriented.

### **1.3. Rely on the strength of the masses and adhere to the mass line.**

The Party's mass line - "from the masses, to the masses" - is not only the Party's fundamental line of work, but also our Party's magic weapon for resolving contradictions and disputes. At the beginning of its birth, "Fengqiao Experience" relied on the power of the masses to transform the "four types of elements" in class struggle. Half a century of inheritance and development, relying on the power of the masses, adhering to the mass line has become the key to the inheritance and development of "Maple Bridge Experience", and is the core working method of "Maple Bridge Experience".

## **2. The Basic Requirements of Inheriting "Fengqiao Experience"**

### **2.1. The mechanism of inheriting the "Fengqiao experience"**

As a set of mature social security comprehensive governance system, the governance experience of "Fengqiao experience" has been regarded as a model of social security comprehensive governance at the grassroots level in our country. The operation and implementation of the social governance system of "Fengqiao Experience" relies on the perfect organizational network and effective working mechanism, and also relies on the formatted file management, so that all people and all things are included in the governance system<sup>1</sup>. We need to make efforts in many aspects, especially in the dispute resolution mechanism, in order to better integrate the "Maple Bridge experience" into the development of the new era, which is reflected in the following aspects.

(1) We will persist in and strengthen the prevention of conflicts and establish multiple mediation mechanisms. The main contradiction in the new era has long been transformed from "solving the

contradiction of class struggle" to "the contradiction of the people's needs for a better life." The people are the focus of social governance, and the Party Central Committee highly emphasizes the importance of the role of the people, so that the people can live and work in peace and contentment, and the society can develop stably. To realize the interests of the people is the starting point and goal of social governance. In the new era, the economic and social structure has changed with the social development, and social contradictions have become increasingly prominent, which requires us to further establish and improve the major mediation work system based on people's mediation, administrative mediation, judicial mediation and social mediation, so as to realize the complementary advantages and good interaction of various mediation mechanisms, and enhance the development of the standardized and efficient operation of major mediation work. We will establish and improve a working mechanism for connecting people's mediation and judicial mediation procedures.

(2) We will establish a sound mediation mechanism and promote coordinated development among departments. On the one hand, in the new era, all localities actively strengthen communication and coordination with relevant units, and promote the grass-roots judicial administrative departments to send mediation rooms to higher-level judicial units. In the process of resolving disputes, judicial organs and relevant administrative organs have played the fundamental role of people's mediation in the settlement of disputes by guiding and informing, entrusting and transferring people's mediation, etc. On the other hand, it also strengthened the construction of the mediation team and improved the quality of the team. The resolution of conflicts and disputes requires not only the promulgation of policies formulated by judicial organs and relevant administrative departments, but also a professional mediation team to provide professional advice and help for the resolution of conflicts and disputes.

## **2.2. The path to inherit the "Fengqiao experience"**

The purpose of inheriting the "Fengqiao Experience" in the new era is to promote the "Fengqiao Experience" to better adapt to the development of The Times, give full play to its own advantages, effectively safeguard the interests of the people, and improve the modernization of grassroots social governance and national governance. Therefore, the path of inheriting the "Maple Bridge experience" should be carried out from two aspects.

(1).Community-level social organizations should play an important role. In the process of inheriting the "Maple Bridge experience", only the participation of the government is far from enough, and it is also necessary to actively mobilize the participation of grassroots social organizations in the governance of social public affairs, so as to give play to the co-construction role of grassroots social organizations. The development and progress of the new era has changed the pattern of social governance, and the main body of social governance is led by a single government and special diversified governance. In grassroots social governance, it is necessary to actively promote the important role of "Fengqiao experience", strengthen the coordination between government responsibility and grassroots units and organizations, promote the inheritance and development of "Fengqiao experience", and realize the richness and perfection of its connotation.

(2).Adhere to the people-centered approach and speed up the transformation of dispute mediation methods. The fundamental reason for the success of the "Fengqiao experience" is that in the process of social governance, it always insists on safeguarding the interests of the broad masses of the people, takes photos for the people, and implements the idea of "relying on the masses and for the masses" advocated by the Party. The inheritance of "Fengqiao Experience" in the new era should integrate its "people-oriented" ideological connotation into it. It is necessary to fully learn from the "Fengqiao experience" in the conflict resolution mechanism experience, and constantly promote the

implementation of the work spirit of serving the people. Starting from the current social practice, the inheritance of "Fengqiao experience" should conform to the trend of the development of The Times, with the help of the development of science and technology Internet, the organic combination of mediation mechanism and the Internet, gradually improve the informatization level of "Fengqiao Experience", and make the greatest efforts and maximum to meet the basic needs of the people.

### **2.3. Institutional arrangements for inheriting "Fengqiao experience"**

The emergence and development of "Fengqiao Experience" in the 1960s provided reference experience for national social governance. After more than half a century, "Fengqiao Experience" in the new era has adapted to the development of The Times and been endowed with new era connotation. In view of the development of the new era and the changes in the grassroots social governance structure, the inheritance of "Fengqiao experience" should also start from the system, and better promote the inheritance and innovation of "Fengqiao experience".

(1). Guided by Party building, we will increase coordinated efforts in community-level social governance. "Fengqiao Experience" in the new era can still endure, maintain vitality and vitality, the fundamental reason is always adhere to the party building leadership. Because adhering to the leadership of the Party is to treat the grass-roots party organization as the "backbone" and "lamp holder" of grass-roots social governance, strengthen the "four consciousness" and "four self-confidence" of the leading cadres of Party members, unswervingly safeguard the authority of the Party Central Committee, and run the Party's leadership through the work of grass-roots social governance to strengthen the cohesion of the Party organization and the people.

(2). We will tackle the problem at the source and consolidate the foundation for community-level social governance. The "Fengqiao Experience" in the new era is a systematic and holistic big project, which requires the inheritance and implementation of the governance concept of "not handing over the contradictions and solving them internally" in the "Fengqiao Experience". Therefore, in grassroots social governance, we must always adhere to the source of governance and consolidate the foundation of grassroots social governance. To establish a good sense of danger and conflict prevention mechanism, the "Fengqiao experience" has always emphasized the internalization of contradictions, always grasp the main contradictions of the people, and strive to solve the problems that the people are concerned about, most expected, and most complaining, and resolve the negative emotions of the people from the source.

(3). Three governance integration, promote the construction of grassroots social governance system. "Fengqiao Experience" always adhere to the people-oriented, pay attention to the power and role of the people. The "Fengqiao Experience" in the new era especially emphasizes the need to take autonomy, rule of law, and rule of virtue as a springboard, promote the focus of social governance to move down to grassroots social governance, achieve good interaction between government governance, social coordination, and mass autonomy, and contribute to good governance. In terms of mass autonomy, the government should build and dredge channels for dispute mediation, strengthen services for the convenience of the people, ensure classified management of dispute mediation, and effectively solve the contradictions among the masses. In terms of government governance, it is necessary to gather the rule of law at the grassroots level, improve the mechanism for resolving contradictions, strengthen the guarantee of policies and institutions, and establish a grass-roots social governance system of "three governance integration".

### **2.4. The way to inherit the "Fengqiao experience"**

After the birth and development of "Fengqiao Experience" in the 1960s, it provided referential

experience for China's social governance and promoted the development of grassroots social governance. With the development of The Times and the changes of economy and society, "Fengqiao Experience" in the new era faces new challenges in inheritance and innovation. The inheritance of "Fengqiao experience" in the new era needs to start from the following ways.

(1). We will strengthen the Party's leadership and build a strong core for community-level social governance. In the new era, the modernization of China's governance system and governance capacity can not be improved without the unified leadership of the Party. Whether it is the "Fengqiao experience" in the birth period, or the "Fengqiao experience" in the development and innovation period, it highlights the distinctive characteristics of the leadership of party building. Give full play to the core strength of Party organizations and the leading role of party members and cadres, and build a strong core of grassroots social governance. Supporting the leadership of the Party, consolidating the ruling foundation of the Party, and enhancing the understanding of the rationality and legitimacy of the Party's ruling are the basis for inheriting the "Fengqiao experience" in the new era. It is necessary to attach importance to the comprehensive quality and ability of party members, enhance the consciousness of party members and leading cadres to serve the people, and earnestly implement the purpose of serving the people wholeheartedly. To a certain extent, the construction of the party members determines the development and application of the reasonable legalization of the "Fengqiao experience" at the grassroots level in this new era, and the establishment of a competent party members. It is necessary to optimize China's multi-level party building leading mechanism, improve the organizational construction of party committees at all levels and the systematism and coordination of party committee work, and ensure that national policies and guidelines can be effectively carried out and implemented at the grassroots level.

(2). We should put people first and ensure that social governance at the community level is of a mass nature. Adhering to people-oriented and masses oriented is the fundamental reason why "Fengqiao Experience" is still thriving and developing and a model of grassroots social governance after more than half a century. "Fengqiao Experience" gives full play to the main position of the people, actively leads the people to participate in the process of grassroots social governance, and successfully realizes the two-way linkage of mass participation in grassroots social governance under the guidance of party building. In the new era, China should always adhere to the people-oriented, rely on the people and everything for the people, and build a social pattern of "co-construction, co-governance and sharing". On the one hand, it is necessary to promote the openness and transparency of grass-roots governance of public affairs, so that power can operate in the sunshine, and effectively protect the people's right to know, participation, expression and supervision. The openness of public affairs in grass-roots governance is an important guarantee for the realization of grass-roots people. To ensure that the people enjoy the right to know in the management of public affairs at the grassroots level, and further promote the people's understanding and recognition of state policies. On the other hand, it is necessary to expand the ways for the people to participate in grassroots social governance, realize multi-channel and multi-mode participation in grassroots social governance, rationally use the ways and methods familiar to the people, establish ways for the people to participate in grassroots social governance, and enhance their enthusiasm to participate in social governance.

(3). Pay attention to the construction of the rule of law and ensure the standardization of social governance at the grassroots level. Strengthening the construction of legal system can effectively guarantee the development and progress of social governance at the grassroots level of our country. Fengqiao Town attaches great importance to the construction of the rule of law, and actively uses village rules and regulations, grass-roots governance regulations and other means of rule of law to regulate and restrict group behavior in the grass-roots society, but also to guide the grassroots social conflicts, in accordance with laws and regulations in order to solve the contradictions and conflicts

in the grass-roots society, and enhance the standardization, order and authority of grass-roots social governance. In order to realize the "three governance integration", we must inherit the "Fengqiao experience", realize the basic and guarantee role of rule of law construction in grassroots social governance, and promote the process of grassroots social governance to rule of law. On the one hand, it is necessary to strengthen the training of grassroots party organizations in handling affairs according to law, and improve their ability and level of handling affairs according to law. On the other hand, it is necessary to establish the people's awareness of the rule of law, enhance the people's awareness of laws and regulations, village rules and people's conventions, and build a good social environment in which everyone knows the law, understands the law, abides by the law, and uses it.

### **2.5. Inheriting the "Fengqiao experience" must deal with the relationship well**

"Fengqiao experience" is not only produced in the practice of rural grassroots social governance, but also rooted in the soil of grassroots social governance. In the new era, China's economy and society are developing rapidly, and the structure of rural society is also changing accordingly. Coupled with the acceleration of urbanization and urban integration construction, the increase of rural floating population and the complexity of personnel composition further aggravate the prominence of rural social contradictions. The pattern of social governance at the grassroots level in rural areas has also undergone significant changes. The modernization of rural grass-roots governance is an inseparable part of the modernization of national governance. Promoting the modernization of rural grass-roots social governance can promote the development of the modernization of national governance. Therefore, the inheritance of "Fengqiao experience" in the new era must deal with the relationship with rural grassroots social governance. The specific reasons are as follows:

(1). "Fengqiao experience" is the valuable experience of upholding the leadership of the Party. Upholding the leadership of the Party is the political soul of the "Fengqiao Experience". Exploring the development process of "Maple Bridge experience", it is not difficult to find that every time "Maple Bridge Experience" has major historical breakthroughs and innovations, it has adhered to the leadership of the Party and mass participation. Although the rural grassroots political power is the smallest unit in China's political power system, it is also an important part of it. The rural grass-roots political power is the most numerous, the most widely distributed, and the most closely connected with the broad masses of the people. It is an important bridge connecting the state power and the masses, and plays an important role in communication and coordination. Its stable development also promotes the stable development of the state power. "Fengqiao Experience" always adheres to the implementation of party building leadership at the grassroots level, regards grassroots party organizations as the leader of daily work, strengthens the leading role of party organizations, and actively promotes the development of grassroots social governance.

(2). "Fengqiao Experience" is the concrete expression of adhering to the mass line. Believe and mobilize the masses, organize and rely on the masses this is the essence of the "Fengqiao experience", which is fully consistent with our party's advocacy of adhering to the mass line, adhere to the concept of people-oriented. In the work of grassroots social governance, party members and leading cadres should, on the one hand, widely listen to the opinions of the masses, gather the wisdom of the people and rally the hearts of the people, on the other hand, they should also insist on sinking to the grassroots, do practical things down to earth, adhere to the work concept of "the masses do nothing small", insist on relying on the masses, the people are the creators and promoters of China's prosperity and development. In the process of grassroots social governance, our Party should actively lead the masses to participate and broaden the channels of participation, accept the

supervision of the masses, so that the masses can effectively enjoy the achievements and benefits of social governance, and enhance the sense of gain and happiness of the masses in the process of social governance.

"Fengqiao experience", as a model of rural grassroots social governance in China, not only promotes the transformation of rural grassroots social governance mechanism from mass prevention and mass governance to "three-governance integration", but also from the realization of "small public security" to "big peace". The new economic and social environment in the new era has brought new challenges and requirements to the rural grassroots social governance work, and also injected new connotations into the "Fengqiao experience". Therefore, the inheritance of "Fengqiao experience" in the new era must deal with the relationship with rural grassroots social governance, so as to further promote the research of rural grassroots social governance, and enhance the modernization of grassroots governance and national governance.

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