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IN THE CURRENT PERIOD**

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INTRODUCTION

1. Rationales

In the face of the crazy distortions of hostile forces to play down the great values and impact of Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's thought on the victory of our revolution, the 12th Politburo issued Resolution No.35/CT-TW on "Strengthening the fight to protect the Party's ideological foundation, refuting wrongful and hostile views in the new situation." This is a crucial task of the whole Party, officials and Party members, and especially Party committees. Party committees of central press agencies play a very important thing in leading central press agencies in this task implementation. Over the past years, the Party committees have achieved remarkable results in leading the implementation of the task of protecting the Party's ideological foundation. However, there still remain mistakes and shortcomings in the leadership over the implementation of that task, shown in the confusion in both leadership contents and methods, and in defining the focal points as well as in finding breakthrough solutions... This is really an urgent issue for central press agencies to research and find feasible solutions to well perform this important task. In order to partly solve this urgent issue, the author of this dissertation has chosen and carried out the topic: *"The leadership of Party committees of central press agencies over the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in the current period"* as his Ph.D. dissertation.

2. Aims and objectives:

* **Aims:** The dissertation is aimed at clarifying theoretical and practical issues concerning the conduct of the Party committees of the central press agencies in leading the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in the current period and proposes major orientations and solutions to strengthening the leadership of party committees in the protection of the Party's ideological foundation until 2030.

* **Objectives:** The dissertation gives an overview of the research situation related to the dissertation topic; Clarifies theoretical and practical issues concerning the Party committees of the central press agencies in leading the protection of the Party's ideological foundation; Surveys and evaluates the current situation and results of the leadership over the protection of the Party's ideological foundation of

party committees of the central press agencies in recent years, pointing out advantages, disadvantages, causes and lessons learnt; Proposes main orientations and solutions to strengthen the leadership of the Party committees of the central press agencies over the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in the years to come.

3. Subject and scope of research:

* **Research subject:** The leadership of the party committees of the central press agencies over the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in the current period.

* **Research scope:** The dissertation focuses on studying the reality in the leadership over the protection of the Party's ideological foundation of seven party committees of the central press agencies, including The Communist Review, Nhan Dan (People) Newspaper, Vietnam Television, Voice of Vietnam, People's Army Newspaper, People's Public Security Newspaper, Communist Party of Vietnam Online Newspaper from 2011 to present. The directions and solutions proposed in the dissertation are valid until 2030.

4. Theoretical and practical bases and research methods:

* **Theoretical basis:** The theoretical basis of the dissertation is Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh's thought, the guideline of the Communist Party of Vietnam on Party building, Party protection, internal political and ideological protection, protection of the Party's ideological foundation, ideological and theoretical struggles, the Party and its Party committees at all levels leading all fields of social life, particularly ideological and theoretical realms.

* **Practical basis:** The practical basis of the dissertation is the protection of the Party's ideological foundation by Party committees of the central press agencies from 1991 to present, especially from 2011 to present.

* **Research methods:** The dissertation takes the methodology of Marxism-Leninism, and the following methods of analysis combined with generalization; historical combined with logic study; statistics analysis, comparison; survey and summarization of activities; expert consultation and sociological investigation methods.

5. Scientific contribution of the dissertation:

The dissertation's contributions include:

Definition of the leadership of the Party committees of the central press agencies over the protection of the Party's ideological foundation.

Lessons learnt concerning ensuring the leadership of the Party committees of the central press agencies over the protection of the Party's ideological foundation.

Solutions with a view to strengthening the leadership of the party committees of the central press agencies over the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in the coming years.

6. Theoretical and practical significance: The dissertation contributes to clarifying theoretical and practical issues about the leadership of the Party committees of the central press agencies over the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in the current period; can be used as a reference for the party committees of the central press agencies in their leadership over the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in the coming years; and can be used as a reference in teaching, learning, and scientific research on Party building at military and public security schools and at affiliates of the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics, including the Academy of Journalism and Communication.

7. Structure of the dissertation: The dissertation consists of the Introduction, Conclusion, List of the author's published scientific works related to the dissertation topic, List of references, Appendix, four chapters with nine articles.

Chapter 1. LITERATURE REVIEW

1.1. INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH WORKS

1.1.1. Works on values of Marxism-Leninism by foreign and Vietnamese scholars in foreign countries: Luận án đã tổng quan các công trình nghiên cứu về vấn đề này, ở một số nước tư bản chủ nghĩa của các nhà khoa học ở nước ngoài và Việt Nam, đi sâu hơn vào các công trình ở các nước XHCN, nhất là ở Trung Quốc và Lào. The dissertation has reviewed a number of international works on the issue in a number of some capitalist countries by foreign and Vietnamese scientific scholars and others with the focus on socialist countries, especially China and Laos.

1.1.2. Works on protection of Marxism-Leninism by foreign and Vietnamese scholars in foreign countries: The dissertation has collected and

generalized a review from the works, with more focus on those in socialist countries, especially China and Laos.

1.2. DOMESTIC RESEARCH WORKS

1.2.1. Works on values of Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh's Thought:

The dissertation focuses on generalizing a review from these works, paying more attention to values to our country in the current renewal period.

1.2.2. Works on protecting Party's ideological foundation and on leadership of Party committees in protecting Party's ideological foundation:

There are a good and abundant number of works on this issue in our country now, offering useful values. The dissertation focuses more on these works.

1.3. GENERALIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC WORKS THAT THE DISSERTATION HAS INHERITED AND DEVELOPED AND ISSUES THAT THE DISSERTATION FOCUSES ON

1.3.1. Generalization of scientific works related to the topic of the dissertation:

First, the works talk about many aspects of the Party's ideological foundation; some works have stated some connotations of the definition and point out and affirm the core values and role of Marxism-Leninism in the current period, not only for socialist countries, but also for capitalist ones. This affirms the longevity and role of Marxism-Leninism in the development of the contemporary world. In our country, a number of works even pinpoint and affirm the core values and special role of Ho Chi Minh's Thought in Party building, the political system and overall development of the nation.

Second, a good number of works have discussed the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in the current period; some have explained and pointed out some contents and methods to protect the Party's ideological foundation.

Third, various works have discussed and proposed a number of solutions

1.3.2. Some issues that the dissertation must clarify:

First, clarifying the definition, content, and role of the Party's ideological foundation, the content and methods of the Party's ideological foundation

protection; the central definition of the dissertation is “The Party committees of the central press agencies lead the protection of Party’s ideological foundation”; the content and methods of leadership; the role of that leadership.

Second, studying and surveying the practice of the leadership of Party committees of the central press agencies over the protection of the Party’s ideological from 2011 to present, focusing on the above seven party committees, pointing out advantages, disadvantages, causes and lessons learned.

Third, making proposals and analyzing solutions to strengthen the leadership of the Party committees of the central press agencies over the protection of the Party’s ideological foundation in the coming years.

Chapter 2. LEADERSHIP OF CENTRAL PRESS AGENICES’ PARTY COMMITTEES OVER PROTECTION OF PARTY’S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION - THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL ISSUES

2.1. THE PRESS, CENTRAL PRESS, CENTRAL PRESS AGENCIES; PARTY ORGANIZATIONS, PARTY COMMITTEES OF CENTRAL PRESS AGENCIES AND PARTY’S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION

2.1.1. The press, central press, central press agencies - Definition, classifications, functions, missions, and roles

2.1.1.1. Definition, classifications of the press: The dissertation clarifies and proposes a definition of “the press” and classification of central and local press agencies.

2.1.1.2. The central press - Definition, functions, missions, and roles:

* *Definiation:* The dissertation offers the definition of the central press

* *Functions of central press:* *Firstly*, the information function. *Secondly*, the speech function. *Thirdly*, the forum function

* *Missions, powers of the central press:* *Firstly*, providing accurate information about the domestic and global situations... *Secondly*, disseminating information to contribute to building and protecting the Party’s guidelines, State’s policies and laws, and the achievements of the country... *Thirdly*, reflecting and orientating public opinions, serving as a forum for the exercise of the people’s

freedom of speech. *Fourthly*, discovering and honoring individuals with good deeds, new talents, and exemplary figures; fighting against law violations and negative phenomena in society. *Fifthly*, contributing to the preservation and promotion of the purity and development of the Vietnamese language and the languages of ethnic minorities in Vietnam. *Sixthly*, helping expand mutual understanding among countries and peoples worldwide...

*** *Roles of central press:***

Firstly, it contributes significantly to the successful implementation of political platform, the Party's guidelines and State's policies and laws... *Secondly*, it makes great contribution to the successful implementation of the missions of building and rectifying the Party. *Thirdly*, it greatly helps enhance party members and people's knowledge; promote the Vietnamese people's cherished traditions, noble qualities, and cultural values. *Fourthly*, it is the core forces in fighting degradation, negativity, and activities of hostile forces. *Fifthly*, it is also one of the main forces in external information service of the Party and State.

2.1.1.3. *Governing and state management bodies for central press:* The dissertation discusses and offers the definition, mission and authority of the central press as well as the state management over the central press

2.1.1.4. *Definition, functions, tasks, organizational structures, and roles of central press agencies, socio-political organizations:*

*** *Definition:*** Central press agencies are organs of central agencies and organizations authorized to establish press agencies in accordance with the current Press Law. They run one or several media outlets and publish one or several publications as stipulated by the Press Law.

*** *Functions and tasks:*** Central press agencies are responsible for organizing and managing activities to fulfill the functions, duties, and power of their media outlets; ensure that they adhere to the guiding principles and purposes and contribute to enhancing the overall quality of the media outlets' products.

* ***Organizational structures, officials and civil servants:*** The dissertation pinpoints the Organizational structures, officials and civil servants of central press agencies.

2.1.2. Party Organization, Party Committee, Party Committee's Standing Board of Central Press Agency - Definition, functions, tasks, roles, and characteristics

2.1.2.1. Generalization of Party Organization and definition of Party Committee of Central Press Agency: The dissertation discusses and gives the definition of Party Committee of Central Press Agency.

2.1.2.2 Function of Party Committee of Central Press Agency: The dissertation points out and analyzes the functions and duties of the Party Committee of the Central Press Agency as the grassroots level Party Organization under Regulation No.165-QD/TW dated April 21, 2006 of the Secretariat on the functions and duties of the grassroots party organizations of press agencies, and as the direct higher level of grassroots party organization under Decision No.123-QD/TW dated September 26, 2023 of the Secretariat on this issue. The documents show that the party committee has the functions of leading, inspecting, and supervising and the duties of leading the implementation of political tasks of the grassroots Party organization or cell of the central press agency; leading the implementation of the political and ideological work; leading the organizational and personnel work of the grassroots Party organization or cell of the central press agency; leading socio-political organizations and the journalists' association chapter; building the Party organization. These functions and duties are similar for party committees of the grassroots and higher than the grassroots level with only differences in scale.

2.1.2.4. Roles and characteristics of Party Committee of Central Press Agencies:

* ***Roles:*** *Firstly*, it is a decisive factor to successfully implement the resolution of the Congress of the Party Organization of the Central Press Agencies. *Secondly*, it is also a determinant factor to successfully actualize the Party's guidelines and the State's policies and laws regarding the journalism and communications in the central press agencies. *Thirdly*, it is the core and decisive

factor that influences the building of a healthy and strong Party Organization of Central Press Agencies. *Fourthly*, it effectively combats degradation and negativity in the Party, political system, and society, especially wrongful viewpoints. *Fouthly*, it provides a source of high-quality officials and management staff for the Party, especially officials working in the ideological, journalism, and communications fields.

* ***Charasteristics***: *Firstly*, although the number of party committees of central press agencies has decreased following the National Press Development and Management Plan until 2025, they still remain significant. They exist in central press agencies of ministries, agencies, Fatherland Front, social-professional organizations, and other entities. *Secondly*, the majority of Party committees of central press agencies are grassroots-level ones; some are party committees directly above the grassroots-level ones. *Thirdly*, the direct superior party committees of the party committees of central press agencies are under the Party Committee of Central Agencies Bloc.

2.1.3. Party's ideological foundation – Definition, contents, and roles

* ***Definition***: The ideological foundation of the Communist Party of Vietnam is the fundamental issues of political theory, ideology, and methods of thinking chosen, affirmed, supplemented, and developed by the Communist Party of Vietnam. From that, the Party formulates its political platform, revolutionary guidelines, and sound resolutions and decisions that are in accordance with the objective laws and the practical situation of the country; gathers, unites, and leads the people to successfully carry out revolutionary tasks.

* ***Contents***: ***The core values of Marxism-Leninism***: *First*, providing a worldview and scientific methodology for the working class and working people under the leadership of the Communist Party to deeply understand the world and reform the world in line with the goals and ideals of the working class. *Second*, it is the doctrine on the liberation of the working class and working people from oppression and exploitation, building a society without exploitation of man, workers and working people are the masters of society with equality, enjoying a prosperous and happy life. *Third*, it is the humanistic doctrine, for the

comprehensive development and progress of mankind and the development and progress of society.

** The core values of Ho Chi Minh's Thought:* *First*, it is the value of national liberation, class liberation, and human liberation. *Second*, it is the value of national independence in association with socialism, combining national strength with the strength of the times. *Third*, it is the value of the strength of the people, of the great national unity bloc. *Fourth*, it is the value of the people's mastery, the building of a state that is truly of the people, by the people, for the people. *Fifth*, it is the value of the whole-people defense, the building of the people's armed forces. *Sixth*, it is about economic and cultural development, constantly improving the material and spiritual life of the people. *Seventh*, it is the value of revolutionary ethics, diligence, thrift, integrity, uprightness, impartiality. *Eighth*, it is the value of caring for and nurturing the revolution in the next generation. *Ninth*, it is the value of building a healthy and strong Party, cadres and party members who are both leaders and truly loyal servants of the people...

** Roles:* *First*, it serves as the basis for our Party to build the political platform, feasible and sound revolutionary guidelines - the decisive factor of Vietnamese revolution's victory in various revolutionary periods; is the basis for ideology-based reunification in the Party. *Second*, it is the basis for the Party to build a strong ties with people, gathering the entire people, building and bringing into play the great unity bloc in order to successfully conduct revolutionary mission in different periods. *Third*, it is the theoretical basis for the Party to issue sound Party building guidelines, helping raise the Party's political reputation and leadership role. *Fourth*, it is the basis for the Party to roll out missions, measures to effectively combat wrongful viewpoints of hostile forces.

2.2. PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION PROTECTION AND CENTRAL PRESS AGENCIES' PARTY COMMITTEES LEADING MISSION OF PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION PROTECTION - DEFINITION, CONTENTS, MEASURES, ROLES

2.2.1. Definition, objectives, contents, methods of Party's ideological foundation protection:

* **Definition:** Party's ideological foundation protection is the work consisting of all activities of the Politburo, Secretariat, Party Central Committee, Party organizations, and Party members, with the participation of organizations in the political system, related organizations and people in preserving, upholding, and achieving core results of the Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh's thought, and political platform, guidelines, policies, and laws in the entire activities of the Party; straightening any deviant cognitions of Party members and people; effectively combating wrongful viewpoints of hostile forces.

* **Contents:** *First*, preserving, upholding, and achieving core results of the Marxism - Leninism, Ho Chi Minh's Thought. *Second*, straightening any deviant cognitions of Party members and people on the Marxism - Leninism, Ho Chi Minh's thought, and political platform, guidelines, resolutions, and the State's policies and laws. *Third*, effectively combating wrongful viewpoints of hostile forces towards the Party's ideological foundation, political platform, guidelines, resolutions, and the State's policies and laws.

* **Methods:** The disseration discusses methods and measures to protect the Party's ideological foundation.

2.2.2. Central press agencies' Party Committees leading mission of Party's ideological foundation protection

2.2.2.1. Definition: Central press agencies' Party Committees leading mission of Party's ideological foundation protection is the entire activities of the Party Committees, directly and regularly the standing boards of the Party Committees of the Central press agencies, party organizations, and Party members with the participation of editorial boards, and officials, departments, socio-political organizations, civil servants and public employees in the Central press agencies, relevant organizations and forces at the Central, localities, Party members and people in thoroughly grasping the Party's guidelines, policies, resolutions and decisions on protecting the Party's ideological foundation, fighting against wrongful and hostile viewpoints, building and promulgating resolutions and decisions of the Party Committees and the standing boards of the Party Committees on protecting the ideological foundation of the Party on the basis of the functions

and tasks of the Central press agencies; lead and direct implementation; inspect and supervise the implementation in order to successfully implement those resolutions and decisions.

2.2.2.2. Contents: *First*, the Party Committees lead to thoroughly grasp the Party's resolutions on strengthening the protection of the Party's ideological foundation, building and promulgating resolutions and decisions of the Party Committees and the the standing boards of the Party Committees on implementing the content of the Central press agencies' Party Committees leading mission of Party's ideological foundation protection and organize its implementation. *Second*, the Party Committees lead to innovate and organize the Central press agencies apparatus to be streamlined, in order to effectively and efficiently operate, ensure the good performance of the functions and tasks of each organization, department, contributing to successfully implementing the functions and tasks of the Central press agencies, including the task of Party's ideological foundation protection. *Third*, the Party Committees focus on leadership, building and improving the quality of staffers, especially key officials, members of ministries, editorial boards, journalists and editorial staffers to meet the requirements. And well perform all assigned tasks. *Fourth*, the Party Committees of the Central press agencies lead their press agencies in coordination with other press and media agencies, boards for information and education at grassroots level to conduct Party's ideological foundation protection. *Fifth*, the Party Committees of the Central press agencies lead to ensure working conditions and facilities for officials, civil servants and departments in the agency to well perform their assigned tasks, contributing to the good performance of their task of Party's ideological foundation protection. *Sixth*, the Party Committees of the central press agencies lead and direct affiliated Party cells to summarize and draw lessons learned in protecting the Party's ideological foundation, and at the same time attach importance to the preliminary review, summary, and drawing of lessons learned in protecting the Party's ideological foundation of the Party committees and Party organizations of central press agencies.

2.2.2.3. Measures: *First*, the Party Committees lead the mission of Party's ideological foundation protection via resolutions and decisions of the Party Committees and the standing boards of the Party Committees on Party's ideological foundation protection. *Second*, by disseminating, persuading, and mobilizing organizations, officials, and Party members to protect the Party's ideological foundation. *Third*, by leading and directing to promote the role and responsibilities of the editorial boards. *Fourth*, by the personnel organization of the Central press agencies. *Fifth*, through the activities of Party cells within organizations and departments; Party members in the Central press agencies and by the exemplary actions of Party members in response to the Central press agencies' activities to protect the Party's ideological foundation. *Sixth*, by activities to promote the role of socio-political organizations in the Central press agencies, and related organizations participating in implementing resolutions and decisions of the Party Committee and the standing boards of the Party Committees on protecting the Party's ideological foundation. *Seventh*, by inspecting and supervising Party Committees and Party organizations within the Central press agencies on implementing resolutions and decisions of the Party Committee and the standing boards of the Party Committees on protecting the Party's ideological foundation.

2.2.2.4. Roles: *First*, the sound and effective leadership of the Central press agencies' Party Committees is the decisive factor that leads to the central press agencies' operations and quality. *Second*, the leadership of the Party Committees which helps the central press agencies perform their tasks according to the Party's guidelines and State's laws, showing its pivotal role in protecting the Party's ideological foundation; well implementing main tasks so as to make contribution to the development of the country. *Third*, the leadership of the central press agencies' Party Committees is an important factor that contributes to mobilizing and promoting the role of political and social organizations of the Central press agencies, of political systems at all levels, and people in protecting the Party's ideological foundation. *Fourth*, the leadership of the central press agencies' Party Committees contributes to raising the leadership quality of the Party Committees at higher levels, of the Central press agencies, and of the Party towards protecting the

Party's ideological foundation, the fight against wrongful viewpoints and plots of hostile forces.

Chapter 3. LEADERSHIP OF CENTRAL PRESS AGENCIES' PARTY COMMITTEES OVER PROTECTION OF PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION – FACTS, CAUSES AND LESSONS LEARNED

3.1. REALITY OF LEADERSHIP OF CENTRAL PRESS AGENCIES'S PARTY COMMITTEES ON THE PROTECTION OF THE PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION

3.1.1. Pluses: The dissertation has surveyed and evaluated the good points and progress in the leadership of Party committees of central press agencies in the Party's foundation protection according to the 6 leadership contents and the 7 leadership methods with more focus on limitations and shortcomings.

3.1.2. Minuses

3.1.2.1. Minuses of implementation of leadership content: *First*, the Party Committees of several central press agencies has not paid enough attention to the leadership on implementing the Party's resolutions and developing and promulgating resolutions and decisions of the Party Committees and their Standing Boards on protecting the Party's ideological foundation and the organization of implementation. *Second*, there remains several limitations in the innovation and arrangement of the organizational structure. *Third*, the quality of human resources, especially key officials, members of ministries, editorial boards, reporters and editors does not meet the task requirements. Sometimes there have been regrettable mistakes. *Fourth*, the collaboration between the press and media agencies and the Commission for Information and Education at the central level as well as those at the local level in implementing the task of protecting the Party's ideological foundation sometimes are not close. *Fifth*, the assurance of good working conditions and facilities for officers, civil servants and departments has not achieved the desired result. *Sixth*, some Party committees of central press agencies have yet to really attach importance to preliminary summary and overall summary and drawing of lessons learned in protecting the Party's ideological foundation.

3.1.2.2. Minuses of implementation of leadership methods: *First*, the Party Committees has not attached much significance to the leadership through their resolutions and decisions on protecting the Party's ideological foundation. *Second*, the dissemination and mobilization of organizations and Party members to engage in protecting the Party's ideological foundation are not always suitable for each subject, sometimes falling into monotony. *Third*, there have not been many innovations in building annual plans on implementing the resolutions and decisions on protecting the Party's ideological foundation. *Fourth*, the leadership via the organization of officers of central press agencies sometimes does not obtain desired results. *Fifth*, the efficiency of promoting role of the Party Committees and Party organizations and exemplary Party members in protecting the Party's ideological foundation is not high. *Sixth*, there have been several limitations in promoting the role of socio-political organizations in central press agencies and relevant organizations in the protection of the Party's ideological foundation. *Seventh*, the Party Committees' leadership via inspection and supervision work is not regular.

3.2.2. CAUSES AND LESSONS LEARNED

3.2.2.1. Causes: The dissertation analyzes the *causes for the limitations, shortcomings*: *First*, some party committees and Party organizations under the Party Committees of central press agencies are not aware of the significance of protecting the Party's ideological foundation in a full and deep manner. *Second*, the organizational structure and staff, especially the Steering Committee 35 in central press agencies still show many limitations and inadequacies in the current context. *Third*, several Party members have not effectively promoted their exemplary role and heightened their political responsibility and professional ethics in task performance. *Fourth*, the country is confronted with a number of difficulties and hardships, as hostile and reactionary forces have intensified their sabotage activities applying modern technology, especially social media platforms.

3.2.2.2. Lessons learned: *First*, ensuring the centralized and consistent leadership of the Party Committees of the central press agencies in performing the task of protecting the Party's ideological foundation. *Second*, consolidating the organization structure and personnel in the protection of the Party's ideological

foundation in a timely and effective manner. *Third*, developing a group of officers, reporters and editors in the central press agencies with high political consciousness and expertise, particularly in protecting the Party's ideological foundation. *Fourth*, focusing on applying advanced and modern science and technology to increase the efficiency of the dissemination of the protection of the Party's ideological foundation now.

Chương 4. MAIN ORIENTATIONS AND SOLUTIONS TO STRENGTHENING LEADERSHIP OF CENTRAL PRESS AGENCIES' PARTY COMMITTEES IN PROTECTING PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION UNTIL 2030

4.1. FORECAST OF ADVANTAGES, DISADVANTAGES, AND ORIENTATIONS TO STRENGTHEN LEADERSHIP OF CENTRAL PRESS AGENCIES' PARTY COMMITTEES IN PROTECTING PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION UNTIL 2030

4.1.1. Advantages and disadvantages: The dissertation forecasts and analyzes advantages and disadvantages, with more on **disadvantages**: *First*, the open-door policy and international integration are necessary for national development, but have also created favorable conditions for the hostile forces to sabotage the Party's ideological foundation in our country. *Second*, the hostile forces have been highly concentrating on making use of achievements of modern science and technology, particularly social media, to carry out their plots, posing a lot of difficulties for the Party committees in leading the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in the coming years. *Third*, the capability, skills, and experience of many reporters are limited in fighting against wrongful and hostile views distorting and denying the Party's ideological foundation, political platform, guideline and policies, the State's laws and policies. *Fourth*, many Party members, including key and senior officials, have seriously degraded in political ideology, morality, and lifestyle as well as "self-evolution" and "self-transformation" and have been strictly handled in line with the Party's regulations and the State's law, causing negative effects on the thoughts of other Party members and people.

4.1.2. Orientations to strengthen leadership of central press agencies'

Party Committees in protection of the Party's ideological foundation: *First*, promoting ideological work on protecting the Party's ideological foundation in Party and socio-political organizations, especially among party committees, ministries, editorial boards, heads, reporters, and Party members in central press agencies in the coming years. *Second*, concentrating on leading to make positive change in the quality of press publications, while closely combining dissemination with mobilization to encourage Party members and people to study and follow Ho Chi Minh's thought, morality, and lifestyle. *Third*, paying special attention to the organization of central press agencies, raising the capability of Party members, particularly key officials and heads of the central press agencies after the implementation of the national press development and management planning until 2025. *Fourth*, preventing and handling violations, degradation, and negativity to improve the quality of reporters and editors. *Fifth*, creating favorable conditions for socio-political organizations, civil servants, and public employees of central press agencies to engage in the leadership of the Party Committees on protecting the Party's ideological foundation; attaching importance to the coordination among Party Committees of central press agencies in protecting the Party's ideological foundation.

4.2. MAIN SOLUTIONS TO STRENGTHEN LEADERSHIP OF PARTY COMMITTEES OF CENTRAL PRESS AGENCIES IN PROTECTION OF PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION UNTIL 2030

4.2.1. Enhancing awareness and responsibility of Party committees, Party organizations, Party officials and members, boards of editors, journalists, socio-political organizations, and central press agencies of safeguarding Party's ideological foundation in current context: *Firstly*, Party committees, Party members within the Party organizations, socio-political organizations, civil servants, and key personnel, including members of the Party committees, permanent members of the Party committees, editors, and journalists, should grasp the key contents regarding to the protection of the Party's ideological foundation. *Secondly*, there must be contents related to protecting the Party's

ideological foundation in the regular activities of the Party committees' meetings. *Thirdly*, effectively organizing meetings of Party organizations, Party committees, and the standing boards of the Party committees of central press agencies annually and in midterm. *Fourthly*, bringing about significant improvements in the quality of seminars, scientific conferences, and the implementation of scientific research topics on safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation. *Fifthly*, strengthening the leadership and direction over the activities of socio-political organizations within the central press agencies regarding safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation, in combination with activities concerning the studying and following of Ho Chi Minh's thought, ethics, and lifestyle.

4.2.2. Improving quality of resolutions of Party committees and standing boards of Party committees of central press agencies on protection of Party's ideological foundation and leading resolution implementation, paying special attention to the leadership and direction of the Office of Steering Committee 35: *First*, the Party committees should thoroughly grasp Resolution No.35-NQ/TW of the Politburo; lead the enhancement of the quality of construction and issuance of resolutions on safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation. *Second*, strictly implementing the Party's regulations on issuing resolutions in drafting and issuing resolutions and decisions of the Party committees, the standing boards of the Party committees of the central press agencies on safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation. *Third*, renewing the leadership and direction in thoroughly implementing resolutions and building programs and plans on safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation. *Fourth*, reasonably assigning members of the standing boards of the Party committees and key personnel to be in charge of implementing the resolutions on safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation while strengthening the inspection and supervision; attaching importance to directing exemplary models, building advanced examples, and drawing lessons learned for duplication. *Fifth*, building the organizational apparatus, improving the quality of activities of Office 35. *Sixth*, enhancing the reviewing, summarizing, evaluating its leadership and drawing experience from the work.

4.2.3. Continuing to renew and organize central press agencies towards streamlining and efficient operations, enhancing quality of publications to meet requirements of strengthening leadership of Party committees of central press agencies in protection of Party's ideological foundation

4.2.3.1. Continuing to renew and organize central press agencies towards streamlining and efficient operations, enhancing quality of publications to meet requirements of strengthening leadership of Party committees of central press agencies in protection of Party's ideological foundation: *First*, continuing to renew and restructure the central press agencies according to the tasks and solutions of Resolution No.6 of the 12th National Congress of the Communist Party of Vietnam on the political system and Decision No.362/QĐ-TTg of the Prime Minister. *Second*, the Party committees, in coordination with the Party Central Committee's Commission for Information and Education, focus on leading and directing the renewing and restructuring and improving the quality of operations of merged newspapers. *Third*, strengthening the leadership and direction over supplementing and completing the functions and tasks of organizations and units within the central press agencies. *Fourth*, the working regulations of organizations and units within the central press agencies should be supplemented and perfected, strictly adhering to these regulations.

4.2.3.2. Enhancing quality of press publications on protecting Party's ideological foundation, combined with disseminating the "Studying and following Ho Chi Minh's thought, morality, and lifestyle" movement: *First*, the Party committees, the standing boards of the Party committees of the central press agencies lead and direct the improvement of the quality of press publications. *Second*, enhancing the quality and persuasiveness of press publications on protecting the Party's ideological foundation. *Third*, diversifying the forms of expression of the press works according to Decision No.362/QĐ-TTg dated April 3, 2019, by the Prime Minister. *Fourth*, closely combining the protection of the Party's ideological foundation with the "Studying and following Ho Chi Minh's thought, morality, and lifestyle" movement on the press.

4.2.4. Enhancing quality of Party committees' members, Party committees, standing boards of Party committees, cadres, journalists, and editors of central press agencies to meet requirements of strengthening leadership in protecting Party's ideological foundation in coming years

4.2.4.1. Enhancing quality of Party committees' members, Party committees, standing boards of Party committees, cadres, journalists, and editors of central press agencies to meet requirements of strengthening leadership in protecting Party's ideological foundation: *First*, the Party committees, the standing boards of the Party committees must ensure precise implementation of the standards for selecting the Party committees' members, members of the standing boards of the Party committees in the next term. *Second*, the Party committees, the standing boards of the Party committees effectively lead the personnel selections to ensure the quality of the Party committee and its standing board in the next term. *Third*, strictly adhering to procedures and processes for introducing candidates for the Party committee of the central press agencies' Party congress to prevent negative occurrences in personnel affairs. *Fourth*, the effective guidance by the Party committees and the standing boards of the Party committees is essential to prevent negative tendencies like "buying seats" in the Party committee of the central press agencies in the next term. *Fifth*, closely leading and directing the implementation of Party congresses to achieve good results; attach importance to leading and directing the election of new Party committees with good results.

4.2.4.2. Enhancing quality of cadres, journalists, and editors: *First*, specifying selection criteria for cadres and leadership positions within the central press agencies. *Second*, effectively directing the implementation of personnel affairs' steps to select competent cadres who can fulfill their assigned tasks. *Third*, strictly implementing procedures for appointing and managing cadres according to their positions and the cadre policies. *Fourth*, intensifying supervision and creating favorable conditions for appointed cadres to effectively fulfill their duties and responsibilities.

4.2.5. Promoting role of socio-political organizations within central press agencies; enhancing close coordination between Party committees of central

press agencies and press agencies of centrally-run cities and provinces in safeguarding Party's ideological foundation, enhancing inspection and supervision work

4.2.5.1. Promoting role of socio-political organizations within central press agencies in safeguarding Party's ideological foundation: *First*, raising awareness among Party committees, Party organizations, and Party members within the central press agencies of this issue. *Second*, enhancing the leadership over the building of key personnel within each political-social organization to effectively fulfill their functions and duties. *Third*, laying stress on close coordination among socio-political organizations within the central press agencies, contributing to enhancing the leadership of the Party committees in safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation. *Fourth*, facilitating socio-political organizations within the central press agencies in safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation.

4.2.5.2. Strengthening close coordination between Party committees of central press agencies and press agencies of centrally-run cities and provinces in safeguarding Party's ideological foundation: *First*, actively selecting and effectively coordinating in leading the efforts to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation. *Second*, enhancing leadership, guidance and coordination among central press agencies with press agencies of centrally-run cities and provinces in fulfilling the task of safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation. *Third*, the Party committees of central agencies' Bloc and provincial/municipal Party committees should facilitate close coordination between their respective press agencies and the Party committee of the central press agencies in carrying out the task of safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation.

4.2.5.3. Strengthening inspection and supervision work of Party committees of central press agencies over lower-level Party committees, Party organizations, and Party members in implementing resolutions of Party committees regarding protection of Party's ideological foundation: *First*, the Party committees should effectively lead the inspection and supervision of lower-level Party committees, Party organizations, and Party members in implementing the resolutions regarding the protection of the Party's ideological foundation.

Second, the Party committees above the grassroots level of central press agencies should focus on leading their inspection commissions in conducting inspections and supervision over the implementation of resolutions regarding the protection of the Party's ideological foundation. *Third*, establishing effective inspection commissions as the core force in inspection and supervision work, with the Party committees' commission for information and education serving as the core advisory force in leading the protection of the Party's ideological foundation. *Fourth*, closely combining the inspection of the Party committees with the supervision of the socio-political organizations.

4.2.6. Strengthening leadership of Politburo, Secretariat; facilitation from central agencies; leadership, inspection and supervision of Party Committee of Central Agencies Bloc over central press agencies in leading protection of Party's ideological foundation

4.2.6.1. Strengthening leadership of Politburo, Secretariat and facilitation from central agencies for Party committees of central press agencies in leading the protection of Party's ideological foundation: *Firstly*, the Politburo and the Secretariat lead and direct advisory bodies and central agencies to facilitate the Party Committees of the Central Agencies Bloc and the Party committees of central press agencies in effectively leading the protection of the Party's ideological foundation. *Secondly*, a preliminary review of the implementation of Resolution No.35-NQ/TW of the Politburo on strengthening the protection of the Party's ideological foundation may be conducted. *Thirdly*, central agencies should facilitate the Party committees of central press agencies to effectively lead the work of protecting the Party's ideological foundation.

4.2.6.2. Strengthening leadership, direction, inspection and supervision of Party Committee of Central Agencies Bloc over Party committees of central press agencies in terms of leadership and protection of Party's ideological foundation: The Party Committee and the Standing Board of the Party Committee of the Central Agencies Bloc should: *Firstly*, build and promulgate wise resolutions and decisions on protecting the Party's ideological foundation and lead the implementation. *Secondly*, pay attention to leading and directing its inspection

commission to strengthen inspection and supervision in the protection of the Party's ideological foundation. *Thirdly*, lead, direct the agencies in the inspection and supervision over protecting the Party's ideological foundation; build the Party Committee's Commission for Information and Education into a core force in this work. *Fourthly*, effectively monitor and firmly grasp the leadership activities of the Party committees of central press agencies in protecting the Party's ideological foundation through. *Fifthly*, direct the Subcommittee 35 to facilitate Party committees of central press agencies in the leadership over the effective protection of the Party's ideological foundation.

CONCLUSION

To successfully implement Resolution No.35/CT-TW of the Politburo on "Strengthening the protection of the Party's ideological foundation, fighting against wrongful and hostile views in the new situation," it is necessary to pay special attention to strengthening the leadership of Party committees in implementing this task in the coming years. From the functions, tasks and roles of the Party Committees of central press agencies, it is necessary to pay adequate attention to strengthening the leadership of the Party committees of central press agencies in protecting the Party's ideological foundation. This is an urgent issue.

The leadership of the Party committees of central press agencies over the protection of the Party's ideological foundation consists of the entire activities of the Party committees, most directly and regularly the standing boards of the Party committees with the participation of the editorial boards, specialized departments, socio-political organizations, civil servants and public employees in central press agencies, relevant organizations and forces, Party members and cadres and people in thoroughly grasping the Party's guidelines, policies, resolutions and decisions on the protection of the Party's ideological foundation, fighting against wrongful and hostile viewpoints; developing and promulgating resolutions and decisions of the Party committees and the standing boards of the Party committees; leading and directing the implementation; inspecting and supervising the implementation to successfully implement those resolutions and decisions.

Over the past time, the Party committees of central press agencies have always attached importance to the leadership over the implementation of protecting the Party's ideological foundation, earning remarkable results, contributing significantly to the implementation of Resolution No.35-NQ/TW of the Politburo. However, the leadership of the Party committees in protecting the Party's ideological foundation still shows shortcomings and limitations. The reality of the leadership over the work of protecting the Party's ideological foundation over the past time shows that valuable lessons learned can be drawn: *Firstly*, unified and centralized leadership and direction of the Party Committees of the central press agencies in carrying out the task should be ensured. *Secondly*, the organizational apparatus and personnel to promptly and effectively protect the Party's ideological foundation should be paid special attention to. *Thirdly*, a contingent of officials, reporters, and editors of central press agencies with high political awareness and strong professional qualifications, including in the task of protecting the ideological foundation of the Party, should be built. *Fourthly*, advanced and modern scientific and technological advances should be applied so as to improve the effectiveness of the dissemination work in protecting the Party's ideological foundation.

To effectively strengthen the leadership of the Party committees of central press agencies over the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in the coming time, the following solutions proposed by the dissertation may be applied: *Firstly*, the awareness and responsibility of Party committees, Party organizations, officials, Party members, editorial boards, journalists, socio-political organizations, civil servants, and employees of the central press agencies should be raised to protect the Party's ideological foundation in the current context. *Secondly*, the quality of resolutions of the Party committees, standing boards of the Party committees of the central press agencies on protecting the Party's ideological foundation and the leadership over the implementation and the importance of the protection of the Party's ideological foundation of Steering Committee 35. *Thirdly*, the central press agencies' organizational structures should continue to be innovated and streamlined to operate effectively and efficiently, improving the quality of press publications to meet the requirements of strengthening the

leadership of the Party committees of the central press agencies over the protection of the Party's ideological foundation. *Fourthly*, the quality of Party members, Party committees, the standing boards of Party committees, officials, journalists, and editors of the central press agencies should be improved to meet the requirements of strengthening the leadership and ensuring security in the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in the coming years. *Fifthly*, the role of socio-political organizations in the central press agencies should be promoted, closely coordinating the Party committees of the central press agencies with the press agencies of provinces and centrally-run cities in protecting the Party's ideological foundation, while the inspection and supervision over the work should be strengthened. *Sixthly*, the leadership of the Politburo, Secretariat and facilitation from central agencies, the inspection and supervision of the Party committee of the Central Agencies Bloc over the Party committees of central press agencies in leading the protection of the Party's ideological foundation should be strengthened.

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