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INTRODUCTION

1. The urgency of the topic

The ideological foundation of the Party, rooted in Marxism–Leninism and Ho Chi Minh’s Thought, serves as the compass guiding all activities of the Communist Party of Vietnam. The steadfast and creative application of this ideological foundation has enabled the Party to formulate political platforms, develop correct revolutionary strategies suited to the country’s realities and the people’s aspirations, and lead the Vietnamese revolution through countless challenges to achieve historic and epoch-making accomplishments.

The documents of the 13th National Congress of the Party continue to affirm that protecting the Party’s ideological foundation is a crucial and regular task of the entire Party, people, and army. Politburo Resolution No. 35-NQ/TW (2018) further concretized this directive in the new context, outlining specific tasks and solutions involving the participation of the entire political system, with lecturers playing a core role.

Lecturers teaching Marxism–Leninism and Ho Chi Minh’s Thought at provincial and municipal political schools—especially in the Mekong Delta—form a vital and core force in ideological and theoretical work. With 13 political schools and more than 350 highly qualified lecturers, this team plays an essential role in training and fostering grassroots political system cadres; disseminating political theory, Party guidelines, and State policies and laws; as well as conducting scientific research and summarizing practical experiences to serve Party building and political system development at the local level.

However, in protecting the Party’s ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile views, the lecturer forces at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta still face a number of limitations and shortcomings. A portion of lecturers lack deep and comprehensive awareness of their responsibilities in this endeavor—especially in terms of understanding the urgency and special importance of protecting the Party’s ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints in the current context. Many experience difficulties integrating content on ideological protecting into their lectures; some lectures remain overly theoretical with limited practical relevance; and there is insufficient connection between theory and practice. Moreover, several articles on this topic lack scientific rigor and coherent argumentation. Research projects aimed at protecting the Party’s ideological foundation and refuting wrongful and hostile viewpoints remain limited in both quantity and quality.

These issues require urgent research and targeted solutions to enhance the capacity of lecturer forces at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta in protecting the Party’s ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile views.

To contribute to addressing this pressing task, the PhD candidate has chosen to conduct a thesis in the field of Party and State Building titled: **“Lecturer forces of provincial and municipal Political Schools in the Mekong Delta protecting the Party’s ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile views in the current context”**.

2. Research purpose and tasks

2.1. Research purpose

On the basis of research to clarify the theoretical and practical issues concerning the lecturer forces at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile views in the current context, this thesis proposes key solutions to strengthen this work at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta in the coming period.

2.2. Research tasks

- To provide an overview of notable scientific works directly related to the thesis topic, identify the key contents that the thesis should inherit to fulfill its objectives and tasks, and determine the aspects that require further research and clarification.

- To analyze and explain in depth the theoretical and practical issues related to the lecturer forces at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile views.

- To conduct a survey and assessment of the current situation of the lecturer forces at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile views; clearly identify strengths, weaknesses, limitations, and causes, drawing lessons learned.

- To propose orientations and key solutions to strengthen the efforts of the lecturer forces at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile views in the coming years.

3. Objective and scope of the thesis

3.1. Study subjects

The lecturer forces at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile views in the current context.

3.2. Scope of the study

- *In terms of content:* The thesis studies the lecturer forces at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile views in the current context.

- *In terms of space:* The thesis surveys and assesses the current situation of the lecturer forces at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta (covering 13 provinces and cities) in their efforts to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation and counter wrongful and hostile views.

- *In terms of time:* The data and materials used in the thesis are primarily collected from 2018 to 2024. The proposed directions and solutions are intended to remain relevant through to the year 2030.

4. Theoretical, practical basis and research methods of the thesis

4.1. Theoretical basis

The theoretical foundation of the thesis is grounded in Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's Thought; the Communist Party of Vietnam's lines on Party building in terms of ideology, politics, and ideological work; as well as the Party's directives on ideological and theoretical discourse.

4.2. Practical basis

The practical foundation of the thesis lies in the current situation of the lecturer forces at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile views during the period from 2018 to 2024.

4.3. Research methods

The thesis applies the Marxist-Leninist methodology and employs a combination of research methods such as: analysis and synthesis; historical and logical approaches; statistical and comparative methods; field surveys and practical reviews; expert consultation and sociological investigation.

5. Scientific contributions of the thesis

- The thesis formulates the Definition and core content of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile views as carried out by the lecturer forces at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta.

- The thesis draws lessons from the efforts of these lecturer forces in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile views, with particular emphasis on the importance of providing support and favorable conditions for lecturers to fulfill this task. It also highlights the need to flexibly and effectively integrate the content of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile views into teaching activities.

- The thesis analyzes and elaborates on six solutions aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of the lecturer forces at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta in carrying out the task of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile views. These solutions not only provide concrete directions for the operations of political schools but also contribute to strengthening the thesis's system of arguments, thereby representing a meaningful contribution to improving the quality of political theory education.

6. Theoretical and practical meaning of the thesis

- The thesis contributes to clarifying both theoretical and practical issues regarding the lecturer forces at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile views in the current context.

- The research findings of the thesis can serve as a useful reference for provincial Party Committees, city Party Committees, Party Committees of political schools, and school Boards of Management in the Mekong Delta in leading and organizing their lecturer forces to carry out the task of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile views.

- Furthermore, the thesis findings can be used as reference material to support teaching, learning, and scientific research on the protecting of the Party's ideological foundation at provincial and municipal political schools, as well as at district-level political training centers in the Mekong Delta.

7. Structure of the thesis

Apart from the Introduction, Conclusion, the list of the author's published works related to the thesis topic, the list of references, and appendices, the thesis consists of 4 chapters and 10 sections.

Chapter 1

OVERVIEW OF AVAILABLE RESEARCH RELATED TO THE TOPICS

1.1. RESEARCH WORKS ON MARXISM-LENINISM AND THE PROTECTING OF MARXISM-LENINISM ABROAD

1.1.1. Research works on Marxism-Leninism outside Vietnam

Representative studies by foreign scholars on Marxism-Leninism include works such as *Why Marx Was Right* by Terry Eagleton (Yale University Press), *Karl Marx: A Nineteenth-Century Life* by Jonathan Sperber, as well as numerous scientific publications from scholars in Russia, China, India, and Laos. These studies present rigorous arguments and scientific evidence affirming the enduring value of Marxism for the contemporary world. At the same time, they emphasize the validity and lasting significance of Marxist theory in analyzing contemporary social issues and underline the role of Marxist-Leninist principles in addressing global challenges. The lessons drawn from these works help lecturer forces in the Mekong Delta enhance their theoretical awareness and construct scientific, persuasive arguments in protecting the Party's ideological foundation.

1.1.2. Works by Vietnamese scholars on Marxism-Leninism and the protecting of Marxism-Leninism abroad

The works of Vietnamese scholars on Marxism-Leninism and the protecting of Marxism-Leninism abroad include notable studies by authors such as Pham Duc Kien (2023), Trinh Thi Hang (2023), Bui Thi Tinh (2023), and Nguyen Minh Hoan (2023). These studies highlight the development of Marxism from its emergence in the mid-19th century through the 20th and 21st centuries, in parallel with the transformations of the times. They also provide an overview of the situation and experiences in countering wrongful and hostile views aimed at undermining the regime and denying the leadership role of Communist Parties in socialist countries. Research on protecting Marxism-Leninism in countries such as China and Laos has yielded important theoretical and practical insights, helping to clarify the role of Marxism-Leninism in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints. These studies emphasize the creative application of Marxism-Leninism to suit the practical conditions of each country, offering useful approaches for lecturer forces at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta.

1.2. RESEARCH WORKS IN VIETNAM ON PROTECTING MARXISM-LENINISM, HO CHI MINH'S THOUGHT, AND COUNTERING WRONGFUL AND HOSTILE VIEWPOINTS

1.2.1. Research works affirming the role, impact, and immense value of Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's Thought in today's era

Research works affirming the role, impact, and immense value of Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's Thought include titles such as: *"Steadfastly Advancing on the Chosen Path"*; *"Our Righteous Cause"*; *"The Enduring Value and Vitality of Marxism-Leninism and Scientific Socialism"*; *"Applying Core Values of Marxism-Leninism to Building the Party's Membership and Youth Cadres in the Current Party-Building Efforts"*; *"Ho Chi Minh's*

Thought on Patriotic Emulation and Its Application in Today's Practice"; and *"The Views of V.I. Lenin and Ho Chi Minh on Identifying, Nurturing, and Utilizing Talent and Their Application in the Implementation of the Current National Strategy on Talent Attraction and Utilization."* These studies on the role and value of Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's Thought have provided a solid theoretical foundation that affirms the correctness and inevitability of Vietnam's path toward socialism. They have also profoundly examined and clarified the core issues that Party committees at all levels, along with cadres and Party members, must thoroughly grasp and persistently carry out in the ongoing process of comprehensive national renovation, socialist construction, and the firm protecting of the nation. This constitutes an essential basis for lecturers at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta to develop high-quality teaching content, effectively convey the values of socialism, and counter distortions and slanderous rhetoric from hostile forces.

1.2.2. Research works on countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation

Among the group of research works focused on countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation, several notable studies include: *"Staying Firm in Protecting the Party's Ideological Foundation and Refuting Wrongful and Hostile Viewpoints"*, *"Protecting the Party's Ideological Foundation in the New Context"*, and *"Proceedings of the Conference on Protecting the Party's Ideological Foundation and Countering Wrongful and Hostile Viewpoints in the New Context"*. These studies have concentrated on the methods, content, forms, and agents involved in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints, particularly in relation to subversive activities by hostile forces. At the same time, they proposed directions, tasks, solutions, and recommendations for strengthening efforts in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints in the coming period.

1.2.3. Research works on the system of Party schools and the lecturer forces in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints

This body of research includes numerous studies that analyze and clarify the role, functions, and responsibilities of the Party school system and the lecturer forces in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints. Based on these analyses, the studies propose and examine the requirements for lecturers at Party schools in integrating the protecting of the Party's ideological foundation and the struggle against wrongful and hostile views into their teaching activities. They also suggest specific groups of solutions aimed at enhancing the political will of students through the teaching of Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's Thought, thereby laying a theoretical foundation for students to effectively participate in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

1.3. GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE RESULTS OF THE AVAILABLE RESEARCH, AND RESEARCH DIRECTIONS OF THE THESIS

1.3.1. General comments on the results of available research

The research findings from the aforementioned scientific works, approached from various perspectives, provide valuable references for fulfilling the objectives and tasks of the dissertation. These can be summarised through the following key points:

Firstly, many studies have clarified the core Definition of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints in the new context, in accordance with the spirit of Resolution No. 35-NQ/TW dated 22 October 2018 of the Politburo.

Secondly, the studies have objectively assessed the current situation of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints in general, with particular focus on the performance of lecturers at provincial political schools in this area.

Thirdly, several studies have identified initial lessons and experiences from the efforts of lecturers at provincial political schools in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

Fourthly, the research has emphasised that strengthening public trust in the Party and its ideological foundation must go beyond theory, rhetoric, or resolutions. It requires practical action - specifically, the successful building and rectification of the Party so that it truly stands as a scientific and revolutionary political organisation representing the Vietnamese working class and the nation.

Fifthly, some works have proposed and analysed both theoretical and practical solutions for enhancing the role of lecturers at provincial political schools in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints. A few have even suggested specific measures tailored to the lecturer forces at political schools in the Mekong Delta.

These research outcomes are essential and beneficial for the dissertation to inherit and further develop in order to successfully fulfil its objectives and tasks.

1.3.2. Research directions of the thesis

Firstly, the dissertation clarifies core knowledge components directly related to its theoretical framework. These include: an overview of key issues concerning the provinces and cities in the Mekong Delta; the political schools of these localities—their functions, tasks, organisational structures, lecturer forces, and particularly their role in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints in the current context; and the lecturers themselves—their responsibilities, duties, characteristics, and especially their role in carrying out this mission.

Secondly, the dissertation develops its theoretical framework, including the central Definition: "Lecturer forces at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile views in the current context." It also outlines the content and methods employed by the lecturer forces to fulfil this task, as well as the significance of their role in this area.

Thirdly, it surveys and assesses the current situation of these lecturers in the Mekong Delta in their efforts to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation and counter wrongful and hostile viewpoints in recent years. The research highlights both strengths and weaknesses, identifies limitations and root causes, and draws relevant lessons.

Fourthly, the dissertation identifies and analyses the favourable conditions and challenges, outlines future orientations, and proposes solutions to strengthen the efforts of the lecturer forces at political schools in the Mekong Delta in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile views, with a vision to 2030.

Chapter 2

THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL ISSUES REGARDING LECTURER FORCES AT PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL POLITICAL SCHOOLS IN THE MEKONG DELTA PROTECTING THE PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION AND COUNTERING WRONGFUL AND HOSTILE VIEWS IN THE CURRENT CONTEXT

2.1. AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROVINCES AND CITIES; POLITICAL SCHOOLS; AND LECTURER FORCES AT PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL POLITICAL SCHOOLS IN THE MEKONG DELTA

2.1.1. An Overview of the Provinces and Cities in the Mekong Delta

Grasping and understanding the specific socio-economic conditions of the provinces and cities in the Mekong Delta helps each lecturer at provincial political schools connect these local characteristics with their teaching and research. This connection is essential when integrating the content related to protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints into educational and scientific activities. Such efforts contribute to equipping learners with knowledge, while also enhancing their awareness and fostering proper attitudes.

2.1.2. Provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta – definition, functions, duties, organizational structure, and roles

This section presents the functions, duties, organizational structure, authority, interrelations, and roles of each division within provincial and municipal political schools. These schools enjoy favorable conditions in serving as a bridge between the provincial and municipal Party Committees, Party organizations both inside and outside the region, and the legacy of Ho Chi Minh in the dynamic work of training, capacity building, scientific research, and practical summarization in the Mekong Delta to advance theoretical development. In addition, the schools also serve as a link between local Party Committees and the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics as well as central-level agencies in research, practical summarization, and the development of political theory, thereby making a significant contribution to the cause of Party building, protecting the Party, and promoting sustainable development in the Mekong Delta region.

2.1.3. Lecturer forces at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta – definition, responsibilities, duties, roles, and characteristics

This section presents the definition, responsibilities, duties, roles, and characteristics of the lecturer forces at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta.

2.2. THE PARTY’S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION, PROTECTING THE PARTY’S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION, AND COUNTERING WRONGFUL AND HOSTILE VIEWPOINTS – DEFINITIONS, CONTENTS, AND METHODS

2.2.1. Definition and roles of the Party’s Ideological Foundation

2.2.1.1. Definition of the Party’s Ideological Foundation

The ideological foundation of the Communist Party of Vietnam comprises the political theories, ideologies, and methods of thinking that the Party has chosen, affirmed, supplemented, and developed to serve as the basis for formulating its political platforms, revolutionary guidelines, and resolutions. These are all designed to align with objective laws and Vietnam’s practical realities in a feasible and effective manner. This foundation enables the Party to unite the working class and the Vietnamese laboring people, and to garner support and sympathy from progressive individuals and organizations around the world, thus ensuring the successful fulfillment of the country’s revolutionary missions and objectives.

2.2.1.2. Content of the Party’s Ideological Foundation

Firstly, the content of Marxism–Leninism.

Secondly, the content of Ho Chi Minh’s Thought.

2.2.1.3. Roles of the Party’s Ideological Foundation

Marxism–Leninism and Ho Chi Minh’s Thought serve as the foundation for the Communist Party of Vietnam to formulate its political platform, revolutionary path, and sound, practical resolutions and decisions that are aligned with the realities of the country and are feasible. They provide the ideological basis to unite and rally the broad masses of the people to successfully carry out the tasks of each stage of the revolution and to realize the ultimate objective of building socialism in Vietnam and firmly protecting the Fatherland. The role of Marxism–Leninism and Ho Chi Minh’s Thought as the Party’s ideological foundation can be summarized in four key aspects.

The Party’s ideological foundation—which includes Marxism–Leninism, Ho Chi Minh’s Thought, and the political line of the Communist Party of Vietnam—acts as a theoretical compass that guides and protects the interests of the nation in the face of wrongful external viewpoints. It serves not only as the basis for shaping domestic policies but also plays a crucial role in protecting national independence, sovereignty, and cultural foundations against the harmful impacts of hostile and opposing ideologies.

2.2.2. Definition and identification of wrongful and hostile viewpoints

2.2.2.1. The definitions of “wrongful viewpoints”; “hostile viewpoints” and their relationship

Wrongful viewpoints are perspectives, assessments, or evaluations of phenomena that are not based on scientific grounds, resulting in distorted opinions that do not reflect the true

nature of the phenomena.

Hostile viewpoints are opinions that directly contradict correct and legitimate understandings of phenomena and seek to negate those correct views.

Wrongful and hostile viewpoints are closely related, representing different levels of deviation from the truth. At a lower level, wrongful viewpoints may include distorted, incomplete, outdated, opportunistic, or vague perspectives. If such viewpoints are not promptly and effectively criticized and countered, they can evolve into hostile viewpoints. At a higher level, hostile viewpoints inherently encompass wrongful elements and reflect a more intentional and dangerous distortion of truth. In practice, the term “wrongful and hostile viewpoints” is often used as a compound phrase. Both types of viewpoints must be vigorously opposed; however, appropriate policies and solutions must be applied to each type in order to ensure effective ideological struggle.

2.2.2.2. Identifying wrongful and hostile viewpoints toward the Party, the State, the Socialist Regime, and the Vietnamese People

Firstly, denying the ideological foundation of the Party.

Secondly, rejecting the path toward socialism in Vietnam chosen by the Party, President Ho Chi Minh, and the Vietnamese people.

Thirdly, denying the leadership role of the Communist Party of Vietnam in the national revolutionary cause.

Fourthly, fabricating and distorting the historical truth, denying the great victories achieved by the Vietnamese people in the resistance wars against French colonialism and American imperialist aggression.

Fifthly, intensifying false accusations that the Party and the State violate democracy and human rights, suppress religion, and discriminate against ethnic minorities.

2.2.3. Protecting the Party’s ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints – Definition, content, and methods

2.2.3.1. Definition of protecting the Party’s ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints

Protecting the Party’s ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints is an activity undertaken by the Politburo, the Secretariat, the Central Executive Committee, Party committees at all levels, Party organizations, and Party members, with the participation of organizations within the political system, relevant institutions, and the people. This activity involves the creative application of Marxism–Leninism and Ho Chi Minh’s Thought throughout all activities of the Party—primarily in formulating correct Party guidelines and policies, and sound State laws and policies; building a clean and strong Party; improving the quality of political organizations, cadres, and Party members; and ensuring the successful implementation of the Party’s line, policies, and laws. At the same time, it entails actively opposing, rejecting, and refuting wrongful and hostile viewpoints using reasoned arguments and practical evidence, in order to firmly safeguard the Party’s ideological foundation, guidelines, policies, and laws.

2.2.3.2. Content of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints

Firstly, creatively applying Marxism–Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's Thought in formulating the revolutionary line, the Party's guidelines, and the State's policies and laws, thereby ensuring their correctness and effective implementation.

Secondly, creatively applying Marxism–Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's Thought on the Communist Party and Party-building to build a clean, strong Party and a contingent of qualified cadres and Party members who can meet the demands of successfully accomplishing the goals and tasks of the current renewal process.

Thirdly, applying Marxism–Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's Thought on the construction and functioning of the State and political–social organizations under the system of the dictatorship of the proletariat, in order to build strong institutions in Vietnam today, thereby effectively contributing to the implementation of the Party's line, policies, and the State's laws.

Fourthly, resolutely and uncompromisingly opposing, rejecting, and eliminating wrongful and hostile viewpoints using sharp reasoning and practical evidence to firmly safeguard Marxism–Leninism, Ho Chi Minh's Thought, the Party's line and guidelines, and the State's policies and laws.

Fifthly, enhancing the capacity of the lecturer force in protecting the Party's ideological foundation.

2.2.3.3. Methods of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints

Firstly, through the Party's resolutions and decisions, as well as those of Party committees at all levels, concerning the protecting of the Party's ideological foundation and the countering of wrongful and hostile viewpoints in the current context.

Secondly, through dissemination, persuasion, and mobilization efforts targeting organizations within the political system and the people; by promoting the sense of responsibility among Party committees, Party organizations, agencies, units, and each cadre and Party member - especially leaders - in carrying out this work.

Thirdly, through educational activities on Marxism - Leninism, Ho Chi Minh's Thought, the Party's line and guidelines, and the State's policies and laws within political organizations and among the public.

Fourthly, by leveraging the role of political theory research and teaching institutions, especially the lecturers of the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics system, provincial political schools, the Central Theoretical Council, and the Office for Protecting the Party's Ideological Foundation and Countering Wrongful and Hostile Viewpoints.

Fifthly, by launching and sustaining theoretical contests, conferences, scientific seminars, and research projects on protecting the Party's ideological foundation; and through mass media, cultural and artistic activities, and celebrations of major national and Party anniversaries.

Sixthly, through efforts to build strong political organizations that prevent and repel degradation and negativity within each organization.

Seventhly, by using modern technology to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation - especially social media platforms such as Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, and official Party and State websites.

Eighthly, through the Party's inspection and supervision of Party organizations, cadres, and Party members in implementing the resolutions and decisions of the Party and its committees concerning the protecting of the Party's ideological foundation.

2.3. LECTURER FORCES AT PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL POLITICAL SCHOOLS IN THE MEKONG DELTA PROTECTING THE PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION AND COUNTERING WRONGFUL AND HOSTILE VIEWS – DEFINITIONS, CONTENT, METHODS, AND ROLES

2.3.1. Definition of lecturer forces of provincial and municipal Political Schools in the Mekong Delta protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile views

"The lecturer forces at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile views" refers to the activities carried out by these lecturers in fulfilling their assigned responsibilities. Through the execution of their duties, they actively contribute to protecting Marxism - Leninism, Ho Chi Minh's Thought, the Party's lines and policies, as well as the State's laws. Their work involves opposing, rejecting, and refuting wrongful and hostile viewpoints using sound reasoning and practical evidence, thereby firmly protecting the Party's ideological foundation.

2.3.2. Content of lecturer forces of provincial and municipal Political Schools in the Mekong Delta protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile views

Firstly, they disseminate and equip learners with fundamental knowledge about the scientific and revolutionary essence, as well as the significant role and impact of Marxism - Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's Thought in the struggle against oppression and exploitation, in building socialism, and in striving for a prosperous and happy life.

Secondly, they clarify and affirm the vital role and enduring value of Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's Thought for Vietnam's revolution and the contemporary era. In doing so, they provide scientific arguments for protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints, while defending the Party's lines and the State's policies and laws.

Thirdly, each lecturer takes the lead and acts as a core force in directly protecting the Party's ideological foundation and confronting wrongful and hostile views.

Fourthly, they coordinate closely with fellow lecturers across political schools in the Mekong Delta, throughout the country, and with the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics, as well as institutions involved in teaching, researching political theory, and other

relevant agencies in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

2.3.3. Methods of lecturer forces at provincial and municipal Political Schools in the Mekong Delta protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile views

Firstly, through teaching Marxism - Leninism, Ho Chi Minh's Thought, the Party's direction, and the State's policies and laws, lecturers integrate relevant content and methods for protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints into their lessons, tailored to suit each group of learners.

Secondly, through scientific research on Marxism - Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's Thought, as well as practical reviews on the application and development of these foundations by the Party across different revolutionary periods, including the current period of renewal.

Thirdly, by participating in national scientific essay contests on protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints, hosted by the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics, and through publishing articles in books, newspapers, journals, and other mass media platforms.

Fourthly, by leveraging advancements in modern science and technology - especially the internet - to post and share their own commentary on writings related to protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints, as well as directly engaging in such ideological struggles online.

Fifthly, through each lecturer's self-directed study, training, and continuous improvement in expertise, skills, and professional experience to meet the requirements of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints in accordance with their assigned responsibilities.

Sixthly, through the leadership and direction of Party committees and the Board of Directors at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta, in implementing efforts to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation and counter wrongful and hostile viewpoints within their Party organizations and institutions.

2.3.4. Roles of lecturer forces of provincial and municipal Political Schools in the Mekong Delta protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile views

Firstly, it contributes to the joint efforts of the entire Party, military, and people in firmly protecting the Party's ideological foundation, defeating the schemes and sabotage tactics of hostile forces, and maintaining the Party's leadership and ruling role in the current period of renovation.

Secondly, it contributes to the effective implementation of the Politburo's Resolution No. 35-NQ/TW on "protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints in the new situation" within the Party organization of the school.

Thirdly, it plays an important role in strengthening and developing unity and consensus within the Party, as well as fostering unity in will and action between the Party, political -

social organizations, and the people in successfully accomplishing the tasks and objectives of the renovation process.

Fourthly, it contributes to firmly protecting Marxism – Leninism - the crucial theoretical and political foundation and a powerful ideological weapon of Communist Parties, the working class, and the laboring people across the world - in their struggle for national independence, liberation from oppression and exploitation, and the building of a prosperous and happy life.

Summary of chapter 2

The lecturer forces at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta serve as the pioneering and core force of their institutions in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints. In order for these lecturers to effectively fulfill this mission, two crucial aspects must be ensured: correctly identifying the content and methods of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints in the current context.

Chapter 3

LECTURER FORCES OF PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL POLITICAL SCHOOLS IN THE MEKONG DELTA PROTECTING THE PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION AND COUNTERING WRONGFUL AND HOSTILE VIEWS – CURRENT SITUATION, CAUSES, AND LESSONS LEARNED

3.1. CURRENT SITUATION OF THE LECTURER FORCES OF PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL POLITICAL SCHOOLS IN THE MEKONG DELTA PROTECTING THE PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION AND COUNTERING WRONGFUL AND HOSTILE VIEWS

3.1.1. Advantages, results

3.1.1.1. Regarding the implementation of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile views

Firstly, significant progress and important results have been achieved in disseminating and equipping learners with key content, the scientific and revolutionary essence, as well as the great role and impact of Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's Thought in the revolutionary cause of the working class and the laboring people.

Secondly, there has been a notable step forward in clarifying and affirming the important role and enduring value of Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's Thought for Vietnam's revolution and the present era.

Thirdly, the majority of lecturers have clearly demonstrated and affirmed their role as a core force, taking the lead in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and directly confronting and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

Fourthly, the lecturer forces have actively coordinated efforts to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation and counter wrongful and hostile views between political schools in the Mekong Delta and those across the country, as well as with institutions involved in teaching and researching political theory and other relevant agencies.

3.1.1.2. Regarding the methods of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints

Firstly, the quality of teaching Marxism - Leninism, Ho Chi Minh's Thought, the Party's line, and the State's policies and laws by the lecturers has improved significantly. Integrating the content of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints into lectures has been given due attention and has achieved initial positive results.

Secondly, scientific research on Marxism - Leninism, Ho Chi Minh's Thought, and the review of practical applications and developments of these ideologies by the Party across different revolutionary periods and in the current renewal era has made notable progress and yielded effective outcomes.

Thirdly, the majority of lecturers have actively participated in national essay competitions on protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints, hosted by the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics. Many submissions have been of high quality and received public attention.

Fourthly, lecturers have made effective use of modern scientific and technological advancements, particularly the internet, to publish articles related to protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

Fifthly, most lecturers have shown proactiveness and self-discipline in learning and improving their professional qualifications, competencies, skills, and practical experience to meet the demands of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints, in line with their assigned duties.

Sixthly, the Party Committees and Boards of Rectors of the provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta have paid significant attention to leading and directing the lecturer forces in their efforts to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation and counter wrongful and hostile viewpoints, achieving notable results.

3.1.2. Disadvantages, limitations

3.1.2.1. Regarding the implementation of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints

Firstly, the dissemination and equipping of learners with core content on the revolutionary and scientific essence, role, and significant impact of Marxism - Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's Thought in the revolutionary cause of the working class and the laboring people still face certain limitations and shortcomings.

Secondly, the efforts to clarify and affirm the role and great value of Marxism - Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's Thought in Vietnam's revolution and in the current era remain limited and inadequate.

Thirdly, some lecturers have not yet clearly demonstrated their role as the vanguard force in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and in countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

Fourthly, coordination between lecturers at provincial and municipal political schools and the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics in protecting the Party's ideological

foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints has not been truly close-knit or consistent.

3.1.2.2. Regarding the methods of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints

Firstly, the quality of teaching Marxism - Leninism, Ho Chi Minh's Thought, the Party's guidelines, and the State's policies and laws among many lecturers remains limited. The integration of content related to protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints into lectures is often hesitant, lacking initiative, and does not comprehensively cover argumentative grounds.

Secondly, the quality of scientific research on Marxism - Leninism, Ho Chi Minh's Thought, and the review of practical applications and developments of these foundations by the Party during the current renovation period remains inconsistent across schools and is generally not high.

Thirdly, participation in national scientific essay contests on protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints remains uneven among lecturers. The quality of many submissions is still low, and the number of articles reaching wider dissemination is limited.

Fourthly, the application of modern scientific and technological advancements - particularly the global internet - to publish writings related to protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints remains limited among many lecturers.

Fifthly, a number of lecturers have not actively and voluntarily engaged in self-study or self-improvement to enhance their professional qualifications, capacity, skills, and practical experience in line with the demands of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints according to their assigned duties.

Sixthly, the implementation of resolutions, directives, conclusions, programs, and plans of the Party committees and school boards regarding the protecting of the Party's ideological foundation and the countering of wrongful and hostile viewpoints remains inadequate. Leadership and direction by the Party committees and management boards of some schools in this regard have at times lacked decisiveness.

3.2. CAUSES AND LESSONS LEARNED REGARDING LECTURERS AT PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL POLITICAL SCHOOLS IN THE MEKONG DELTA PROTECTING THE PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION AND COUNTERING WRONGFUL AND HOSTILE VIEWPOINTS

3.2.1. Causes

3.2.1.1. Causes of advantages and results

Firstly, the clear-sighted, resolute, and effective leadership of the Politburo and the Secretariat regarding the protecting of the Party's ideological foundation and the countering of wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

Secondly, the attention and leadership provided by the Party committees of provinces and cities in the Mekong Delta region.

Thirdly, the Party committees and Boards of Directors of provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta have been proactive and creative in leading and directing the implementation of tasks related to protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints, while also paying close attention to inspecting and supervising Party committees, units, cadres, and Party members in the execution of these responsibilities.

Fourthly, the lecturer forces possess professional qualifications and expertise; the majority of them are proactive and committed in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints, regarding it as both a duty and a political responsibility.

3.2.1.1. Causes of disadvantages and limitations

Firstly, the quality of implementation and dissemination by Party committees and schools regarding the task of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints remains limited.

Secondly, the qualifications, capacities, methods, and skills of some lecturers in carrying out the task of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints are still significantly lacking.

Thirdly, political schools in the Mekong Delta have not paid sufficient and consistent attention to the training and provision of knowledge for their lecturers on protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints in the current context.

Fourthly, the structure and content of training programs, especially the curriculum and materials used for intermediate-level political theory courses, still contain certain inconsistencies and have not been updated in a timely manner to reflect the Party's latest documents on protecting the ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

Fifthly, the dissemination and implementation of Resolution No. 35-NQ/TW, "On strengthening the protecting of the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints in the new situation," has not been carried out regularly at some political schools in the Mekong Delta, and the process of concretizing the resolution for practical implementation remains limited.

3.2.2. Lessons learned

Firstly, the consistent and determined leadership of the Politburo, the Party Secretariat, and Party committees, along with the concrete implementation and direction by the Boards of Rectors at political schools in the Mekong Delta, has been essential.

Secondly, providing support and creating favorable conditions for lecturers to carry out the task of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints - while emphasizing the flexible and effective integration of this content into teaching activities - has been a key lesson.

Thirdly, strengthening the inspection and supervision of lecturers in performing the task

of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints has proven necessary.

Fourthly, encouraging self-study and self-improvement among lecturers at political schools in the Mekong Delta is crucial to enhancing their professional capabilities and political awareness.

Fifthly, prioritizing and improving the quality and effectiveness of communication efforts related to protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints remains an important experience to uphold.

Summary of chapter 3

The lecturer forces at political schools have made significant achievements in disseminating and teaching Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh's Thought, and the Party's leadership role, thereby affirming the substantial value of the Party's ideological foundation in political and social life. However, several shortcomings still need to be addressed: the integration of protecting the Party's ideological foundation into teaching remains inconsistent and less effective; scientific research has not yet met the quality and practical application standards required; and efforts to counter wrongful and hostile viewpoints lack proactive and consistent coordination among schools in the region. Drawing from the practical experiences of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints by faculty at political schools in the Mekong Delta, the dissertation identifies five key lessons to improve the effectiveness of this work.

Chapter 4

DIRECTIONS AND SOLUTIONS FOR THE LECTURER FORCES OF PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL POLITICAL SCHOOLS IN THE MEKONG DELTA TO ENHANCE THE PROTECTING OF THE PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION AND COUNTERING WRONGFUL AND HOSTILE VIEWPOINTS IN THE FUTURE

4.1. FORECASTING FAVORABLE CONDITIONS, DIFFICULTIES, AND DIRECTIONS FOR THE LECTURER FORCES OF PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL POLITICAL SCHOOLS IN THE MEKONG DELTA TO ENHANCE THE PROTECTING OF THE PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION AND COUNTERING WRONGFUL AND HOSTILE VIEWPOINTS IN THE FUTURE

4.1.1. Advantages and disadvantages

4.1.1.1. Advantages

Firstly, the tremendous achievements over nearly 40 years of renewal have provided a strong foundation for the nation's ascent, inspiring political school lecturer forces in the Mekong Delta to intensify their protecting of the Party's ideological foundation and counter wrongful and hostile views.

Secondly, positive developments in Party building and rectification efforts have created an uplifting atmosphere. This encourages political school lecturer forces at provincial and

municipal levels in the Mekong Delta to effectively safeguard the Party's ideological foundation and counter wrongful and hostile views in the coming years.

Thirdly, the Politburo's issuance of Resolution No. 35-NQ/TW on protecting the Party's ideological foundation, along with subsequent directives and conclusions on this issue, has prompted active participation across the entire political system. These efforts have achieved important results and provide momentum for lecturer forces to actively safeguard the Party's ideological foundation and counter wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

Fourthly, the political school lecturer forces in the Mekong Delta are part of a national system of Party schools led by the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics, operating under the direct leadership and direction of Party committees and school administrations.

Fifthly, the continued rapid development of science and technology in the coming decades—along with Party resolutions on leveraging these advancements—presents a significant advantage for lecturer forces. They can utilize modern technologies to enhance their effectiveness in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile views.

4.1.1.2. Disadvantages

Firstly, the complex developments in global and Asian regional situations, with hostile forces intensifying their efforts to undermine the Party's ideological foundation and spreading wrongful and hostile viewpoints. Among these are distortions regarding the historical formation and development of the Mekong Delta and the unity among ethnic groups, especially between the Khmer and Kinh peoples.

Secondly, the overall level of competence and capacity of the lecturer forces still faces significant limitations and inadequacies in meeting the requirements for enhancing the protecting of the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints in the coming years, including skills in using modern scientific and technological tools.

Thirdly, the administrative boundary adjustments for provinces and cities in the Mekong Delta, accompanied by the merging of regional provincial political schools, will initially pose certain difficulties for the operation of these schools in general and for the lecturer forces' efforts to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation and counter wrongful and hostile viewpoints in particular.

Fourthly, shortcomings in Party building and rectification work, especially in preventing and pushing back degradation and negativity within a significant segment of cadres and Party members, have certain impacts on the morale of some lecturers, somewhat limiting their proactive engagement.

4.1.2. Directions for the lecturer forces at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta to strengthen the protecting of the Party's ideological foundation and countering of wrongful and hostile viewpoints in the coming period

Firstly, create a fundamental shift toward strengthening the integration of content on protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints into teaching activities.

Secondly, intensify scientific research and practical reviews; prioritize practical research and experience-based learning to contribute to theoretical development on protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints, as reflected in high-quality scientific publications.

Thirdly, continue to enhance the professional qualifications, expertise, and teaching and research skills of the lecturer forces. Place importance on equipping them with skills to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation and counter wrongful and hostile viewpoints, especially in utilizing modern tools for this work.

Fourthly, the Party Committee and school administration should strengthen leadership, encourage and motivate the lecturer forces to actively safeguard the Party's ideological foundation and counter wrongful and hostile viewpoints as part of their responsibilities and duties, while closely integrating these efforts with the development of standardized political schools.

4.2. SOLUTIONS FOR LECTURER FORCES AT PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL POLITICAL SCHOOLS IN THE MEKONG DELTA TO STRENGTHEN PROTECTING THE PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION AND COUNTERING WRONGFUL AND HOSTILE VIEWPOINTS IN THE COMING PERIOD

4.2.1. Enhancing awareness and responsibility among Party committees, branches, and members - particularly the lecturer forces at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta - in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints

Firstly, Party committees and branches must enhance awareness, clearly define their core role in protecting the ideological foundation, and systematically implement solutions ranging from leadership, propaganda, and political education to internal monitoring and supervision.

Secondly, each Party member must continuously study theory, remain steadfast in Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's Thought, and set an example through actions, ethics, and political responsibility, thereby building resilience against wrongful viewpoints.

Thirdly, the lecturer forces at political schools must deeply internalize the Party's foundational ideology, innovate teaching content and methods toward a more scientific, modern, and practical approach, while also strengthening scientific research and summarizing local practices in the Mekong Delta to improve the quality of political theory training and the effectiveness of countering hostile viewpoints. This is a pivotal task that helps solidify the Party's ideological stronghold in the new context.

4.2.2. Focusing on building lecturer forces at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta to meet the demands of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints

Firstly, improve all aspects of personnel management, including fostering and regularly updating the knowledge and skills of lecturers to effectively meet the requirements of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

Secondly, innovate lecture content, focusing on integrating the material related to protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints into the lecturers' curricula.

Thirdly, revamp the formats used in teaching.

Fourthly, adopt new teaching methodologies, selecting and implementing approaches that effectively incorporate content on protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints into lessons.

4.2.3. Enhance the lecturers' self-directed learning and training initiatives, providing additional support for teaching and scientific research; strengthen the role of the party branches and department leadership teams in guiding and encouraging lecturers to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation and counter wrongful and hostile viewpoints

Firstly, strengthen the lecturers' capacity for self-learning and self-improvement; enhance the provision of resources and conditions necessary to support their teaching and research activities. These efforts will help bolster the lecturers' ability to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation and counter wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

Secondly, leverage the role of party branches, departmental leadership teams, and functional offices within the schools to actively guide and support lecturers in their mission to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation and counter wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

4.2.4. Enhancing the leadership and guidance provided by Party committees and the school administration to lecturer forces in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints

Firstly, intensify the leadership and direction of the Party Committee and the school administration in implementing methods and approaches for lecturers to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation and counter wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

Secondly, strengthen the leadership and direction of the Party Committee and the school administration in enhancing the quality of lecturers' activities in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

Thirdly, bolster the leadership and guidance of the Party Committee and the school administration in coordinating with other political schools, the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics, and the Regional Academy of Politics IV in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

4.2.5. Promoting the role of the school's socio-political organizations; strengthening the Party Committee's oversight and monitoring of lecturers' activities related to protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints

Firstly, promoting the role of the school's socio-political organizations in supporting lecturers in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

Secondly, strengthening the Party Committee's oversight and monitoring of lecturers' efforts in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

4.2.6. Strengthening the leadership of the provincial and municipal Party Committees in the Mekong Delta toward provincial and municipal political schools, as well as improving coordination between these schools and relevant local agencies, to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation and counter wrongful and hostile viewpoints

4.2.6.1. Strengthening the leadership of the provincial and municipal Party Committees in the Mekong Delta toward provincial and municipal political schools to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation and counter wrongful and hostile viewpoints

Firstly, strengthen the integration of protecting the Party's ideological foundation into the training and development programs overseen by provincial political schools. Continue to thoroughly communicate the spirit of the Politburo's Resolution No. 35-NQ/TW to all lecturers.

Secondly, ensure a clear understanding and successful implementation of Party guidelines, resolutions from higher-level Party Committees, and resolutions from the corresponding Party Congress. This will help guarantee that efforts to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation are effectively organized and carried out.

Thirdly, enhance the dissemination of content related to protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints. Focus on providing specific, practical content that offers clear ideological guidance.

Fourthly, strengthen cooperation with the Provincial Party Committee's Propaganda Department and other relevant agencies to fulfill the task of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints in the current context.

Fifthly, continue to promote scientific research and summarize practical experiences to support the implementation of the Politburo's Resolution No. 35-NQ/TW, Party resolutions, provincial Party Committee plans, and other central and provincial programs, projects, and strategies. The goal is to refine content, tasks, solutions, and the most effective implementation methods.

Sixthly, facilitate the participation of lecturers from provincial and municipal political schools in contributing to the development of provincial Party Committee policies and the summarization of practical experiences, especially in the field of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

4.2.6.2. Improving coordination between these schools and relevant local agencies to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation and counter wrongful and hostile viewpoints

Firstly, strengthen coordination between provincial and municipal political schools and relevant local agencies in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

Secondly, promote the role of the school's political and social organizations in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints.

Summary of chapter 4

To improve the effectiveness of the lecturer forces at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta in their mission to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation and counter wrongful and hostile viewpoints in the coming years, it is essential to firmly grasp and leverage favorable factors while focusing on overcoming difficulties. It is crucial to implement well-defined approaches to enhance the activities of the lecturer forces at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta.

At the same time, thoroughly grasp and effectively implement the aforementioned solutions. These solutions not only meet the demands for innovation in political theory education but also help lecturer forces become vital agents in disseminating the Party's ideological values and training a generation of politically resilient cadres and Party members capable of countering hostile narratives.

CONCLUSIONS

Protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints is an extremely urgent task today, especially as the Party leads the nation into a new era of national progress. This work must be intensified. It remains one of the key duties of all Party committees, organizations, cadres, members, the political system as a whole, and the entire population. Among the core forces responsible are those in ideological and educational roles, particularly those who study and teach Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh Thought, the Party's guidelines and policies, and the laws of the State. The lecturer forces at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta are a particularly crucial segment.

Conducting a comprehensive and systematic study of the theoretical and practical issues concerning these lecturers - evaluating their current status, identifying strengths and weaknesses, determining causes, drawing lessons, and proposing solutions to strengthen their efforts - is an urgent necessity.

The work carried out by the lecturer forces at political schools in the Mekong Delta to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation and counter wrongful and hostile viewpoints involves implementing the essential content of this mission as part of their professional duties. Their efforts contribute to firmly upholding Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh Thought, and the Party's guidelines and policies, as well as combating, rejecting, and eliminating wrongful and hostile viewpoints based on sound reasoning and practical evidence.

In recent years, the lecturer forces at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta have actively safeguarded the Party's ideological foundation and countered wrongful and hostile viewpoints, achieving significant results. Their efforts have made practical contributions to protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints in the region and across the nation. These contributions have facilitated the Party's leadership in the renovation process, resulting in historic achievements. However, the implementation of these efforts still reveals certain limitations and weaknesses that are under review for solutions. From the experiences of the lecturer forces in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints over the years, some valuable lessons can be drawn: **Firstly**, the consistent, determined leadership of the Politburo, the Secretariat, and the Party committees, coupled with the specific direction and implementation efforts of the administrations at political schools in the Mekong Delta, have been essential. **Secondly**, providing support and favorable conditions for the lecturers to fulfill their duties, particularly by effectively integrating protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints into

their teaching activities, has proven effective and flexible. **Thirdly**, enhancing the supervision and evaluation of the lecturers as they carry out their duties has strengthened their capacity to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation and counter wrongful and hostile viewpoints. **Fourthly**, encouraging a sense of self-directed learning and continuous improvement among lecturers at political schools in the Mekong Delta has been crucial. **Fifthly**, prioritizing and improving the quality and effectiveness of communication efforts to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation and counter wrongful and hostile viewpoints has had a meaningful impact.

To ensure the lecturer forces at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta can effectively safeguard the Party's ideological foundation and counter wrongful and hostile viewpoints in the coming years, several feasible and coordinated solutions must be implemented. The following solutions, proposed by the thesis, can be considered: **Firstly**, raise the awareness and responsibility of party committees, party branches, party members, and especially the lecturers at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta, regarding protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints. **Secondly**, focus on building a lecturer force at provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta that meets the requirements of protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints. **Thirdly**, encourage self-directed learning and self-improvement among lecturers, while enhancing the support conditions for teaching and scientific research. Emphasize the roles of party branches and departmental leadership collectives in guiding lecturers' efforts to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation and counter wrongful and hostile viewpoints. **Fourthly**, strengthen the leadership and direction of the party committee and the school administration of provincial and municipal political schools in the Mekong Delta over the lecturer forces as they safeguard the Party's ideological foundation and counter wrongful and hostile viewpoints. **Fifthly**, leverage the roles of political and social organizations within the school, while bolstering the party committee's inspection and supervision of lecturers in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering wrongful and hostile viewpoints. **Sixthly**, enhance the leadership of the provincial and municipal party committees in the Mekong Delta over the political schools and foster coordination between these schools and relevant local agencies to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation and counter wrongful and hostile viewpoints./.

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