# 人民至上

## ——全面从严治党的价值取向

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# 引　言

2026 年 10 月，中国共产党第二十届中央委员会第五次全体会议在北京召开。会议审议通过《中共中央关于持之以恒推进全面从严治党若干重大问题的决定》，对持之以恒推进全面从严治党作出战略部署。从 2014 年习近平总书记在党的历史上首次提出“全面从严治党”，到本次全会通过这一《决定》，新时代管党治党、兴党强党的理论和实践充分说明，全面从严治党，绝不是权宜之计，而是关乎中国命运的战略抉择。

中国共产党为人民而生、因人民而兴。今天，为理想和使命矢志不渝、奋斗不息的中国共产党，已经走过 105 年的光辉历程。从星星之火到燎原之势，从开天辟地到改天换地，从救国救民到强国富民，从家国弱乱到民族复兴，中国共产党立志于中华民族千秋伟业，坚持为中国人民谋幸福、为中华民族谋复兴，在各个历史时期都高度重视管党治党，勇于坚持真理、修正错误，在依靠自身力量和人民支持解决自身问题中不断强大，成为党和人民事业的坚强领导核心。

105 年来，中国共产党是如何通过从严治党，特别是新时代如何通过把全面从严治党向纵深推进，确保党不变质、不变色、不变味，始终保持同人民群众的血肉联系、始终得到人民衷心拥护和支持的呢？这个问题越来越引人关注。

美国记者、作家安娜·路易斯·斯特朗（Anna Louise Strong）1946 年访问延安，她在《中国人征服中国》一书中描述道：“在延安听到最多的一个词儿，就是‘人民’。……‘到人民中去’，‘向人民学习’，这些都是口号。但这

些词儿似乎包含着比口号更深的涵义，代表着一种极深的感情，一种最终的信念。”这种“极深的感情”和“最终的信念”，也许就是问题的答案。

对人民的感情之深，决定了中国共产党治党之严。治党从严，守护了中国共产党对人民的感情之深。2026 年 7 月 1 日，习近平总书记在庆祝中国共产党成立 105 周年大会上发表重要讲话。他指出：“中国共产党之所以能够在 105 年奋斗中不断铸就辉煌，历史和人民之所以选择中国共产党，根本在于我们党具有其他政党和政治力量无可比拟的优秀特质。”这些无可比拟的优秀特质包括：矢志追求真理、始终把准前进方向，深深植根人民、始终拥有坚实根基，勇担历史使命、始终掌握战略主动，顺应发展潮流、始终走在时代前列，敢于善于斗争、始终保持必胜信心，注重强健自身、始终充满生机活力。“深深植根人民、始终拥有坚实根基”与“极深的感情”“最终的信念”，形成了跨越时空的呼应，对这一问题作出了进一步回答。

全面从严治党永远在路上——这不是一句口号，而是一个百年大党对人民的庄严承诺。

# 第一章　人民立场：<br>新时代全面从严治党的鲜明底色

我们党来自人民、植根人民、服务人民，党的根基在人民、血脉在人民、力量在人民。失去了人民拥护和支持，党的事业和工作就无从谈起。[①]

——习近平

办好中国的事情，关键在中国共产党，关键在坚持党要管党、全面从严治党。要读懂中国共产党、读懂全面从严治党，先要回答一个问题：中国共产党是什么、要干什么？答案其实并不复杂，它写在党的初心使命里，集中体现为一个始终不变的立场——人民立场。

## 一、永葆政治本色：人民立场是党的根本政治立场

人民立场是中国共产党的根本政治立场，是马克思主义政党区别于其他政党的显著标志。中国共产党没有任何自己特殊的利益，从来不代表任何利益集团、任何权势团体、任何特权阶层的利益。翻开《中国共产党章程》，开宗明义写着：中国共产党是中国工人阶级的先锋队，同时是中国人民和中华民族的先锋队，代表中国最广大人民的根本利益。人民立场不是挂在墙上的口号、写在纸上的概念，而是贯穿全面从严治党全过程、落实到管党治党各环节的具体实践与务实行动。

① 习近平：《习近平著作选读》第 1 卷，人民出版社 2023 年版，第 123 页。

人民性是马克思主义最鲜明的品格。中国共产党作为马克思主义政党，党性和人民性从来都是一致的、统一的。坚持党性，核心就是坚持正确政治方向、站稳政治立场；坚持人民性，就是要把实现好、维护好、发展好最广大人民根本利益作为一切工作的出发点和落脚点。“民心是最大的政治。”这深刻揭示出坚守人民性是全面从严治党的内在要求。巴西执政党劳工党国际关系书记温贝托·科斯塔（Humberto Costa）说：“中国共产党能够成为百年大党，源于其全心全意为人民服务的根本宗旨。中国经验表明，将人民需求置于核心位置，有效增强了社会凝聚力。”[①] 全面从严治党是中国共产党刀刃向内的自我革命，是对“我是谁、为了谁、依靠谁”这一根本问题作出的时代回答，是守护民心、夯实根基的民心工程。

新时代以来，中国共产党把全面从严治党纳入“四个全面”[②] 战略布局，以前所未有的力度管党治党，一项项部署、一件件举措始终围绕人民立场、紧扣为民初心展开。开展党内集中教育淬炼党员干部宗旨意识，引导干部把为民造福作为最大政绩；锲而不舍落实中央八项规定[③] 精神，党风政风持续向好；坚持反腐为民惠民，整治群众身边腐败问题，深化民生领域专项治理，推动发展成果更多更公平惠及全体人民；基层改革不断完善群众监督渠道，让权力在阳光下运行……塞尔维亚经济学家达尼洛·舒科维奇（Danilo Šuković）表示：“一个政党自身建设是否成功，最终评价标准是普通民众的切实感受。”[④]2022 年中央纪委和国家统计局合作开展的民意调查结果显示，97.4% 的群众认为全面从严治党卓有成效。[⑤]

全面从严治党永远在路上。全面从严治党的根本落脚点，始终是站稳人

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① 《世界读懂中国共产党：“赢得人民支持和信赖”》，新华网 2026 年 7 月 7 日。

② 指全面建设社会主义现代化国家、全面深化改革、全面依法治国、全面从严治党，是新时代中国共产党治国理政的总方略。

③ 指 2012 年 12 月 4 日中共中央政治局会议审议通过的《十八届中央政治局关于改进工作作风、密切联系群众的八项规定》，具体包括改进调查研究、精简会议活动、精简文件简报、规范出访活动、改进警卫工作、改进新闻报道、严格文稿发表、厉行勤俭节约等八个方面。

④ 《“让世界看到不断焕发新活力的百年大党”》，《人民日报》2026 年 6 月 29 日。

⑤ 《深度关注：始终坚持严的基调严的措施严的氛围》，中央纪委国家监委网站 2023 年 1 月 14 日。

民立场、维护人民利益、增进人民福祉。新征程上，中国共产党坚决清除一切弱化党的先进性、损害党的纯洁性的因素，坚决割除一切滋生在党的肌体上的毒瘤，坚决防范一切违背初心和使命、动摇党的根基的危险。中国共产党在推动中国式现代化建设的历史进程中，持之以恒推进全面从严治党，让“人民至上”获得更加丰富鲜活的时代内涵。

## 二、践行初心使命：江山就是人民，人民就是江山

中国共产党因理想而生、为使命而战。中国共产党的百余年历史，就是一部践行初心使命的历史。党从成立之日起就把为中国人民谋幸福、为中华民族谋复兴作为自己的初心使命，把人民放在心中最高位置。中国共产党所作的一切奋斗、所付出的一切牺牲，归根到底都是为了人民幸福和民族复兴。正如习近平总书记所说：“江山就是人民、人民就是江山，打江山、守江山，守的是人民的心。”全面从严治党，就是要确保党员干部不忘初心、牢记使命，在任何时候都坚守人民至上的价值追求。

2026 年是中国工农红军长征胜利 90 周年。长征途中，红军部队艰难跋涉到湖南汝城县沙洲村，为了不打扰当地百姓，战士们露宿街头。一位名叫徐解秀的大嫂家徒四壁，连条像样的被子都没有，却主动让三位疲惫不堪的女战士进屋借宿。女战士将随身携带的稀缺药品喂给大嫂一岁的病中小儿，临走时还把三人共用的唯一一条被子剪下一半留下。“什么是共产党？共产党就是自己有一条被子，也要剪下半条给老百姓的人。”多年后，徐解秀老人这句朴素的评价，道出了中国共产党人的优良作风和为民初心。正因为中国共产党如此心系人民、如此作风优良，人民才打开自家的房门、也打开了自己的心门，让红军走进来。

解放战争中，中国共产党领导的人民解放军进入辽宁锦州作战，饥渴难耐的战士们行军路过老百姓的果林，枝头挂满了熟苹果，却没有一个人去摘，因为部队的纪律是“保证不吃老百姓一个苹果，无论是挂在树上的、收获在家里的、掉在地上的，都不要吃”。毛泽东说：“不吃是很高尚的，而吃了是很卑鄙的，因为这是人民的苹果。”习近平说：“这样的苹果，我们现在也不

能吃。”

中国共产党始终坚持全心全意为人民服务，始终把人民利益放在最高位置。河南兰考县委书记焦裕禄心中装着全体人民，唯独没有他自己，面对风沙盐碱肆虐的困境，身先士卒扎根一线，带领群众治理“三害”[①]，直至生命最后一刻仍牵挂百姓生计。福建东山县委书记谷文昌立下“不治服风沙，就让风沙把我埋掉”的誓言，十几年如一日带领群众植树固沙，把风沙肆虐的荒岛建成海上绿洲。退休共产党员杨善洲放弃城市安逸生活，扎根大亮山义务植树 22 年，把万亩荒山变为绿洲，又将价值数亿元的林场无偿上交国家，践行“只要生命不结束，服务人民不停止”的诺言。一代代优秀共产党人用一辈子的实干奉献，生动诠释了一心为民的初心本色，用行动赢得了人民的信任和支持。

新时代，中国共产党坚持以人民为中心，坚决打赢脱贫攻坚战，历史性解决了绝对贫困问题，在中华大地上全面建成小康社会，实现了中华民族的千年夙愿。在这一伟大历史进程中，中国共产党把全面从严治党要求贯穿脱贫攻坚全过程，强化作风建设，涌现出无数可歌可泣的事迹。2016 年，一位名叫黄文秀的北京师范大学硕士毕业生，放弃北京的工作机会，回到家乡广西百色的贫困小山村投身扶贫事业。她和村民吃在一起、干在一起，想办法、找路子，不到一年时间，村里 103 户贫困户中的 88 户就顺利脱贫。实际上，她父母多病，家里也曾是贫困户，而她却从未利用职权谋取私利。正如她父亲教导她的：“你入了党，就要为党工作，回到家乡做一个干干净净的人民公仆。”2019 年，广西百色突降暴雨，担心村民安危的黄文秀冒雨赶回扶贫村，却在途中不幸遇难。她的一生短暂，却用生命诠释了中国共产党人的初心使命，谱写了新时代的青春之歌。脱贫攻坚 8 年时间，中国如期完成新时代脱贫攻坚目标任务，现行标准下 9899 万农村贫困人口全部脱贫，832 个贫困县全部摘帽，12.8 万个贫困村全部出列，区域性整体贫困得到完全解决，完成消除绝对贫困的艰巨任务。累计 300 多万名驻村干部、第一书记和数百万名

① 指 20 世纪 60 年代初兰考县严重的自然灾害，包括内涝、风沙和盐碱化。

基层工作者奋战在一线，先后有 1800 多人将生命定格在了脱贫攻坚这个没有硝烟的战场上。

初心易得，始终难守。“人民对美好生活的向往，就是我们的奋斗目标”，“为民造福是最大政绩”。全面从严治党的每一分努力，都以人民至上为逻辑起点和价值取向，以人民群众满意度作为检验成效的标尺，都是为了让中国式现代化建设的丰硕成果转化为亿万人民的幸福生活。

## 三、筑牢执政根基：密切联系群众是党的最大政治优势

密切联系群众是中国共产党的最大政治优势，脱离群众是党执政后的最大危险。群众观点是党的基本政治观点，群众路线是党的根本工作路线。中国共产党来自人民、植根人民、服务人民，党在长期奋斗中形成的理论联系实际、密切联系群众、批评和自我批评三大优良作风，共同的价值指向和落脚点就是保持党同人民群众的血肉联系。波兰新左翼党副主席安杰伊·舍伊纳（Andrzej Szejna）认为：“最重要的是中国共产党密切联系人民群众，了解他们的需求，这在欧洲以及很多其他国家并不常见。”[①] 新时代全面从严治党，从根本上说就是为了坚守党的性质宗旨、继承发扬党的优良传统，教育引导广大党员干部始终同人民群众同呼吸、共命运、心连心。

党的十八大之前，一度管党治党不严不实不力，一些地方和部门形式主义、官僚主义、享乐主义和奢靡之风屡禁不止，特权思想和特权现象较为严重，一些贪腐问题触目惊心。面对这样严峻的形势，中央从颁布实施八项规定做起，以上率下，从群众反映最突出的问题抓起。开展党内集中教育，注重征求群众意见、着力解决突出问题。连续整治形式主义为基层减负，让基层干部从无谓事务中解脱出来，有更多时间和精力干事创业、为民服务。全面从严治党立铁规矩、强硬约束，咬定青山不放松，以钉钉子精神抓落实，刹住了不少长期没有刹住的歪风，纠治了一些多年未除的顽瘴痼疾，终结了“几百个文件管不住一张嘴”的乱象，以徙木立信之举推动党风政风焕然一

① 《外国政要：密切联系人民群众是中国共产党成功秘诀》，央视新闻 2021 年 6 月 19 日。

新，为党和国家事业发展凝聚起强大正能量。

新时代以来，中国共产党刀刃向内、重典治乱，以雷霆万钧之势推进全面从严治党，持续解决突出问题，把党同人民群众的血肉联系转化为制度刚性和治理实效。宣传党的路线方针政策下基层、调查研究下基层、信访接待下基层、现场办公下基层，是中国共产党在新时代走好群众路线的生动实践，也是全面从严治党直达基层的有力抓手。2025 年 9 月，河北邯郸复兴区街道把办公桌搬到群众家门口，听取意见建议。居民反映楼下米线店油烟扰民，家里长期不敢开窗。干部当即实地核查，约谈商户，现场敲定排风改造方案，把排风口从楼栋南侧迁移到东侧，很快解决问题。后续改造完成后，3 个月内还上门回访，了解群众意见。察民之所盼，听民之所忧，解民之所急，纾民之所困，党同人民群众的血肉联系更加紧密。

始终保持同人民群众的血肉联系，充分激发亿万人民的积极性、主动性、创造性，党就有了不竭的力量源泉。党同人民群众的关系越密切，党的执政基础就越巩固，党的领导就越坚强有力。相反，如果管党不力、治党不严，人民群众反映强烈的党内突出问题得不到解决，那么党迟早会失去人民支持，不可避免被历史淘汰。全面从严治党已经成为中国共产党永葆生机活力、走好新的赶考之路的必由之路。

# 第二章　取信于民：新时代全面从严治党的实践路径

全面从严治党，核心是加强党的领导，基础在全面，关键在严，要害在治。[①]

——习近平

我将无我，不负人民。持之以恒推进全面从严治党，关乎党的长期执政，关乎国家长治久安，关乎人民幸福安康。全面从严治党是新时代党的自我革命的伟大实践，开辟了百年大党自我革命的新境界。经过持续探索，党不断深化对自我革命规律的认识，不断推进党的建设理论创新、实践创新、制度创新，全面从严治党的各项举措逐步发展为内在关联、环环相扣的有机体系。

## 一、全面从严治党：新时代党的建设的鲜明主题

新时代以来，以习近平同志为核心的党中央立足百年大党长期执政的深远考量，站在党和国家事业发展全局高度，作出全面从严治党的重大战略部署。全面从严治党成为新时代党的建设的鲜明主题。鲜明主题，意味着它是新时代党建最突出、最鲜明的特征，党的建设各项工作、所有部署都围绕它展开，明确了它在党和国家事业全局中的政治引领和保障作用。

**全面从严治党是应对新考验、解决大党治理难题的战略抉择。**今天，中国共产党拥有 1 亿多名党员、500 多万个基层组织，是世界上规模最大的马克

① 习近平：《论坚持党对一切工作的领导》，中央文献出版社 2019 年版，第 124 页。

思主义执政党。大党有大党的优势，也会遇到别的政党不容易遇到的特殊难题。如何始终不忘初心、牢记使命，如何始终统一思想、统一意志、统一行动，如何始终具备强大的执政能力和领导水平，如何始终保持干事创业精神状态，如何始终能够及时发现和解决自身存在的问题，如何始终保持风清气正的政治生态，都是我们这个大党必须解决的治理难题。

罗马不是一天建成的，难题同样不是一朝一夕就能解决的。一个党要长期坚强有力，必须不断严格要求自己、完善自己，正如一个人要一直保持好习惯，需要经常反躬自省、不断改正。深入开展党的自我革命，推进全面从严治党，就是为了不断实现党的自我净化、自我完善、自我革新、自我提高，保持党同人民群众的血肉联系，确保党始终成为走在时代前列、人民衷心拥护、经得起各种风浪考验、朝气蓬勃的马克思主义执政党。阿根廷前驻华大使牛望道 (Sabino Vaca Narvaja) 表示：“观察新时代中国共产党的党建实践，一个鲜明特点是，中国共产党以罕见的政治勇气推进自我革命，以前所未有的力度全面从严治党。中国共产党拥有发现问题、纠正偏差并持续自我完善的能力和决心。”[①]

**全面从严治党的战略地位在实践中逐步确立和巩固。**新时代以来，党中央首先从抓作风开始，提出并落实中央八项规定，随后持续推出一系列创新理念，实施一系列变革实践，健全一系列制度规范。2014 年，习近平总书记首次明确提出“全面从严治党”，并将其作为一项战略举措纳入治国理政的战略布局。这在党的历史上还是第一次。党的十九大将“坚持全面从严治党”写入党章，确立为新时代坚持和发展中国特色社会主义的基本方略之一。党的十九届六中全会将“明确全面从严治党的战略方针”作为习近平新时代中国特色社会主义思想的核心内容之一。党的二十大系统部署“坚定不移全面从严治党，深入推进新时代党的建设新的伟大工程”，更加突出运用治理的理念、系统的观念、辩证的思维管党治党建设党。党的二十届五中全会进一步提出，全党必须从巩固党的长期执政地位、实现中华民族伟大复兴的战略高

① 《“让世界看到不断焕发新活力的百年大党”》，《人民日报》2026 年 6 月 29 日。

度，深刻认识持之以恒推进全面从严治党的重大意义。

**全面从严治党以政治建设为统领。**如果把一个政党比作一艘巨轮，思想建设解决的是“船员怎么想”的问题，组织建设解决的是“队伍怎么编”的问题，那么政治建设解决的则是最根本的问题——“船往哪里开”。如果在方向问题上出现偏离，就会犯颠覆性错误，其他一切建设将失去意义。中国共产党的“讲政治”，就是始终坚持正确政治方向，明确“跟谁走”“往哪走”；就是始终站稳人民立场，紧扣民心这个最大的政治，明确“我是谁”“为了谁”“依靠谁”。只有方向对了，全党上下拧成一股绳，心往一处想、劲往一处使，力量才能凝聚起来，各项事业才能顺利推进。

**全面从严治党以党章为根本遵循。**全面从严治党覆盖上亿党员、数百万党组织，必须有统一、稳定、权威的标准，明确管什么、治什么，党章就是这个总纲。党章之于党，犹如宪法之于国家，决定了全面从严治党的根本方向和价值立场。党章规定了党的性质、宗旨、纲领和党员的义务，是全体共产党员言行的总规矩和总遵循，是党的纪律规矩的总源头。党章明确规定，中国共产党党员必须全心全意为人民服务。以党章为根本推进全面从严治党，就是要求全体党员站稳人民立场，整治侵害群众利益的不正之风。所有党规党纪无不源于党章，是党章原则的延伸和具体化。党章面前，所有党员一律平等，遵守党章没有特权，执行党章没有例外。始终尊崇党章、践行党章，才能守住全面从严治党的根本，保证全面从严治党沿着为民方向持续推进。

**全面从严治党以严明政治纪律和政治规矩为首要抓手。**纪律是党的生命线。一个纪律严明的党，才有凝聚力和战斗力。党要管党、从严治党，靠什么管，凭什么治？就要靠严明纪律。纪律不严，从严治党就无从谈起。抓纪律，首要就是抓政治纪律和政治规矩。政治纪律和政治规矩是党员在政治方向、政治立场上必须恪守的准则，是所有纪律当中最重要、最根本的。把政治纪律立起来、严起来，才能带动其他各项纪律严起来，让党员清楚行为边界，知道什么能做、什么不能做，为全面从严治党筑牢纪律保障，确保党中央决策部署能够“一竿子插到底”。

## 二、锻造坚强党性：全面从严治党的根本性任务

中国共产党人的坚强党性，是保持党的先进性、纯洁性的重要保证，是中国共产党的理想信念、立场宗旨、纪律作风等要求在党员思想、言论和行为上的具体体现。党性说到底就是立场问题，它要求共产党员坚持党的性质和宗旨，增强党的意识、党员意识、先锋队意识，在坚定理想信念、铸牢对党忠诚、厚植为民情怀、坚持实事求是、纯正道德品质、保持清正廉洁等方面下功夫，始终保持共产党人政治本色，无论是想问题、搞研究，还是作决策、办事情，都必须站在党和人民立场上，把人民利益放在第一位。

**加强党性修养是终身课题。**党性不是天生就有的，也不是党员一入党就变强的。如同一块好铁，要经过炉火的反复煅烧，才能变成坚硬的钢。共产党员的党性也是这样，需要在学习和实践中持续锻造和磨炼。一个人入党多年，不一定党性就强。如果不注意学习和锻炼，党性还可能慢慢变弱。有的党员一开始也很有干劲，后来放松了对自己的要求，慢慢忘记了自己入党时的初心，做出损害群众利益的事情，最后走上错误的道路。这告诉我们，加强党性修养是终身课题，锤炼党性是一辈子的事，不是一阵子的事，需要不断学习、不断实践、不断改正自身不足。

**教育引导党员、干部自觉增强党性。**党的各级组织是全面从严治党的主体。各层级、各领域党组织建设不断体系化推进，党组织政治功能和组织功能不断强化，才能确保贯彻落实党的路线方针政策和党中央决策部署上下协同、精准高效。党组织强化对党忠诚教育、深化理论学习、涵养优良作风、严明纪律规矩、强化监督检查，充分激发全党积极性主动性创造性，帮助党员持续淬炼党性；党员个人主动学习，自觉锤炼党性、严守纪律，对照要求检视和改正自身不足。组织的刚性治理与党员的自我淬炼相互贯通、同向发力，党员的党性修养才能不断提升。

**加强马克思主义学习型政党建设。**用党的创新理论凝心铸魂，把学习、领悟、运用党的创新理论作为加强党性修养的根本途径，推动全党用习近平新时代中国特色社会主义思想统一思想、统一意志、统一行动。用党的优良

传统和中华优秀传统文化涵养党性，持续引导党员干部站稳人民立场、坚守为民服务的初心，为中国共产党坚持自我完善、自我革新，推进全面从严治党提供持久内在动力。新时代以来，中共中央部署开展一系列党内集中学习教育，既包括对党章和党规党纪的学习教育，也涵盖对理想信念、党的宗旨、“四史”[①]、革命传统、中华民族传统美德、党风廉政等的教育，以此引导和推动党员干部不断提高思想觉悟、精神境界、道德修养。多次访华的塞尔维亚诺维萨德市市长扎尔科·米钦（Žarko Mićin）高度评价中国共产党开展的学习教育，认为这彰显了中国共产党始终坚持以人民为中心、以实绩为人民谋幸福等理念。[②]

**注重在实践历练中磨砺党性。**锤炼坚强党性不是空洞的口号，最终要落实到坚决贯彻党中央决策部署的行动上，体现在为民造福的火热实践中。“燃灯校长”张桂梅的故事，直观展现了坚强党性所催生的巨大力量。张桂梅是一名女党员，年轻时亲眼见到山区女孩因贫困被迫辍学，一心想让她们通过读书拥有走出大山的机会，就此扎根当地 40 多年办免费女子高中。当年山区条件特别艰苦，资金短缺，校舍简陋，不少老师选择离开。张桂梅召集剩下的党员老师，在墙上绘制党旗，重温入党誓词，以信仰凝聚力量。她把自己的工资、奖金全都拿出来，用来帮助学生，自己生活却十分简朴。她翻山越岭家访，走了 11 万多公里，成功帮助 2000 多名山区女孩重返课堂，走出大山、圆梦大学，用多年如一日的行动守护了一名共产党员的初心，守护了千百名山区女孩的幸福未来。一位泰国网友赞叹：“一个国家的人如果能懂得为社会牺牲，那么这个国家将会成为能战胜任何困难的国家。”[③]

深入推进全面从严治党，持续从严管党治党，就是在一次次党的创新理论学习、一次次实践锤炼中打磨党员的党性，教育引导党员、干部坚持人民至上、事业第一，为党和人民积极工作，做到爱岗敬业、甘于奉献。经过这样的淬炼，推动涌现出更多像张桂梅一样的共产党员。他们坚守信仰、忠于

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① 指中国共产党党史、新中国史、改革开放史、社会主义发展史。

② 《世界读懂中国共产党：“保持旺盛生命力的重要秘诀”》，新华网 2026 年 7 月 1 日。

③ 《海外朋友：“张妈妈”太了不起！》，云南网 2021 年 6 月 30 日。

党组织，时刻把群众放在心里，认真解决大家遇到的难题。对普通群众来说，具有坚强党性的、真正的共产党员是他们的引领者和主心骨。党员真心为大家办事，人民群众就能真切感受到党的关怀，更加信任和支持党。

## 三、关键在严：把严的标准和措施贯穿全过程各方面

全面从严治党，基础在全面，关键在严。“全面”，揭示了管党治党的整体逻辑：内容上，覆盖党的建设的各个领域，不留死角和盲区；对象上，覆盖全体党员和各级党组织，没有任何特殊和例外；过程上，明确管党治党责任，把各项制度和要求贯穿谋划、部署、实施、考核、问责等全过程各环节，确保压力层层传导，常抓不懈。“从严”，强调的是必须坚持严字当头，把严贯彻到管党治党全过程、落实到党的建设各方面，坚持问题导向，从思想、监督、执纪、治吏、作风、反腐六个方面推进全面从严治党。

**一是抓思想从严。**抓好思想建设，教育引导党员始终坚定理想信念，站稳人民立场。思想是行动的“总开关”，思想松动，行动必然变形。必须用理论学习教育拧紧这个“总开关”。从覆盖全党的集中学习教育，到严肃认真组织“三会一课”，一亿多党员的政治“补钙”从未间断。坚持用习近平新时代中国特色社会主义思想凝心铸魂，持续深化理想信念教育、党性宗旨教育，引导党员干部树立正确世界观、人生观、价值观，为全心全意为人民服务奠定了扎实的思想根基。

**二是抓监督从严。**党和国家监督体系正如人体的免疫系统，主动发现自身问题，在萌芽阶段及时处置，不断厚植民心。不同于很多政党依赖外部监督、事后追责的模式，中国共产党的党内监督强调刀刃向内、自我革命，主动检视自身，纠偏扶正、防范惩戒。新时代以来，中国共产党不断健全党和国家监督体系，贯通各类监督力量，推进政治监督具体化、精准化、常态化，实现对权力运行的全方位、常态化刚性约束。中央巡视是全面从严治党的“国之利器、党之利器”。新时代以来，中央巡视组共开展 29 轮巡视，先后完成对省区市、中管国有重要骨干企业和金融机构、中央和国家机关、中管高校的巡视，基本实现一届任期巡视全覆盖。众多违法违纪案件的线索都是巡

视发现的，仅 2012 年至 2017 年中央纪委执纪审查的案件中，就有超过 60% 的线索来自巡视。

**三是抓执纪从严。**中国共产党的纪律是“长牙”“带电”的。党员“破法”，无不始于“破纪”。因此，党始终坚持纪严于法、纪在法前，纠正“违纪只是‘小节’、违法才是‘红线’”的错误观念，用纪律管住全体党员。坚持有纪必依、执纪必严、违纪必究，对违纪问题发现一起查处一起，决不姑息迁就。坚持抓早抓小、防微杜渐，对苗头性、倾向性问题及时提醒纠正，防止小毛病演化成大问题。俄中友好协会第一副主席加林娜·库利科娃（Galina Kulikova）表示：“中国共产党的自身建设以纪律严明为突出特点。全面从严治党坚持对象全覆盖，无论什么人，无论级别高低，都受到党纪约束。严明的纪律保证了党的先进性和纯洁性。”[①]2025 年全年，中国共查处违反中央八项规定精神问题 290752 起，批评教育和处理 375604 人，其中党纪政务处分 261788 人，让人民群众切实感受到执纪之严。

**四是抓治吏从严。**努力造就一支忠诚干净担当的高素质干部队伍，本质是对人民利益负责，让公共权力始终服务于人民福祉。把严的要求贯穿干部选拔、任用、管理、考核的全过程，既严在入口，也严在平时。干部选拔，政治品德不过关一票否决，绝不让政治上、廉洁上有问题的人蒙混过关、投机得逞，坚决防止“带病提拔”；经常化、制度化、全覆盖考核干部；领导干部每年申报个人有关事项并抽查核实，瞒报必究；实行终身问责，调离、退休不能成为“免责金牌”。阿根廷前驻华大使牛望道（Sabino Vaca Narvaja）认为，国际社会探讨中国发展奇迹时，往往把目光投向四通八达的高铁、覆盖城乡的 5G 网络、领跑全球的新能源汽车。而事实上，中国的干部培养、考核和激励机制“从更深层次上推动了中国这艘巨轮行稳致远、向前发展”[②]。巴西圣保罗州立大学政治经济学教授马科斯·皮雷斯（Marcos Pires）认为，“中国共产党各级干部都展现出高度的自律和责任感，这种作风确保了政策执行力

① 《“让世界看到不断焕发新活力的百年大党”》，《人民日报》2026 年 6 月 29 日。

② 牛望道：《读懂中国发展的“制度密码”》，《人民日报》2026 年 6 月 29 日。

和国家凝聚力”[①]。

**五是抓作风从严。**从群众反映强烈的具体问题入手，持续深化纠治不良风气。中国共产党始终站在人民立场、带着为民情怀抓作风。制定出台中央八项规定，是新时代改进作风的切入口和动员令，自上而下立起铁规矩、硬杠杠，极大改善了党风政风。八项规定颁布之初，曾有群众担心这会不会是“一阵风”“花架子”。接续不断的改进作风行动，逐步打消了这份担忧：专门为基层减负，减少不必要报表、会议、检查；盯着民生领域，严查侵害群众利益的行为；把不正之风和腐败放在一起整治；用好巡视监督、纪律教育、家风教育，一边纠歪风，一边弘扬新风正气。中国共产党十数年如一日，充分运用从抓作风建设入手推进全面从严治党的重要经验，整治力度从未有丝毫松懈。群众看见了行动、看见了成效，也看见了决心。“中共中央八项规定体现了中国共产党的自我革命精神。”意大利金砖国家研究会主席维托·彼得罗切利（Vito Petrocelli）表示，通过严格落实中央八项规定精神并加强作风建设，中国共产党“向国际社会展现了纪律严明、求真务实的良好形象”。[②]

**六是抓反腐从严。**中国共产党坚持从严惩、精准治、有效防、一体抓，一体推进不敢腐不能腐不想腐，将反腐败斗争进行到底。党纪国法面前没有例外，不管涉及谁，都要一查到底，决不姑息。既查处“老虎”，也惩治群众身边的“蝇贪蚁腐”，将反腐败斗争向基层延伸、向群众身边延伸，聚焦就业创业、教育医疗、养老社保、安全生产、食品药品安全、执法司法等领域，坚决整治各种损害群众利益的腐败问题，切实增强人民群众的获得感、幸福感、安全感。同时，着力铲除腐败滋生土壤，加强对权力运行的制约和监督，夯实崇廉拒腐思想根基，实现惩治震慑、制度约束、提高觉悟一体发力，推动反腐败斗争标本兼治、系统施治。埃及社会主义党总书记艾哈迈德·沙班表示，中国共产党建立了完整的党内治理体系和纪律规则，严厉打击腐败行

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① 《“这是一个政党保持长久活力的重要原因”——国际人士积极评价中国共产党持之以恒推进作风建设》，《人民日报》2025年12月31日。

② 《“这是一个政党保持长久活力的重要原因”——国际人士积极评价中国共产党持之以恒推进作风建设》，《人民日报》2025年12月31日。

为，维护党的先进性和纯洁性，受到人民拥护，为各国政党树立了榜样。[①]

## 四、制度强党：全面从严治党的长远之策、根本之策

全面从严治党要靠思想教育，更要靠制度保障，靠制度是长远之策、根本之策。制度治党、依规治党，就是要把权力关进制度的笼子，保证人民赋予的权力始终用来为人民谋利益。新时代以来，中国共产党立足党长期执政的战略全局，以党章为根本，以民主集中制为核心，统筹推进党内法规建设，构建起一套科学完备、有效管用的制度体系，把管党治党各方面工作纳入制度化轨道。

**贯彻执行民主集中制，是全面从严治党的内在要求。**民主集中制是中国共产党的根本组织原则和领导制度，也是中国共产党在长期革命、建设和改革实践中始终坚持的根本组织原则，是群众路线在党内政治生活中的运用，是党内政治生活正常开展的重要制度保障。新时代以来，中国共产党不断提高党内民主质量，完善发展党内民主和实行正确集中的相关制度，畅通党员参与讨论党内事务途径，拓展党员表达意见渠道，坚持党内民主平等的同志关系。党把方向、谋大局、定政策、促改革的能力持续提高，努力在全党造成又有集中又有民主、又有纪律又有自由、又有统一意志又有个人心情舒畅生动活泼的政治局面，真正把民主集中制的优势转化为全面从严治党的政治优势、组织优势、制度优势、工作优势。

2018 年被确定为全国法治宣传教育基地的浙江余村，就是通过结合村情创造性落实民主集中制原则，走出了一条民主法治、生态文明与美丽乡村建设互促共进的新路子。余村党支部健全村级党务、村务、财务“三务”公开机制，定期研究村庄规划、环境整治、产业发展、民生改善等重要事项，全村规划建设、“五水共治”[②]、垃圾分类、自来水收费、家禽圈养、文明祭祀等大事小情都要通过民主程序决定。多年实现零上访、零诉讼、零事故、零刑

① 《探寻百年大党铸就新时代辉煌的成功密码——各国政党与中国共产党开展党际交流汲取治国理政经验》，新华网 2024 年 7 月 12 日。

② 指同时抓好治污水、防洪水、排涝水、保供水、抓节水。

案，村干部零违纪。

**构建完备的党内法规制度体系，以良规善治筑牢为民用权的制度屏障。**中国共产党坚定不移推进全面从严治党，加强顶层设计和统筹谋划，持续推进党的建设各项制度改革，把制度建设贯穿党的建设各方面，全方位、立体式推进建章立制。科学编制党内法规制定工作规划，统筹党内法规立改废释。2012 年 12 月 4 日，中共十八大后不到一个月，中央政治局就审议通过关于改进工作作风、密切联系群众的八项规定，成为新时代党中央制定的第一部重要党内法规。从纪律处分条例、问责条例，到新形势下党内政治生活的若干准则、党内监督条例，一系列基础性、关键性党内法规的制定修订，形成了一整套党自我净化、自我完善、自我革新、自我提高的制度规范体系。中国共产党管党治党的制度化、规范化、科学化水平不断提升，开创了建章立制与事业发展同步推进的生动局面。

近年来，北京市商务系统结合查处的项目资金腐败案件，全面梳理涉及人、财、物、事等权责，针对展会组展、补贴性资金使用等方面暴露的问题，先后修订制度规定 9 项，新出台制度规范 11 项，细化完善防控措施，织密依法用权的制度笼子。[①] 这一案例生动表明，新时代全面从严治党的一项重要内容和重要方式就是深化党的建设制度改革，推动依法治国和依规治党有机统一，既为党的事业发展和全面从严治党提供制度保障，又以制度建设成效巩固管党治党成果、提升治理效能。

**严格制度执行，以制度刚性约束守护群众利益。**制度的生命力在于执行。好的法规制度如果不落实，只是写在纸上、贴在墙上、编在手册里，不仅不能产生应有作用，反而会损害法规制度的公信力。新时代以来，中国共产党下大气力建制度、立规矩，更下大气力抓落实、抓执行，增强制度执行力，大力破除潜规则。我们坚持制度面前人人平等、执行制度没有例外，坚决维护制度的严肃性和权威性，坚决纠正有令不行、有禁不止的各种行为，确保出台一个制度就执行落实好一个制度。党的各级干部特别是高级干部在执行

① 《运用典型案例 抓好警醒警示》，中央纪委国家监委网站 2025 年 7 月 25 日。

制度方面以身作则、率先垂范。新时代以来，全面从严治党首先由中央领导同志带头、从中央政治局做起，以制定和严格执行落实中央八项规定破题，形成强大感召力，发挥了重要示范作用。中国共产党通过严格的制度执行，将法规制度的普遍性原则，切实转化为规范权力运行、提升治理效能、保障群众利益的制度体系和工作机制。

2023 年以来，江西省泰和县针对农村基层工作中易发多发的“三资”[①] 管理、工程招投标、村级负债等问题，整合现有制度规定，明确各类村级权力事项、具体实施的责任主体，形成村级“小微权力”清单。在此基础上，进一步明确权力运行流程和操作步骤，绘制成 9 张村级“小微权力”运行流程图，确保责任主体严格落实相应职责，村级权力运行做到一切工作有程序、一切程序有控制、一切控制有规范、一切规范有依据。

**以全面覆盖、有力高效的监督确保制度“长牙”“带电”。**新时代以来，中国共产党健全党统一领导、全面覆盖、权威高效的监督体系，完善权力监督制约机制，以党内监督为主导，促进各类监督贯通协调，坚持执纪必严、违纪必究，对违规违纪行为零容忍，确保制度规定真正成为带电的高压线，让权力在阳光下运行。有力有效的监督在新时代制度治党、依规治党实践中发挥了巨大作用。2025 年，共问责党组织 1336 个、领导干部 3.9 万人。这种决心和态度向全党全社会表明，制度规定是不可触碰的高压线，任何人只要触犯了党纪国法，都会受到严肃追究和严厉惩处。

充分调动广大人民群众监督制度执行的积极性，让人民群众以制度化方式守护自身利益。当亿万人民的眼睛注视着权力的运行，任何损害群众利益的行为都无处遁形。新疆维吾尔自治区结合自身实际情况，不断完善基层监督网，充分发挥驻村工作队、特约监察员的作用，推广基层小微权力监督线上平台。各地因地制宜、分类施策，面对面倾听诉求、摸清实情、收集民意，结合群众身边不正之风和腐败问题集中整治，群众满意度大幅提升。

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① 指资金、资产、资源。

# 第三章　为民造福：新时代全面从严治党的伟大成就

中国共产党把为民办事、为民造福作为最重要的政绩，把为老百姓办了多少好事实事作为检验政绩的重要标准。党员、干部特别是领导干部要清醒认识到，自己手中的权力、所处的岗位，是党和人民赋予的，是为党和人民做事用的，只能用来为民谋利。[①]

——习近平

全面从严治党成效由谁评判？为民造福是中国共产党最重要的政绩。检验中国共产党一切工作的成效，最终都要看人民是否真正得到了实惠、人民生活是否真正得到了改善、人民权益是否真正得到了保障。新时代以来，全面从严治党取得伟大成就，推动党和国家事业取得历史性成就、发生历史性变革。这一历史性转变，使中国共产党自身在革命性锻造中更加坚强有力，人民群众的获得感、幸福感、安全感也持续得到提升。

## 一、保障民主：完善人民当家作主制度

全面从严治党与社会主义民主政治建设深度融合。中国共产党坚持依法治国和依规治党有机统一，完善和落实民主集中制各项制度，充分发扬党内民主，以党内民主带动和促进人民民主。党的自我革命重在治权。中国共产党将制度建设贯穿于民主选举、民主协商、民主决策、民主管理和民主监督

① 习近平：《坚持人民至上》，《求是》2022 年第 20 期。

等各个环节，为实现全过程人民民主提供了可靠制度保障。

新时代以来，中国共产党制定修订了大量国家法律法规和党内法规，积极补齐制度短板；严格制度执行，全过程监督权力运行，大力破除潜规则，阻断各种潜规则对公权力的侵蚀，防止制度空转，确保制度时时生威、处处有效。截至2025年底，中国共产党现行有效党内法规共3372部，其中新时代以来制定修订的占比约80%，形成了比较完善的党内法规制度体系。中国共产党强化制度刚性约束，坚持制度面前人人平等、遵守制度没有特殊、执行制度没有例外。通过持续努力，真正把权力关进制度的笼子，有效避免“牛栏关猫”“纸笼禁虎”，压缩权力寻租空间。

**人民代表大会制度是保证中国人民当家作主的根本政治制度。**选举人大代表，是人民代表大会制度的基础。保障公民的选举权和被选举权，在新中国成立之初就已经写进中国法律。中国现行选举法1979年颁布，历经7次修改，确立完善了普遍、平等、直接与间接选举相结合、差额选举、无记名投票、选举权利保障等选举原则。当前，中国新一轮县乡两级人大换届选举正在有序推进中，全国10亿多选民将通过直接选举的方式，选举产生260多万名县乡两级人大代表。新当选的各级人大代表是党和国家联系人民群众的桥梁，他们依法履职、密切联系群众，听取和反映人民群众的意愿呼声，依法推动解决实际问题。

**人民通过选举、投票行使权利和人民内部各方面在重大决策之前进行充分协商，尽可能就共同性问题取得一致意见，是中国社会主义民主的两种重要形式。**中国共产党加强协商民主制度建设，保障人民在日常政治生活中有广泛持续深入参与的权利。围绕五年规划编制，开展网络征求意见，是全过程人民民主的生动实践。在规划制定过程中，习近平总书记和中共中央充分发扬民主，通过召开座谈会、调研等多种方式，广泛征求、充分吸收各方面意见建议，问计于民、问需于民，凝聚全党全国智慧。2020年编制“十四五”规划纲要过程中，有关部门通过互联网向全社会征求意见建议，收到网民建言超过101.8万条。2025年编制“十五五”规划纲要工作再次开展网络征求意见活动，一个月内收到网民建言超过311.3万条。

**基层群众自治制度是中国的基本政治制度。**在中国共产党的领导下，人民群众在城乡社区治理、基层公共事务和公益事业中依法自我管理、自我服务、自我教育、自我监督，依法直接行使民主权利。“小院议事厅”“民主恳谈会”“社区议事会”……一个个充满烟火气的民主形式，都是全过程人民民主的生动实践。有外国官员旁听浙江温岭的民主恳谈会，看到村民们带着小板凳与基层党员共同围坐在大树下、就村子发展畅所欲言，直言“中国的全过程人民民主有着更为丰富与深刻的内涵”。[①]

全过程人民民主的实践充分说明，真民主、好民主就是要做到人民当家作主，人民不仅有选举、投票的权利，也有广泛参与的权利；不仅能表达自己的意愿，也能有效实现意愿；不仅推动国家发展，也让人人共享发展成果。中国共产党作为执政党，坚持全面从严治党，坚持依规治党，以完善的法规制度规范权力运行，避免公权力被少数人私用，提高党务政务的参与度、透明度，确保权力属于人民、服务人民，切实保障人民当家作主。

## 二、增益民利：不断推动高质量发展

全面从严治党不仅强化了权力监督、净化了党内政治生态，更为经济社会发展提供了坚强保障，实现了管党治党与治国理政的良性互动。中国共产党着力提升党的执政能力和领导水平，将党的政治优势、组织优势、制度优势转化为发展优势和治理效能，为高质量发展提供根本政治保证、注入强劲动力。

**高质量党建引领高质量发展。**全面从严治党以政治建设为统领，确保全党思想统一、步调一致，不折不扣落实党中央重大决策部署。新时代以来，全党按照党中央关于贯彻新发展理念、构建新发展格局、推动高质量发展的战略部署，聚焦建设现代化产业体系、因地制宜发展新质生产力等任务集中发力，成效显著。目前，中国拥有全球规模最大的研发人员队伍，高新技术企业超过 46 万家，拥有 25 个全球百强创新集群，上榜数量连续 4 年位居世

① 《走出一条中国特色社会主义民主之路》，《人民日报》2023 年 3 月 13 日。

界第一。人工智能领域更是爆发式成长，中国的日均词元调用量达数百万亿，全球领先。2026 年前三季度，中国规模以上数字产品制造业增加值同比增长 13.6%。目前，全国累计建成 5.6 万余家基础级、9000 余家先进级、500 余家卓越级智能工厂。人工智能、新能源、新材料等新赛道产业持续保持高增长。

**管党治党越有效，经济社会发展的保障就越有力。**不断改善营商环境，是推动经济高质量发展的必要条件。全面从严治党通过严厉打击特权、破除垄断、斩断利益输送链条，推动营造公平公正的市场环境和风清气正的营商环境，为高质量发展扫除障碍、释放活力。新时代以来，中国共产党重拳整治金融、能源、基建、医药等重点领域腐败，铲除了一批“靠企吃企”“靠粮吃粮”“靠医吃医”的“蛀虫”，打破利益固化的藩篱，让市场在资源配置中起决定性作用、更好发挥政府作用的体制机制顺畅运行。中国贸促会 2026 年 2 月发布的《2025 年度中国营商环境研究报告》显示，近九成受访企业对中国营商环境评价“满意”，各类经营主体的稳定预期持续增强。

**全面从严治党进一步激发干部担当作为。**2026 年，中国共产党在全党开展了树立和践行正确政绩观学习教育，要求党员干部为人民出政绩、以实干出政绩。学习教育坚持把为人民群众办了多少好事实事作为检验政绩的重要标准，广大党员干部瞄准群众关心的实际问题，积极担当，做出成绩。湖南邵阳湖口井东路是一条“半截路”，由于路段复杂等原因，搁置了 5 年之久。当地党员干部坚持理旧账、办实事，建立台账、包案到人、专班推进、一抓到底，道路建设加速推进。截至 2026 年 7 月底，当地成功化解 164 个历史遗留问题，过去的“糊涂账”变成群众的“明白账”、干部的“责任账”。古巴《格拉玛报》副总编辑迪尔伯特·雷耶斯（Dilbert Reyes Rodríguez）表示，在中国参访期间，他深刻感受到，树立和践行正确政绩观学习教育“着力解决群众急难愁盼问题，把惠民生、暖民心、顺民意的工作做到群众心坎上，充分体现了以人民为中心的发展思想”[①]。

① 《“为世界政党治理贡献了中国智慧”》，《人民日报》2026 年 8 月 5 日。

## 三、淳厚民风：以优良党风引领社风民风

优良党风政风是凝聚党心民心、引领社会风尚的关键支撑。中共中央以制定和落实八项规定开局破题，并将这一铁规矩、硬杠杠贯穿管党治党全过程，驰而不息加强作风建设，抓铁有痕、踏石留印，刹住了一些长期没有刹住的歪风，纠治了一些多年未除的顽瘴痼疾，党风政风焕然一新，社风民风持续向好，形成党风正、政风清、民风淳的良好局面。

**八项规定改变中国。**小事小节是一面镜子，能够反映作风，体现原则，彰显党性。从遏制“舌尖上的浪费”到刹住“车轮上的腐败”，从整治“会所中的歪风”到拦下“节庆里的送礼”，“四风”问题[①]得到有力纠治。2013年10月至2026年9月，中央纪委国家监委连续157个月公布全国查处违反中央八项规定精神问题月报数据，把作风建设置于阳光之下。2025年国家统计局调查显示，95.5%的受访群众对中央八项规定精神贯彻成效表示肯定，92.2%的受访群众对党风政风转变带动社会风气好转的效果表示满意。[②]埃及《金字塔报》专栏作家艾哈迈德·塔拉比克（Ahmed El-Tarabikh）认为，中央八项规定的实施极大改善了中共党员的作风，“中共党员更加守纪律，工作作风更加务实高效。中国各级政府的行政效率大幅提高”[③]。

**抓作风关键在抓常抓长。**中国共产党从日常的一个个细节发力，一环紧着一环拧，一锤接着一锤敲，持之以恒，久久为功，引领作风转变。人们看到，每逢年节假期重要时间节点，中央纪委国家监委和各级纪检监察机关都要聚焦作风监督，通过集中通报曝光、开设监督举报专栏等形式，释放正风肃纪的强烈信号。各级纪检监察机关狠刹年节送礼歪风，抓了中秋抓国庆，抓了国庆抓新年，抓了新年抓春节，抓了春节抓端午……一个节点跟着一个节点，一个问题接着一个问题解决。人们普遍感到，今天的节日风气愈发清正。

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① 指形式主义、官僚主义、享乐主义和奢靡之风。

② 《神州大地清风劲——二〇二五年以习近平同志为核心的党中央贯彻执行中央八项规定、推进作风建设综述》，《人民日报》2026年1月22日。

③ 《“这是一个政党保持长久活力的重要原因”——国际人士积极评价中国共产党持之以恒推进作风建设》，《人民日报》2025年12月31日。

**优良党风涵养社风民风。**作风就是形象，作风就是力量。领导干部的一言一行、一餐一饭，皆为社会风向标。中国共产党通过立规矩、正风气、严要求，营造风清气正的政治生态，以党风政风之变引领社风民风之新，勤俭务实、向上向善的社会风尚不断形成：志愿服务蔚然成风，凡人善举层出不穷；厉行节约、反对浪费成为社会新时尚，“光盘行动”从倡议变为自觉；讲排场、比阔气的铺张浪费少了，“面子文化”等不良社会心态得到有效矫正……婚丧嫁娶中的铺张浪费曾经让群众苦恼，党员干部带头厉行节约、移风易俗，卸下群众人情包袱，文明节俭的风气深入人心。湖南一位村民十分赞成地说：“以前办个事，都讲究排场比阔气，其实谁不觉得是个负担呀？可就是抹不开面子。这下可好了，党员干部都带头做出改变，咱们跟着做，心里踏实，也不用为难了。”①

## 四、护佑民安：强力反腐惩恶筑平安

国泰民安是人民群众最普遍的愿望，也是为民造福的最基本要求。中国共产党始终坚守人民立场，坚持人民群众反对什么、痛恨什么，就坚决防范和纠正什么，以强力反腐惩恶守护人民平安，让广大人民群众真切感受到正义在身边、平安有保障。

**反腐败斗争深得民心。**中国共产党同腐败水火不容，把腐败视为最大风险、最大威胁、最大挑战，当作党和国家事业发展进程中的拦路虎、绊脚石，坚持有腐必反、有贪必肃、除恶务尽。反腐败斗争力度前所未有，成效有目共睹，成功走出一条中国特色反腐败之路。中国共产党持续整治群众身边不正之风和“微腐败”问题，推动解决大批群众急难愁盼问题，群众从全面从严治党的成效中感受到实实在在的获得感。2025 年，全国纪检监察机关立案现任或原任村党支部书记、村委会主任 9.1 万人；2026 年 1 月至 9 月又立案 7.9 万人。从整治“校园餐”管理不规范、克扣截留问题，守护青少年“舌尖

① 《文明新风吹进千家万户——八项规定推动社风民风持续向好》，《人民日报》2025 年 5 月 31 日。

上的安全”，到开展医药领域腐败问题集中整治，让群众用上放心药、平价药……一项项有针对性的举措，直指群众身边的痛点难点。就业、养老、社保、住房、教育、医疗、“三农”等领域问题得到严肃处理，损害群众利益的行为得到坚决纠正。

**法治是平安建设的重要保障。**为了把司法服务延伸到乡土一线，方便群众就近参与诉讼、就地化解纠纷，全国普遍设立了人民法庭。人民法庭是基层法院的派出机构，是最基层的政法单位之一，是司法服务人民群众的“基层第一线”，也是党在基层的执政触角、民心桥梁。人民法庭办理的是群众身边的“小案”，但件件关乎群众切身利益、事事连着民心向背。截至 2026 年 5 月，全国有 11035 个人民法庭，2021 至 2025 年审结案件 3400 万件。人民法庭扎根祖国大江南北，真正打通了司法服务的“最后一公里”，让群众感受到看得见的公平正义。

**坚决开展扫黑除恶斗争。**黑恶势力是社会的毒瘤，中国共产党对黑恶犯罪露头就打，坚决惩治黑恶势力“保护伞”，决不让其祸害人民群众。2025 年，人民群众对扫黑除恶斗争的满意度为 94.55%，已经连续 7 年保持在 92% 以上的高水平。

**社会治安整体防控水平不断提升。**2025 年，全国群众安全感为 98.23%，连续 6 年保持在 98% 以上。中国是世界上刑事犯罪率最低的国家之一，2024 年刑事案件立案数同比下降 25.7%，2025 年刑事案件立案数同比下降 12.8%、为本世纪以来最低，2026 年上半年又同比下降 16.5%。中国是命案发案率最低、破案率最高的国家之一，2024 年每 10 万人命案发生数为 0.44 起，破案率达 99.94%；2025 年命案发案数同比下降 8.7%，2026 年上半年又同比下降 11.4%。

今天，中国是世界上最安全的国家之一。2026 年“五一”假期，西班牙女孩安娜带着 3 名第一次来中国的好友游览上海，切身体验了中国的安全：“我在这里特别放松，深夜一个人走在街上也不担心，体验特别好。”[①]2026 年

① 《在这里，感受“中国式安全感”》，《人民日报》2026 年 5 月 7 日。

一季度，上海接待入境游客 223.16 万人次，同比增长 28.04%。“中国式安全感”正在国际上掀起一场“羡慕旋风”，吸引着海外民众来到中国。“深夜敢出门”“快递放门口不会丢”“笔记本电脑放咖啡馆桌子上也没人碰”“凌晨 3 点敢独自在街头撸串”……这份“中国式安全感”，渗透在人民群众的万家灯火中，成为新时代中国的鲜亮标识。

## 五、顺应民心：贡献治党治国中国智慧

当今世界政党，普遍面临社会共识撕裂、代表性衰减、治理能力弱化、腐败现象频发等难题，政党日趋极化、国家治理不足、社会信任赤字相互交织。新时代以来，中国共产党立足中国国情党情，坚守初心使命、勇于自我革命，取得强党强国伟大成就，为全球政党治理、国家治理与人类政治文明进步贡献了中国智慧、中国经验。美国库恩基金会主席罗伯特·劳伦斯·库恩（Robert Lawrence Kuhn）表示，如果未来人类编写政治制度史，“今日之中国，将成为一个政党何以能领导建设一个富强民主文明和谐美丽国家的经典案例”[①]。

**治国必先治党，党治方能国强。**政党是推动国家发展、完善国家治理的重要力量。一个国家治理的效能，首先取决于领导力量的状况。如果执政党连自身都治理不好，更不可能有效治理国家。新时代以来，中国共产党坚持全面从严治党，使自身在革命性锻造中更加强大，使党的领导更加坚强有力。中国共产党将党的领导贯穿于经济建设、政治建设、文化建设、社会建设、生态文明建设各领域，以坚强领导、严明纪律、优良作风凝聚党心民心，创造了举世瞩目的发展成绩，开辟了治国理政新境界。美国广播公司前副总裁哈维·佐丁（Harvey Dzodin）认为，中国发生巨大变化“体现出国家治理能力的跃升，其根本原因在于坚持中国共产党的集中统一领导”[②]。

**治党刀刃向内，坚持自我革命。**执政党肩负着治理国家、推动发展、增

① 《世界读懂中国共产党：库恩眼中的中共“制胜秘诀”》，新华网 2026 年 7 月 4 日。

② 《“中国共产党在面对任何风浪时都坚如磐石”——访美国广播公司前副总裁佐丁》，《人民日报》2026 年 7 月 9 日。

进福祉的重要使命，责任重大，权力重大。各种弱化党的先进性、损害党的纯洁性的因素无时不有，各种侵蚀党的肌体健康的病毒无处不在。随着内外环境和形势任务的变化，执政党内部不可避免会出现各种矛盾和问题，只有以刀刃向内的勇气，及时祛除自身病症，才能使党始终充满生机和活力。新时代以来，中国共产党以彻底的自我革命精神推进全面从严治党，刀刃向内、刮骨疗毒，猛药去疴、重典治乱，开辟了百年大党自我革命新境界。哈萨克斯坦人民党前主席叶尔特斯巴耶夫（Yermukhamet Yertysbayev）认为："党的自我革命，抓住了政党建设的根本问题。在我看来，这是走过105年的中国共产党能够保持旺盛生命力的重要秘诀。"[①]

**治党务必从严，从严贵在有恒。**执政党的自我治理必须从严，如果自身纪律松弛、组织涣散，面对诱惑抵挡不住，面对不良因素的侵袭抵御不了，必然会丧失执政能力，再宏大的国家战略和发展计划也无法实现。新时代以来，中国共产党对腐败保持零容忍态度，开展了史无前例的反腐败斗争，取得压倒性胜利并全面巩固，消除了党、国家、军队内部存在的严重隐患。执政党的自我治理不能寄希望于一次性的运动，而需要建立可预期、可持续的从严机制。如果严一阵松一阵，陷入"抓一抓、松一松"的循环，治理的成效不可能持久，已经取得的成绩也会失去。中国共产党坚持自我革命永远在路上，把严的标准、严的措施贯穿管党治党全过程各方面，把管党治党融入日常、严在经常，使党的创造力、凝聚力、战斗力得到持续提升。

**治党重在治权，接受人民监督。**执政党的治理关键在治理权力。权力是需要监督的，没有监督的权力就会异化。新时代以来，中国共产党推进全面从严治党，坚持完善党和国家监督体系，把权力置于人民监督之下，完善各类公开办事制度，畅通人民群众建言献策和批评监督渠道，充分发挥群众监督、舆论监督作用。中国共产党着力织密群众监督之网，纪检监察机关开通12388举报电话、网络举报平台，全天候受理群众反映；不断发展完善人民监督员制度，2025年，全国检察机关邀请人民监督员监督检察履职办案15.7

① 《世界读懂中国共产党："保持旺盛生命力的重要秘诀"》，新华网2026年7月2日。

万件次；巡视巡察把群众监督引入党内监督，让监督的阳光照亮权力运行的全过程……互联网时代，“随手拍”“一键举报”让监督无处不在。实践证明，接受人民监督是中国共产党祛病除疴的良方。

治国必先治党、党治方能国强，治党刀刃向内、坚持自我革命，治党务必从严、从严贵在有恒，治党重在治权、接受人民监督，这些是中国共产党在治党强党实践中积累的重要经验。贯穿于这些治党经验中的一条主线，就是坚持人民至上。世界政党政治发展史表明，政党既因代表和回应人民诉求而兴，也因背离民众期望而衰。回顾中国共产党全面从严治党的历程，从“人民立场”的鲜明底色，到“取信于民”的实践路径，再到“为民造福”的伟大成就，全面从严治党的每一步，都是为了人民、依靠人民、服务人民。政党的根基在人民、力量在人民，只有扎根人民、依靠人民，才能获得持久的生命力。这就是中国共产党管党治党实践为世界政党治理提供的最重要的启迪。

# 结　语

百年大党风华正茂，管党治党永不懈怠。全面从严治党是长期战略、永恒课题。

中国共产党第二十届中央委员会第五次全体会议审议通过的《中共中央关于持之以恒推进全面从严治党若干重大问题的决定》，科学总结新时代全面从严治党的成就和经验，深刻分析当前和今后一个时期党的建设面临的形势和任务，对持之以恒推进全面从严治党作出战略部署，体现了以习近平同志为核心的党中央强党强国的历史主动。

回望过去，中国共产党找到“让人民来监督政府”和“自我革命”两个跳出治乱兴衰历史周期率的答案，这是永载马克思主义政党建设史册的独特创造。全面从严治党，是新时代党的自我革命的伟大实践，开辟了百年大党自我革命新境界。人民至上，是新时代全面从严治党最鲜明的底色，是贯穿管党治党实践始终的根本价值取向。中国共产党以“得罪千百人、不负十四亿”的使命担当祛疴治乱，为的就是使党能够始终站稳人民立场、坚守为民初心、不断为民造福，始终成为人民最可靠的主心骨。

展望未来，中国共产党将以更高标准、更实举措把新时代全面从严治党宝贵经验坚持好、运用好，把党的建设面临的突出问题整治好、解决好，把管党治党形成的良好政治局面巩固好、发展好。要始终坚持人民至上，将其奉为治党的初心、治党的底气、治党的方向。只要永远保持同人民群众的血肉联系，按照人民群众的要求不断自我净化、自我完善、自我革新、自我提高，中国共产党就能始终成为走在时代前列、人民衷心拥护、经得起各种风浪考验、朝气蓬勃的马克思主义执政党。

大党之治，是人民之福，也是世界之福。中国共产党带领人民不断为美好生活而奋斗，人民的获得感、幸福感、安全感不断增强。中国共产党是具有重大全球影响力的世界第一大执政党，以人类前途为怀，为解决人类重大问题提供中国智慧、中国方案、中国力量。

立足“十五五”开局起步的崭新历史方位，全面从严治党既是护航中国式现代化行稳致远的坚固压舱石，也是驱动民族复兴伟业接续前进的强劲动力源。新征程上，世界百年未有之大变局加速演进、内外风险挑战交织叠加、使命任务更加艰巨繁重。要保持赶考的清醒、初心的坚定、奋进的自觉，持之以恒推进全面从严治党，坚持服务使命任务，坚持以党的政治建设为统领，坚持全面从严，坚持问题导向，坚持守正创新，坚持以上率下，坚持依规治党，在依靠自身力量和人民支持解决自身问题中不断强大，确保党始终成为中国特色社会主义事业的坚强领导核心，为以中国式现代化全面推进中华民族伟大复兴提供根本政治保证。

从历史深处走来，向未来峰顶进发。使命在肩，理想在前，一个在革命性锻造中更加坚强有力的马克思主义政党，必将团结带领亿万中国人民，从胜利走向更大的胜利，为全人类作出新的更大的贡献！

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# Introduction

In October 2026, the fifth plenary session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) was convened in Beijing. The session deliberated on and adopted the *Resolution of the CPC Central Committee on Certain Major Issues Concerning Persevering with Full and Rigorous Party Self-Governance*, which laid strategic plans for the Party's full and rigorous self-governance. From the very first time it was proposed in 2014 by Xi Jinping, general secretary of the CPC Central Committee, to the adoption of the Resolution this year, the theory and practice of the Party's self-governance and self-building in the new era has made it is perfectly clear that full and rigorous Party self-governance is never a choice of expediency; instead, it is a strategic decision that determines China's future.

The Communist Party of China was created for the people and has thrived because of the people. This year marks the CPC on its glorious journey — a journey of unwavering commitment to its ideals and unflagging dedication to its mission. This 105-year journey has always been marked by the Party's rigorous self-governance and flesh-and-blood ties with the people. Along this epic journey, single sparks of communist ideals ignited a prairie fire, the epoch-making birth of a Party brought forth the dawn of a New China, a nation was saved from perils and built into prosperity, and its people walked out of the tattered soil onto a road toward national rejuvenation. All along these 105 years the Party has dedicated itself to achieving lasting greatness for the Chinese nation, and to pursuing happiness for the Chinese people and rejuvenation for the Chinese nation. During each historical period, the

Party has attached great importance to its self-governance, had the courage to uphold truth and correct errors, and grown ever stronger by relying on its own efforts and the support of the people to resolve its own problems, ultimately emerging as the strong leadership core in the cause of the Party and the people.

How is it that the CPC, through consistent practice of rigorous self-governance, and particularly through advancing this endeavor in the new era, still remains true to its nature, conviction, and character, maintains the close ties with the people, and continues to enjoy their wholehearted supports after 105 years? This is a question drawing increasing attention.

In March 1946, when the U.S. journalist and writer Anna Louise Strong was visiting Yan'an, where the then headquarters of the CPC Central Committee was, she was deeply moved by what she had observed. Later in her book *The Chinese Conquer China, she wrote,* "One term was heard more often than any other. It was 'the people'. The Chinese people, the people of the world were always the ultimate reference. 'Go among the people.' 'Learn from the people.' These were the slogans. They seemed much deeper than slogans. They seemed to express an ultimate love, a final faith." It is such "an ultimate love" and "a final faith" that hold the very key to the question we just asked.

The Party's ultimate love for the people underpins its ultimate strictness in governing itself, and such ultimate strictness further consolidates the Party's ultimate love for the people. During his speech at the ceremony marking the 105th anniversary of the founding of the CPC on July 1, 2026, General Secretary Xi Jinping remarked, "Our Party has been able to achieve one glory after another over its 105-year journey and earn the recognition of history and the people, fundamentally because it possesses fine qualities unmatched by any other political party or force." Such fine qualities are: a dedication to the pursuit of truth that enables the Party to always advance in the right direction, deep roots among the people that enable the Party to always stand on solid ground, a determination to shoulder its historic mission that enables the

Party to always maintain the strategic initiative, a readiness to adapt to the trends of development that enables the Party to always remain at the forefront of the times, the courage and competence to carry on its fight that enable the Party to always maintain firm confidence in victory, and a commitment to self-strengthening that enables the Party to always retain its vitality. The "deep roots among the people that enable the Party to always stand on solid ground" loudly echoes across space and time with "an ultimate love" and "a final faith", producing a resonance that further answers our question.

In October 2026, the fifth plenary session of the 20th Central Committee of the CPC deliberated on and adopted the *Resolution of the CPC Central Committee on Certain Major Issues Concerning Persevering with Full and Rigorous Party Self-Governance,* which laid further strategic plans for this always ongoing endeavor. Full and rigorous Party self-governance is never a choice of expediency; instead, it is a strategic decision that determines the future of the Party and of the country.

Exercising full and rigorous governance over the Party is a journey to which there is no end — this is never a mere slogan, but a solemn promise made to the people by a century-old Party.

# Chapter I Standing firmly with the people: the Defining Feature of Full and Rigorous Party Self-Governance in the New Era

**Our Party comes from the people, is rooted in the people, and serves the people. Without popular support, none of the Party's achievements or aspirations would be possible.** ①

**— Xi Jinping**

China's success hinges on the Party, so we must ensure that the Party exercises effective self-supervision and practices strict self-governance in every respect. To truly understand the CPC and its full and rigorous self-governance, we must first of all find the answer to the question: What is the CPC, and what does it fight for? The answer, however, is simple and clear. It has been written in the Party's original aspiration and founding mission, and epitomized by its never-changing stance — standing firmly with the people.

## 1.1 Preserving Political Character: Standing Firmly with the People Is the Party's Fundamental Political Stance

The CPC has always upheld the fundamental political stance of standing firmly with the people — a distinct feature that sets Marxist parties apart from others. The

① Xi Jinping. *Selected Readings from the Works of Xi Jinping (Vol. I)* [M]. Beijing: People's Publishing House. 2023: P.123

CPC has no special interests of its own, and it has never represented any individual interest group, power group, or privileged stratum. It is clearly stated at the very beginning of the *Constitution of the Communist Party of China*: "The Communist Party of China is the vanguard of the Chinese working class, the Chinese people, and the Chinese nation. It represents the fundamental interests of the greatest possible majority of the Chinese people." The Party's people-first principle, therefore, is never some empty slogan posted on the wall or mere rhetoric written on the pages; it is real practice and concrete actions implemented throughout the whole process and over every dimension of the Party's full and rigorous self-governance.

People-centeredness is the most distinct character of Marxism. For the CPC as a Marxist party, Party spirit and people-centeredness have long been interrelated. Preserving Party spirit means keeping a correct political direction and taking a committed political stand; sticking to people-centeredness means ensuring that all initiatives must serve one immutable goal — realizing, defending, and developing the fundamental interests of the people. As General Secretary Xi Jinping put it, "The people's support is our top political priority". This well demonstrates that sticking to people-centeredness is the intrinsic requirement for exercising full and rigorous Party self-governance. Humberto Costa, Secretary for International Relations of Brazil's Workers' Party, once commented that it is because of its wholehearted service to the people that the CPC can survive and thrive for over 100 years; China's development experience tells us that stronger social cohesion can be realized when the governing party puts the people's needs always at the center of its work.[①] The Party's full and rigorous self-governance is a self-reform carried out based on the toughest self-discipline. It answers the fundamental question of "who the Party members are, who they serve, and who they rely on", guarantees lasting support from the people, and

① *Let the World Understand the CPC | 'Winning the People's Support and Trust'*. Xinhua Net, July 7, 2026.

lays a solid foundation for the Party's governance.

Ever since the new era dawned in 2012, the Party has listed its full and rigorous self-governance as a vital part of the Four-pronged Strategy[①], and made unprecedented efforts to enhance self-governance. Every plan the Party makes is based on its people-centered stance, and every measure the Party takes is driven by its determination to carry out its founding mission. The Party has launched intensive education campaigns within itself to enhance the awareness of its principle of serving the people wholeheartedly, and to ensure that Party officials understand that the highest political achievement should always be delivering benefits to the people. The Party has persistently implemented the eight-point decision on improving work conduct[②], and steadily improved the conduct of its own and of the government. The Party has never stopped combating corruption for the people's rights, taking actions against corruption occurring at the people's doorsteps, launching special projects to address problems harming the people's well-being, and thereby ensuring that reform and development offer greater benefits to all the people in a fair way. The Party has, through constant reforms at the primary level, broadened channels for public oversight, and thereby ensured that power is exercised in broad daylight. As Serbian economist Danilo Sukovic stated, the ultimate yardstick for judging the success of a political party's self-building is the tangible sense of gain felt by ordinary citizens.[③]

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① The Four-pronged Strategy is to make comprehensive moves to finish building a modern socialist country in all respects, deepen reform, advance the law-based governance of China, and strengthen full and rigorous Party governance. The Four-pronged Strategy is the Party's overall policy on governing the country.

② The eight-point decision on improving work conduct was deliberated on and adopted by the Political Bureau of the 18th CPC Central Committee on Dec. 4, 2012 to urge all Party officials to improve their ways of doing things and maintain close ties with the people. They are summarized as follows: improving investigation and fact-finding trips, streamlining meetings and other activities, reducing documents and briefings, standardizing arrangements for visits abroad, improving security procedures, improving news reports, imposing restrictions on publishing writings, and practicing diligence and frugality.

③ *Showcasing to the World a Century-Old Party Continuously Radiating New Vitality*. People's Daily, June 29, 2026.

According to a 2022 public opinion survey co-conducted by the CPC Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI) and the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), 97.4 percent of the public believed that full and rigorous Party self-governance has yielded remarkable results.[①]

Full and rigorous self-governance of the Party is an ongoing drive. The ultimate purpose of this endeavor has been and will always be to stay firmly by the people's side, safeguard the people's interests, and enhance the people's well-being. On the journey ahead, the CPC works hard to clear out whatever undermines the Party's progressive and wholesome nature, rid itself of any tumor that erodes the Party's health, and guard against any danger that goes against its original aspiration and founding mission and has the potential to shake the foundations of the Party. While driving Chinese modernization, the CPC has never stopped exercising full and rigorous self-governance, thus endowing its long-standing people-first principle with fresh meanings in the new era.

### 1.2 Remaining True to the Original Aspiration and Founding Mission: This Country is Its People; the People are the Country

The CPC is a party born for ideals and dedicated to its mission. Its century-long journey is one trudged through with concrete steps in pursuit of its original aspiration and founding mission. Ever since it was born the Party has taken it as its original aspiration and founding mission to seek happiness for the Chinese people and rejuvenation for the Chinese nation, and has always put people in the very first place. Every endeavor the Party takes and every sacrifice it makes are fundamentally driven by the Party's determination to bring happiness to the people and rejuvenation to the nation. This well echoes what General Secretary Xi Jinping pointed out, "This country is its people; the people are the country. As the CPC has led the people in fighting

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① Major Focus: Always Maintaining Strict Discipline, Robust Measures, and a Zero-tolerance Climate, from an article on the official website of the CPC Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (Jan. 14, 2023).

to establish and develop the People's Republic, it has really been fighting for their support." Exercising full and rigorous self-governance requires all Party members and officials to remain true to the Party's original aspiration and founding mission, and always stick to the fundamental values of putting the people first.

In the year 2026 we celebrate the 90th anniversary of the victory of the Long March. We look back to 90 years ago when a Red Army unit, after a day of grueling trek, arrived at Shazhou Village in Rucheng, a county in central China's Hunan province. For fear of causing troubles to the villagers, the soldiers chose to sleep out along the village paths. Among them, three female soldiers were found utterly exhausted and invited into the home of Xu Jiexiu, a woman in the village who was living in such stark poverty that she barely had a decent blanket to keep herself warm. In gratitude to Xu, the three female soldiers offered their hard-won medicine to Xu's one-year-old son, who was then in a grave condition. What touches us more was that they even cut their only blanket in half and offered one part to Xu, not wanting her to shudder through freezing nights any more. That was how Xu Jiexiu knew about the CPC, just as she asked and answered decades later, "What is the CPC? It is those who cut in half their only blanket and share it with the people in need." Such a description, though simple and plain, demonstrates the Party's fine tradition of serving the people and unwavering dedication to its founding mission. It was precisely because the CPC loved the people so dearly and disciplined itself so thoroughly that the people opened the doors to their houses — and also to their hearts — to let the Red Army soldiers step inside.

We also look back to over 70 years ago, when the People's Liberation Army (PLA) led by the CPC arrived in Jinzhou, a city in Northeast China's Liaoning province, the soldiers, though desperately hungry and thirsty, did not pick even a single apple from the trees while marching across the local people's orchards. They did not reach out the hand because they had the discipline in the head— "We promise not to take from the people even one apple, no matter it is hanging on the tree, stored in the house, or

lying on the ground." As Chairman Mao Zedong pointed out, "It is an honorable man who abstains from the apples, while it is a despicable man who takes a bite, for these are the apples that belong to the people." Decades later General Secretary Xi Jinping still cherishes the same story, emphasizing that "We should still abstain from such apples even today."

Since the founding of the People's Republic of China (PRC) in 1949, the CPC has always served the people wholeheartedly and prioritized the people's interests above all. Jiao Yulu, Party Secretary of Lankao County in central China's Henan province in the 1960s, stood out as an epitome of a CPC official holding the people in heart and leaving no room for himself. He always took the lead on the front-line in combating the harsh natural environment, guiding the locals to fight against water-logging, sandstorms, and soil salinization until the last minute of his life. What filled his mind was still the people's well-being at the moment when he forever closed his eyes. Gu Wenchang, Party Secretary of Dongshan County in Southeast China's Fujian province, vowed, "Let the sandstorm bury me before it conquers this land." For over a decade, he led the local people in planting trees to stabilize the dunes, thus progressively creating a green miracle on this once barren island, and finally freeing the locals from incessant sandstorms. Yang Shanzhou, a retired CPC member, gave up the comfortable life in the city and devoted 22 solid years to voluntary tree planting in the Daliang Mountains in Southwest China's Yunnan province. Vast expanses of barren hills were turned into lush forests through his callused hands, and such a man-made forest, worth tens of millions of U.S. dollars, was handed over to the country — again voluntarily, just as he insisted. What he did perfectly echoed what he said — "I will not stop serving the people as long as I live in this world." Generation after generation, the Chinese communists, through their lifelong dedication, have pursued their original aspiration of wholehearted service to the people. Their concrete actions have earned them genuine trust and support from the people.

By always putting the people first, the CPC in the new era has won a resolute

battle against poverty, and resolved, once and for all, the problem of absolute poverty in China. A moderately prosperous society in all respects has been built up, and the millennia-old dream of the Chinese nation fulfilled. Throughout the entire poverty alleviation drive, the CPC has exercised full and rigorous self-governance, and constantly improved Party conduct. Such an epic journey has produced one touching story after another of true fighters and real heroes. Among them, Huang Wenxiu, a young Party member, was a particular one. In 2016, Huang gave up the precious job opportunity in the capital city after graduating from Beijing Normal University with a master's degree. She went back to her long-impoverished hometown in Baise, a city in southern China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, and worked as Party secretary in charge of poverty alleviation in a local village. There she stayed nearly all the time with the villagers, seeking solutions to problems while exploring new methods of development. Thanks to her hard work, 88 of the village's 103 poor households were lifted above the poverty line within a year. All through her work she had not for one single time used her power to gain something for herself, though she, too, came from an impoverished family, where her parents were both afflicted with illnesses. Always ringing in her ears was her father's words—"As a Party member you work for the Party, and I hope you can maintain a clear conscience when you come back to where you belong to and serve the people." On a night of torrential rains in 2019, this young Party official, much concerned for the villagers' safety, died on her way back to the village she worked. Her life, brief as it was, had been dedicated to the very aspiration and mission of a CPC member, playing a beautiful song that will forever resound. Through the eight-year battle against poverty, China fulfilled its goals all on schedule — a total of 98.99 million poor rural residents, 832 impoverished counties, and 128,000 impoverished villages have been lifted out of poverty, according to current standards. Regional poverty has been completely eliminated, and extreme poverty eradicated — a monumental task completed. Such victory was forged by over three million officials and first secretaries stationed in villages as well as millions of

community workers on the front-line of poverty alleviation. Among them more than 1,800 never returned, as they laid down their lives in the battle against poverty — a battle without smoke.

It may be easy to form an aspiration, yet it is never easy to always stay true to it. "We have made it explicit that the people's aspiration for a better life is our goal", as General Secretary Xi Jinping repeatedly stressed, and "we should see improving people's lives as our greatest achievement." Each and every effort the Party makes for its full and rigorous self-governance is driven and guided by the people-first principle, gauged by the people's degree of satisfaction, and aimed at transforming the bountiful achievements of Chinese modernization into real happiness for the Chinese people.

### 1.3 Cementing Governance Foundation: Keeping Close Ties with the People is the Party's Supreme Political Advantage

The supreme political advantage of the Party is its close ties with the people, and losing contact with the people would pose the gravest threat to a ruling party. Putting the people first is our fundamental stance, and the mass line is our fundamental approach to the Party's work. Our Party comes from the people, has its roots among the people, and is dedicated to serving the people. Through countless struggles, the Party has developed the Three Fine Styles of Conduct, namely combining theory with practice, maintaining close ties with the people, and conducting criticism and self-criticism. All three styles are underpinned by and oriented toward the Party's flesh-and-blood ties with the people. Andrzej Szejna, Vice Chairman of Poland's New Left Party, noted that what counts most is how the CPC maintains close ties with the people and understands their needs; It is a practice that is rarely seen in Europe and many other parts of the world.[①] Full and rigorous Party self-governance in the new era is, in essence, about sticking to the Party's nature and principle, promoting its fine

① From CCTV News: Observation from the World's Political Leaders: the Secret to the CPC's Success Lies in its Closes Ties with the People, Jun 19, 2021.

traditions, and ensuring that the Party always breathes the same breath as the people, shares the same future, and stays truly connected to them.

During the period leading up to the 18th National Congress of the CPC, Party self-governance was for a time relatively lax, so the practice of pointless formalities, bureaucratism, hedonism, and extravagance constantly occurred in some localities and government departments, despite repeated prohibitions. Mindsets and acts of privilege seeking were found rampant, and some cases of corruption were even deemed as deplorable. Confronted with such serious problems, the Party Central Committee made the eight-point decision on improving work conduct. Leading by example, the Party Central Committee carried out actions against all malpractices by focusing firstly on the most acute issues voiced by the public. It launched intensive education campaigns within itself, maintained an open ear to the people's voices, and strived to solve pressing problems. It also made a major push to address pointless formalities to lighten the burden on those working on the ground, thus to ensure that more of their time and energy were devoted to pursuing development endeavors, and to serving the people. Full and rigorous self-governance has imposed upon the Party ironclad rules and the toughest discipline. With unwavering resolve and the tenacity as a hammer drives a nail, the Party has, against all odds, put an end to numerous unhealthy practices that had long persisted, removed so many maladies that had lingered for years, and ended the absurdity that, as was once ridiculed, "hundreds of rules and regulations could not restrain a gluttonous mouth." The Party's self-governance has won it real trust from the people, breathed new life into Party conduct and government work, and provided immense momentum to the development of the Party and of the country.

Ever since the new era dawned, the CPC has, with the courage to turn the blade inward, severely penalized serious violations of rules and regulations. The Party has exercised full and rigorous self-governance with the firmest determination and toughest discipline, and kept seeking solutions to pressing problems. By doing so

the Party is translating its close ties with the people into hard institutional rules and concrete governance practices. It has worked to ensure that the Party's line and principles reach the community level, surveys and investigations are conducted deep into the people's real lives, public complaint and proposal are received through outreach to the people, and government service is delivered directly to the people's doorsteps. Such efforts vividly embody the CPC's concrete practice in sticking to the mass line in the new era, and effectively guarantee that full and rigorous Party self-governance is implemented all the way down to the most primary level. In September 2025, local Party officials from a community in Handan, a city in North China's Hebei province, set up an on-site office right at the local residents' doorsteps to hear their concerns. The residents complained about the heavy cooking fumes from a downstairs eatery, which had long forced them to keep their windows shut. The officials inspected the site in no time, negotiated with the eatery owner, and hammered out a solution of moving the exhaust vent to the other side of the building. The problem that had long troubled the locals was thus solved within days. The officials even followed up within three months to check on the results and gather more feedback. This is what the CPC does — knowing what the people hope for, heeding what they are worried about, solving their most pressing problems, and tackling their real hardships. All this has ensured the Party's ever closer bond with the people.

By maintaining the flesh-and-blood bond with the people, and by fully inspiring the people's enthusiasm, initiative, and creativity, the CPC has secured itself an infinite source of strength. The closer the bond is, the more consolidated the Party's governance foundation will be, and so will its leadership. If, on the contrary, the Party fails to discipline itself strictly, and leaves its own problems of wide public concern unresolved, it will no longer have the people's support, and will sooner or later be consigned to history. Exercising full and rigorous self-governance is the path the Party must take to maintain its vigor and pass new tests on the road ahead.

# Chapter II Winning the People's Trust: the Practical Approach to Full and Rigorous Party Self-Governance in the New Era

**In advancing full and rigorous self–governance, strengthening Party leadership is the core, comprehensive governance the foundation, strict governance the key, and governing itself the crux.**[①]

**— Xi Jinping**

The CPC will fully commit to the people and never fail them. With this commitment, strengthening full and rigorous self-governance has become a great practice of the Party's self-reform in the new era, and opened up new prospects for the renewal of a century-old Party. Persevering with full and rigorous self-governance in is essential to the Party's long-term governance, to the country's enduring stability, and to the people's well-being and happiness. It represents a great practice of the Party's self-reform in the new era, and opens up new prospects for the renewal of a century-old Party. Through sustained exploration, the Party has deepened its understanding of the laws governing self-reform, advanced theoretical, practical, and institutional innovation in Party building, and thereby molded full and rigorous self-governance into an interconnected and coherent system.

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① Xi Jinping. *On upholding the Party's leadership over all work* [M]. Beijing: Central Party Literature Press. 2019: P.124

## 2.1 Advancing Full and Rigorous Party Self-Governance: the Defining Theme of Party Building in the New Era

Since the start of the new era, the Party Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core has positioned full and rigorous Party self-governance as a major strategy, based on profound observation by a century-old Party from its long-term governance, and guided by a holistic view on the cause of the Party and the country. Full and rigorous Party self-governance has become the defining theme of Party building in the new era. This means that it is the most prominent and distinctive feature of Party building today, and the very center around which all Party-building efforts and planning are implemented. This also underpins the role of Party self-governance as the political guidance and essential guarantee for the overall cause of the Party and the country.

**Full and rigorous Party self-governance is the strategic response to new tests and challenges of governing a major political party.** Today, the CPC boasts more than 100 million members and over five million primary-level organizations, making it the largest Marxist governing party in the world. A party of this size, despite its unique strengths, faces unique problems that other parties hardly do. How to stay true to its original aspiration and founding mission, how to maintain unity in thought, will, and action, how to ensure enduring strength in governance and leadership, how to sustain an enterprising spirit, how to identify and resolve problems in time, and how to preserve a clean and upright political environment — these are all governance challenges our Party must resolve.

"Rome was not built in a day", and no solution will be found overnight. Just as a person who wants to keep good habits must regularly reflect on himself and correct his errors, a party that expects to maintain its long-term strength must constantly hold itself to high standards and pursue continuous self-refinement. Deepening the Party's self-reform and advancing full and rigorous Party self-governance is about driving the Party's endeavors to cleanse, improve, renew, and temper itself. It is also

about maintaining close ties with the people, and about ensuring that the Party always remains a vibrant Marxist governing party that stays at the forefront of the times, enjoys the wholehearted support of the people, and can withstand the assault of any wind or storm. Sabino Vaca Narvaja, former ambassador of Argentina to the PRC, once remarked that observing the Party-building practices of the CPC in the new era, one striking feature is that the CPC advances its self-reform with exceptional political courage and exercises full and rigorous Party self-governance with unprecedented intensity; The CPC has the capacity and determination to identify problems, correct deviations, and achieve continuous self-improvement.[①]

**The strategic position of full and rigorous Party self-governance has been established and cemented in practice.** Since the start of the new era, the Party Central Committee, starting with enhancing Party conduct, has formulated and implemented the eight-point decision on improving work conduct and gone on to propose a series of innovative concepts, implement a series of transformative practices, and improve a series of institutional norms. In 2014, General Secretary Xi Jinping first set out the concept of "full and rigorous Party self-governance" and elevated it to a strategic component of the overarching framework of governance—an unprecedented move in the Party's history. The 19th National Congress of the CPC took a landmark step by enshrining "upholding full and rigorous Party self-governance" in the *Constitution of the Communist Party of China*, formally establishing it as one of the fundamental principles guiding the Party's efforts to uphold and develop socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era. Following this constitutional arrangement, the Sixth Plenary Session of the 19th Central Committee of the CPC designated "defining full and rigorous Party self-governance as a policy of strategic importance" as one of the core components of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese

① *Showcasing to the World a Century-Old Party Continuously Radiating New Vitality*. People's Daily, June 29, 2026.

Characteristics for a New Era. Carrying this momentum forward, the 20th National Congress of the CPC advanced the cause to an even deeper stage by putting forward the requirement to "exercise full and rigorous Party self-governance and advance the great new project of Party Building in the new era," placing greater emphasis on supervising, governing, and building the Party with systematic analysis, dialectical reasoning, and the application of governance principles. The fifth plenary session of the 20th Central Committee further emphasized that the Party must gain a deep understanding of the great significance of persevering with full and rigorous Party self-governance from the strategic perspective of consolidating the Party's long-term governing position and realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

**Full and rigorous Party self-governance takes enhancing the Party's political building as the overarching principle.** If a political party is likened to a giant ship, theoretical building determines "how the crew thinks", organizational building determines "how the crew is organized", and then political building determines "where the ship is heading for"—the most fundamental of all. Any deviation in direction would lead to a catastrophic error, thereby rendering all other forms of efforts meaningless. For the CPC, "stressing political awareness" means always upholding the correct political direction and being clear about "whom to follow" and "where to go". More specifically, it means always standing firmly with the people, prioritizing the support of the people, and recognizing what the Party is about, for whom it works, and on whom it relies. Only by sticking to the right direction can the whole Party stay on the right track and join its forces to forge a strong synergy for greater development of its cause.

**Full and rigorous Party self-governance takes the Party Constitution as its fundamental guide.** It covers over 100 million Party members and millions of Party organizations, which calls for unified, stable, and authoritative standards to define what is to be governed and how. The Party Constitution is precisely the overarching framework from which those standards derive. The Party Constitution governs the

Party just as the *Constitution of the People's Republic of China* governs the state, determining the core direction and value orientation of full and rigorous Party self-governance. The Party Constitution stipulates that serving the people wholeheartedly is the Party's fundamental principle. It is the general rule and primary guide for the words and deeds of all Party members, and the major source of Party discipline and rules. Taking the Party Constitution as the foundation for advancing full and rigorous Party self-governance means urging all Party members to stand firmly with the people and rectifying misconduct that harms the interests of the people. The Party Constitution gives rise to all Party rules and discipline which, in turn, carry forward the principles of the Party Constitution and give them concrete forms. Under the Party Constitution, all Party members are equal—no privilege is allowed in observing it, and no exception is permitted in enforcing it. Only by always honoring and practicing the Party Constitution can we preserve the essence of full and rigorous Party self-governance and ensure that it continues to advance in the direction of serving the people.

**Full and rigorous Party self-governance gives top priority to strict political discipline and rules.** Discipline is the Party's lifeline. Only when the Party is strictly disciplined can it have cohesion and strength. What enables the Party to govern itself strictly? The answer is strict discipline, without which strict Party self-governance would be impossible. In enforcing discipline, the first priority is tightening political discipline and rules. These are the norms Party members must strictly follow regarding political direction and stance—the most important and fundamental of all. Only by establishing and strengthening political discipline can we tighten all other discipline, and set clear boundaries for Party members' conduct. By doing so, we can forge a strong disciplinary safeguard for full and rigorous Party self-governance and ensure that the decisions and plans of the Party Central Committee are carried through from the beginning all the way to the end.

## 2.2 Forging Strong Party Spirit: the Fundamental Task of Party Self-Governance

Strong Party spirit is an important guarantee for maintaining the Party's advanced nature and purity. It is the concrete embodiment of the Party's ideals and convictions, stance and principle, and discipline and conduct in every Party member's thinking, words, and deeds. Party spirit, in essence, is a matter of stance: It requires the Chinese communists to uphold the Party's nature and purpose, raise Party consciousness, and have a better understanding of their identity as Party members and the Party's vanguard nature. It also requires them to devote efforts to strengthening ideals and convictions, forging strong loyalty to the Party, fostering deep affection for the people, always seeking truth from facts, building moral character, and preserving honesty and integrity. Moreover, they are required to stand with the Party and the people and put the people's interests first, whether in pondering questions, conducting research, making decisions, or handling issues. These requirements are conducive to maintaining the political character of the Chinese communists.

**Strengthening Party spirit is a lifelong task.** Party spirit is not something we are born with, nor does it grow stronger the moment one joins the Party. A piece of good iron must be repeatedly tempered in the furnace before it is forged into hard steel. The same is true of a Chinese communist's Party spirit — it must be refined through learning and practice. Years of Party membership do not necessarily guarantee strong Party spirit. Without regular learning and practice, the Party spirit may gradually erode over time. Even Party members who start out with great drive may later relax their demands on themselves, gradually forget their original aspiration upon joining the Party, and end up harming the people's interests and straying onto the wrong path. This is a reminder that forging Party spirit should be a lifetime endeavor. It calls for continuous learning, sustained practice, and constant correction of shortcomings.

**The CPC must guide its members to strengthen their Party spirit on their**

**own initiative.** Party organizations at all levels are the mainstay of full and rigorous Party self-governance. Only by steadily advancing the systematic development of Party organizations at every level and in every field, and by continuously strengthening their political and organizational functions, can we ensure that the Party's lines, principles, and policies work in concert with the decisions and arrangements of the Party Central Committee in a precise and efficient manner. By bolstering loyalty to the Party, enhancing theoretical study, improving Party conduct, enforcing strict discipline and rules, and strengthening oversight and inspection, and fully unleashing the enthusiasm, initiative, and creativity of the whole Party, the Party can help its members keep refining their Party spirit. Every Chinese communist should take the initiative in studying, consolidating Party spirit, observing discipline, and correcting weaknesses according to relevant requirements. Only when the strict self-governance of the entire Party and the self-improvement of each Party member reinforce each other can Party spirit be steadily enhanced.

**The CPC must continue to develop itself into a Marxist learning party.** The Party must build cohesion and inner strength with the Party's latest theories, take studying, grasping and applying the Party's innovative theories as the fundamental path to cement Party spirit, and ensure the entire Party to unify its thinking, will, and action through Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era. The Party must also nurture Party spirit with its good traditions and fine traditional Chinese culture, continue to guide Party officials to standing firmly with the people, and stay true to the original aspiration of serving the people. These unbroken efforts will deliver lasting internal impetus for the CPC to uphold self-improvement, self-renewal and advance full and rigorous self-governance. Since the new era began, the Party Central Committee has launched a series of Party-wide education campaigns. These campaigns have combined study of the Party Constitution and Party rules and discipline with education on ideals and convictions, the Party's

guiding principle, the "Four Histories"[①], revolutionary traditions, traditional Chinese virtues, and Party conduct and integrity, thereby guiding Party members and officials to strengthen their political awareness and raise their ethical and moral standards. Žarko Mićin, mayor of Novi Sad, Serbia, who has visited China multiple times, spoke highly of the education campaigns carried out by the CPC, saying that they demonstrate the CPC's commitment to a people-centered approach and to delivering tangible results that improve people's well-being[②].

**The CPC must focus on strengthening Party spirit through practice and experience.** Forging robust Party spirit is no empty slogan. It must translate into firm action to implement the Party Central Committee's decisions and plans, and manifest itself in the vigorous practice of working for the people's well-being. A case in point is Zhang Guimei, known as the "lamp-lighting principal", whose story vividly demonstrates the immense power generated by strong Party spirit. In her youth, Zhang witnessed girls in mountainous regions forced out of school by poverty. Shocked by what she saw, she was determined to offer them a way out of the mountains through education, rooting herself in the local area for more than 40 years to run a free high school for girls. In those years, conditions in the mountains were extremely harsh—inadequate funding, rudimentary school buildings, and constant departure of teachers. Zhang gathered the remaining Party member teachers, painted a Party flag on the wall, and led them in reviewing the oath of joining the Party, using faith to pool their strength. She even gave all her salary and bonuses to her students while living a frugal life. She trudged more than 110,000 kilometers across mountains and valleys to visit students' families and helped over 2,000 girls from the mountains enter college and realize their dreams. Through years of unwavering efforts, she has safeguarded a Chinese communist's original aspiration and the bright future of hundreds of girls in

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① The "Four Histories" refers to the History of the Communist Party of China, the History of the People's Republic of China, the History of Reform and Opening-up, and the History of Socialism Development

② *World Reads the CPC: the Key to Sustaining Vigor and Vitality*. Xinhua News Agency. July 1, 2026.

the mountains. Touched by her dedication, someone online from Thailand marveled, "If the people of a country are willing to give back to society, that country will become one that can overcome any difficulty." ①

Advancing full and rigorous Party self-governance is, in essence, about strengthening Party members' Party spirit via repeated study of the Party's innovative theories and repeated tests in practice. It is also about guiding Party members and officials to put the people and the cause first, work energetically for the Party and the people, and remain committed to work and ready to contribute. By doing so, more communist role models like Zhang Guimei will emerge. They are the ones who hold fast to their faith, stay loyal to the Party, keep the people always in their hearts, and work hard to solve the problems people encounter. For ordinary people, true communists with robust Party spirit are their leaders and backbone. When Party members truly serve the people, the people can genuinely feel the Party's care and will trust and support the Party even more.

### 2.3 Focusing on Strict Enforcement: Rigorous Standards and Measures throughout the Whole Process of Party Self-Governance

Full and rigorous Party self-governance requires full coverage as the foundation and strict enforcement as the key. "Full coverage" reveals the overall logic of Party self-governance: in terms of content, it covers every aspect of Party building, leaving no dead corners or blind spots; in terms of target, it encompasses all Party members and Party organizations at all levels, with no exceptions; in terms of process, it elucidates the responsibilities of Party self-governance and integrates each system and requirement into every stage and link of the process — namely, planning, deployment, implementation, assessment, and accountability — to ensure that strict enforcement is guaranteed at all levels through sustained efforts. "Strict enforcement" underscores the need to treat strictness as the core, and the necessity to apply it throughout the

① *Observation from Overseas: Amazing Mom for All* on Yunnan.CN (June 30, 2021).

entire process of Party self-governance and to every aspect of Party building. Guided by a problem-oriented approach, full and rigorous Party self-governance must be advanced throughout efforts to enhance political commitment, strengthen intra-Party oversight, enforce Party discipline, tighten official management, improve Party conduct, and combat corruption.

**First, strict standards are brought to enhance ideological commitment.** The CPC works to strengthen ideological commitment and guide Party members to always stick to their ideals and convictions and stand firmly with the people. Ideological commitment is the "master switch" of action. Once it loosens, action will inevitably be distorted. Theoretical study and education must therefore be employed to tighten this "master switch". From Party-wide education campaigns to "Three Meetings and One Lesson", efforts to shore up the political conviction of more than 100 million Party members have never stopped. The CPC has kept harnessing Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era to unite the Party and forge its soul. It has also intensified education on ideals and convictions and on Party spirit and Party's principle, and led the whole Party in developing a correct worldview, a positive outlook on life, and a sound value orientation, thereby laying a solid ideological foundation for serving the people wholeheartedly.

**Second, strict standards are introduced to strengthen intra-Party oversight.** The Party and state oversight system acts like the body's immune response: it identifies problems within itself and nip them in the bud, thereby earning the people's lasting trust. In contrast to parties relying on external oversight and accountability after the fact, the CPC's intra-Party oversight centers on self-reform, which means examining itself, correcting deviations, and preventing and punishing misconduct. Since the new era began, the Party has continued to improve the Party and state oversight system, integrated oversight forces of all types, and made political oversight more specific, targeted, and routine, thereby putting the exercise of power under comprehensive, sustained, and strict constraints Among these efforts, central

inspection stands out as an effective means of the Party and the state for advancing full and rigorous Party self-governance. Through this means, the central inspection teams have launched 29 inspection campaigns since the new era began, achieving near-full coverage within a single term. These inspections have extended to provinces, autonomous regions, municipalities, key centrally administered state-owned enterprises, financial institutions, central and state organs, and centrally administered universities. A large share of the leads in cases involving violations of discipline and law were uncovered during these inspections. From 2012 through 2017 alone, more than 60 percent of the clues in cases reviewed by the CCDI came from these oversight campaigns.

**Third, strict standards are pursued to enforce Party discipline.** The discipline of the CPC "has teeth and thorns". For Party members, breaking laws starts with breaching Party discipline. The Party must ensure strict observance of Party discipline, rigorous enforcement of disciplinary rules, and prompt accountability for every disciplinary violation, with no leniency whatsoever. It must also intervene at the earliest possible stage to nip emerging issues in the bud, offer timely reminders and corrections for signs of potential misconduct, and stop minor disciplinary lapses from escalating into major violations. Galina Kulikova, first deputy chairperson of the Russia-China Friendship Association, observed that the self-building of the CPC features strict discipline enforcement; full and rigorous Party self-governance covers all without exception; each Party member, regardless of identity and rank, is bound by Party discipline; It is this strict discipline that maintains the Party's advanced nature and purity.[①] In 2025, 290,752 violations of the central Party leadership's eight-point decision on improving work conduct were investigated and handled across the country, with 375,604 people criticized, educated, or disciplined and 261,788 of them

① *Showcasing to the World a Century-Old Party Continuously Radiating New Vitality*. People's Daily, June 29, 2026.

given Party disciplinary or administrative sanctions, making the people keenly aware of how strict discipline enforcement has become.

**Fourth, strict standards are imposed to tighten the management of Party officials.** The CPC has created a contingent of high-caliber officials who are loyal to the Party, have moral integrity, and demonstrate a keen sense of responsibility. In essence, this is about being accountable to the people's interests and about ensuring that public power always serves the people's well-being. The CPC also applies strict requirements throughout the whole process of selecting, appointing, managing, and assessing officials, ensuring rigorous control both at the point of entry and in day-to-day management. Party officials whose political integrity fails to meet the required standard are subject to a "one-vote veto" punishment. No one with political or integrity problems is allowed to slip through or profit from opportunism, and promotion of officials with such problems must be resolutely prevented. Efforts to assess officials should be regular, institutionalized, and with full coverage. Leading officials must annually report personal matters of concern, and such reports are spot-checked, with concealment strictly punished. Lifelong accountability must be enforced, so that transfer or retirement does not become a free pass from accountability. Sabino Vaca Narvaja noted that when the international community discusses China's development miracle, attention tends to focus on the extensive high-speed rail network, the 5G coverage reaching both urban and rural areas, and the new energy vehicles that lead the world. In fact beneath these visible achievements lie China's training, and assessment of and incentive mechanisms for officials, a deeper force that "has driven this giant ship of China to steady and sustained progress."[①] arcos Pires, professor of political economy in the University of São Paulo, remarked that officials at all levels of the CPC have exhibited strict self-discipline and a keen sense of responsibility, and

① Sabino Vaca Narvaja. *Understanding the Institutional Code of China's Development* [N]. People's Daily. June 29, 2026.

this ensures both effective policy implementation and strong national cohesion.[①]

**Fifth, strict standards are applied to improve Party conduct.** Starting with specific issues that draw strong public concern, the Party continues to deepen efforts to rectify improper conduct and unhealthy trend. The CPC has worked steadily to improve its Party conduct with a genuine commitment to serving and standing with the people. The central Party leadership's eight-point decision on improving work conduct has kicked off and driven efforts to improve Party conduct in the new era. By setting ironclad rules and firm standards from the top down, they have greatly improved Party conduct and the government's work style. Some initially feared the rules would prove to be just a short-lived fad or an empty slogan, but unbroken efforts to improve Party conduct gradually dispelled such concerns. These endeavors have taken concrete forms: the burden on the primary level has been eased by cutting unnecessary paperwork, meetings, and inspections; livelihood-related areas have been kept under close watch; misconduct that infringes on the public's interests has been subject to strict investigation; misconduct and corrupt practices have been tackled in tandem; and disciplinary inspections, discipline education, and family-values education have been leveraged to rectify wrongdoings while fostering healthy trends and upholding integrity. For decades, the CPC has consistently applied its experience of taking Party conduct as the starting point for advancing full and rigorous self-governance, and never slackened its efforts to improve it. In this process, the people have borne witness to the Party's action, feats, and resolve. Vito Petrocelli, president of the Italy-BRICS Institute, remarked that the Central Party Leadership's eight-point decision on improving work conduct reflect the CPC's awareness of self-reform. He observed that by rigorously implementing these rules and strengthening Party conduct, the CPC has presented to the international community a well-disciplined and pragmatic self-

① *A Key Reason Why a Political Party Retains Lasting Vitality—International Figures Praise the CPC's Unremitting Efforts to Improve Party Conduct* [N]. People's Daily. December 31, 2025.

image.[①]

**Sixth, strict standards are employed to combat corruption.** The CPC has persisted in severe punishment, precise treatment, effective prevention, and integrated action, ensuring that Party officials do not have the audacity, the opportunity, or the desire to engage in corruption. By doing so, the efforts to combat corruption will continue unabated. Party discipline and state law leave no room for exceptions: no matter who is involved, they will all be investigated to the end and will all be sternly punished. The "tigers" at the top and the "flies and ants" at the people's doorsteps have both been targeted. The fight against corruption has been extended to the primary level and brought closer to the people, with a focus on areas such as employment, entrepreneurship, education, healthcare, elderly care, social security, workplace safety, food and drug safety, and law enforcement and administration of justice. Acts of corruption that harm the people's interests are resolutely rectified to enhance the people's sense of fulfillment, happiness, and security. The Party works hard to eradicate the soil in which corruption breeds and strengthen restraints and supervision on the exercise of power, thus laying a firm ideological foundation for valuing integrity and resisting corruption. It also strives to maintain a tough stance on punishing corruption, strengthen institutional constraints, and raise political awareness. By doing so, the Party has advanced the anti-corruption fight via a systematic approach that addresses both the symptoms and the root causes of corruption. According to Ahmed Shaaban, secretary-general of the Egyptian Socialist Party, the CPC has established a complete system of intra-Party governance and disciplinary rules, and taken tough action against corruption, thereby safeguarding the Party's advanced nature and purity, winning the people's support, and setting a good

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① *A Key Reason Why a Political Party Retains Lasting Vitality—International Figures Praise the CPC's Unremitting Efforts to Improve Party Conduct* [N]. People's Daily. December 31, 2025.

example for political parties around the world.[①]

### 2.4 Strengthening the Party with Institutions: A Long-Term and Fundamental Solution for Full and Rigorous Party Self-Governance

Full and rigorous Party self-governance relies on ideological education, but more importantly on institutional safeguards, which offer a long-term and fundamental solution. Running the Party with institutions and regulations means confining power in an institutional cage and ensuring that the power granted by the people is always exercised in their interests. Since the new era began in 2012, with a broader strategic view to its long-term governance, the CPC has regarded the Party Constitution as its fundamental guide and given full play to the core role of democratic centralism to advance the development of Party regulations in a coordinated manner. It has established a well-conceived, procedure-based and effective institutional framework, bringing all aspects of Party self-governance under institutionalized management.

I**mplementing democratic centralism is an inherent requirement for exercising full and rigorous Party self-governance.** Democratic centralism is the fundamental organizational principle and leadership system of the CPC. It serves not only as the fundamental organizational principle that the Party has consistently upheld throughout its long history of revolution, development, and reform, but as the application of the mass line in everyday Party activities, thus providing an important institutional guarantee for the sound conduct of intra-Party political activities. Since the start of the new era, the CPC has continuously improved the efficacy of intra-Party democracy and refined the institutions for promoting intra-Party democracy while practicing correct centralization. It has also kept channels open for Party members to participate in the discussion of Party affairs while providing them with more avenues to express their opinions, and fostered comradely relations based on

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① *Exploring the Success Code of a Century-Old Party in Forging New-Era Glory — Political Parties from Various Countries Draw Governance Experience Through Inter-Party Exchanges with the CPC* [N]. Xinhua News Agency. July 12, 2024.

equality and democratic principles. These efforts have enhanced its ability to chart the course, make overall plans, design policy, and promote reform. It has also worked hard to create a lively political situation featuring both centralism and democracy, both discipline and freedom, and both unity of will and personal sense of ease. In this way, the CPC seeks to turn the strengths of democratic centralism into political, organizational, institutional, and operational strengths in exercising full and rigorous Party self-governance.

Designated a national-level legal publicity and education base in 2018, Yucun Village in eastern China's Zhejiang Province has creatively applied the principle of democratic centralism to its local conditions, forging a new path in which democracy and the rule of law, ecological conservation, and the "beautiful villages" initiative reinforce and promote one another. Its Party branch has improved the mechanisms for making public village-level Party affairs, village affairs, and financial affairs, and has also established democratic procedures for regularly deliberating on major issues involving village planning, environmental improvement, industrial development, and people's well-being. Decisions on matters ranging from village-wide development plans and the Five-Water Co-Governance[①] to waste sorting, tap water charges, poultry keeping, and civilized memorial practices are all made through these procedures. For more than a decade, the village has had no petitions to higher authorities, lawsuits, accidents, or criminal cases, and no village officials have been disciplined for misconduct.

**Building a well-developed framework of Party regulation establishes institutional safeguards to ensure that power is exercised in the interests of the people under sound rules and effective governance.** The CPC has consistently advanced full and rigorous self-governance through stronger top-level design and

① The Five-Water Co-Governance refers to the coordinated efforts to control water pollution, prevent flooding, improve drainage, ensure water supply, and promote water conservation.

coordinated planning. It has continuously reformed its Party-building institutions, integrating institutional development into every aspect of Party development and improving its rules and regulations in a comprehensive and systematic manner. The Party has developed sound plans for formulating Party regulations and taken coordinated steps to enact, revise, abolish, and interpret intra-Party regulations. On December 4, 2012, less than a month after the 18th National Congress of the CPC, the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee deliberated on and adopted the eight-point decision on improving work conduct, the first major Party regulation issued by the CPC Central Committee in the new era, to improve their work practices and maintain close ties with the people It has formulated and revised a series of fundamental and key Party regulations including *Regulations of the Communist Party of China on Disciplinary Action*, *Regulations of the Communist Party of China on Accountability*, *Code of Conduct for Intra-Party Political Life under New Circumstances,* and *Regulations of the Communist Party of China on Internal Oversight*. Together, these regulations form a comprehensive institutional framework enabling the Party to purify, improve, renew, and excel itself. The CPC's self-governance has become increasingly rule-based, institutionalized, standardized, and meticulously planned, bringing about a situation where the establishment of sound institutions advances in tandem with the Party's cause.

In recent years, drawing on corruption cases involving project funds, Beijing's commerce authorities conducted a comprehensive review of the power, responsibilities, and accountability arrangements associated with personnel, finances, assets, and operations. To address problems exposed in areas such as trade fair organization and the use of subsidy funds, they revised nine existing rules and regulations and introduced 11 new ones, refining and strengthening prevention and control measures and further improving the institutional framework to ensure that power is exercised in

accordance with the law.[①] This case demonstrates that deepening institutional reforms related to Party building and upholding the organic unity of law-based governance of the country and rule-based governance of the Party constitute both a key task and a major approach of exercising full and rigorous Party self-governance in the new era. This provides institutional safeguards for the Party's cause and its full and rigorous self-governance while the gains from institution building efforts help consolidate the achievements of Party self-governance and enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of governance.

**Strictly enforcing rules and regulations through binding institutional constraints helps protect the people's interests.** The vitality of a system lies in its implementation. Without effective enforcement, even well-designed rules and regulations, if left on paper, posted on walls, or filed away in manuals, cannot serve their intended purpose, undermining their credibility. Since the start of the new era, the CPC has worked not only to refine its institutional rules and regulations but to ensure their effective implementation. Measures have been taken to strengthen the enforcement of institutions. It upholds that everyone is equal before rules and regulations and that no exceptions arise in their application, firmly protecting their authority and seriousness and resolutely responding to those who refuse to be bound by it or feign compliance while undermining it. In this way, the Party has ensured that every rule introduced is fully implemented. Party officials at all levels, especially high-ranking ones, must conduct themselves in an exemplary fashion, and take the lead in improving their conduct in enforcing these rules. Full and rigorous Party self-governance in the new era has started with the central leadership setting the example, and beginning with the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee. The formulation and strict implementation of the eight-point decision on improving work

① CPC Central Commission for Discipline Inspection and National Commission of Supervision, *Typical Cases to Educate and Warn*, July 25, 2025.

conduct have served as a breakthrough, setting a powerful example for and exerting a strong demonstration effect on the entire Party. Through rigorous enforcement, the CPC has translated the general principles embodied in rules and regulations into institutional frameworks and working mechanisms that regulate the exercise of power, enhance governance efficiency and effectiveness, and protect the people's interests.

Since 2023, existing rules and regulations in Taihe County, eastern China's Jiangxi province, have been consolidated to address common and recurring problems in rural governance including the management of collective funds, assets and resources, project bidding, and village-level debt. A list of village-level "small and micro power" has been drawn up to specify each power and the entity responsible for exercising it. On this basis, procedures and steps for exercising the power have been clarified in nine flowcharts. These measures ensure that designated entities fully assume their assigned duties and that village-level power is exercised in accordance with clearly defined procedures, effective oversight mechanisms, consistent operating standards, and an explicit basis in rules and regulations.

**Improving a comprehensive, authoritative, and efficient oversight system ensures that rules and regulations have "teeth and thorns".** Since the new era began, the CPC has improved the total-coverage, authoritative, and highly effective oversight system under the Party's unified leadership and refined the mechanisms for overseeing power and keeping it in check. It has generated synergy between various forms of oversight with intra-Party oversight serving as the mainstay. By strictly enforcing Party discipline, holding violators accountable, and tolerating no violations, the CPC ensures that rules and regulations serve as a powerful deterrent and that power is exercised in broad daylight. Effective oversight has played a vital role in running the Party with institutions and regulations in the new era. In 2025, 1,336 Party organizations and 39,000 leading officials were held accountable for violating Party discipline and state laws and regulations. These efforts demonstrate the Party's resolve and send a clear message to the entire Party and society—rules

and regulations serve as an untouchable "high-voltage line", and anyone who violates Party discipline or state laws and regulations will face serious accountability and severe punishment.

The CPC gives full play to the people's initiative to oversee the implementation of rules and regulations, enabling them to protect their own interests through institutionalized channels. With hundreds of millions of people watching the exercise of power, no conduct that harms the people's interests can escape scrutiny. In Northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, grassroots oversight networks have been improved in light of local conditions, with greater use made of village-based work teams and specially appointed supervisors. Efforts have also been made to promote the online One-Click Supervision Platform for grassroots small and micro power. Across the country, tailored measures suited to local conditions have been adopted to hear people's concerns face to face, ascertain the facts, and gather public opinion. Combined with targeted campaigns against misconduct and corruption affecting people's immediate interests, these efforts have significantly increased public satisfaction.

# Chapter III Working for the People's Wellbeing: Great Achievements in Full and Rigorous Party Self-Governance in the New Era

**We must consider serving the people and working for their wellbeing to be our primary political goal. The Party measures job performance of its members by how much good they have done for the people. Party members and officials, particularly senior ones, must be aware that the power in their hands and the positions they hold are entrusted by the Party and the people, and can only be used for advancing the Party's undertakings for the benefit of the people.**[①]

**— Xi Jinping**

Who determines the effectiveness of the full and rigorous self-governance over the Party? As working for the people's wellbeing is considered the primary political goal, the effectiveness of all the work of the CPC should ultimately be measured by the real benefits the people have reaped, by the improvement in their lives, and by how well their rights and interests are protected. Since the new era began, the CPC has made remarkable achievements in exercising full and rigorous self-governance, contributing to historic accomplishments and transformative progress in the cause of

① Xi Jinping: *Xi Jinping: The Governance of China*, Vol. IV, Eng. ed., Foreign Languages Press, Beijing, 2022, p. 64.

the Party and the country. As a result, the Party has tempered itself through revolution and grown even stronger, and the people have enjoyed a much greater sense of gain, fulfillment, and security.

### 3.1 Ensuring Democracy: Improving the Institutions Through Which the People Run the Country

The Party's full and rigorous self-governance has further integrated with the development of socialist democracy. The CPC has combined law-based governance of the country and rule-based governance of the Party, improved and implemented the institutions of democratic centralism, given full play to intra-Party democracy, and expanded intra-Party democracy to develop people's democracy. The key to the Party's self-reform lies in the governance of power. The Party has integrated institutional improvements into democratic elections, consultations, decision-making, management, and oversight, providing solid institutional support for the whole-process people's democracy.

Since the new era started, a large number of state laws and regulations and Party regulations have been formulated, revised, and amended to shore up institutional weaknesses. The Party has strictly enforced these institutions, strengthened whole-process oversight over the exercise of power, eliminated hidden rules, curbed the abuse of public power through unwritten rules, and prevented institutions from becoming mere formalities. These are essential measures to guarantee the authority and effectiveness of institutions across the board at all times. As of the end of 2025, a sound system of Party regulations had taken shape, with 3,372 regulations currently in effect, more than 78.9 percent of which had been enacted or revised since the beginning of the new era. The CPC has enhanced the binding force of institutions and ensured that all are equal before institutions, that no one enjoys special privileges when it comes to compliance, and that no exceptions are made in enforcement. Through sustained efforts, the Party has confined power in an institutional cage, avoiding the pitfalls of "a cow pen containing a cat" and "a paper cage restraining a

tiger" while reducing the space for rent-seeking in the exercise of power.

**The system of people's congresses serves as China's fundamental political system to ensure that the Chinese people run the country.** The election of deputies to people's congresses is the foundation of this system. The people's right to vote and stand for election has been enshrined in Chinese law since the founding of the People's Republic of China. Adopted in 1979 and revised seven times since, the *Electoral Law of the National People's Congress and Local People's Congresses of the People's Republic of China* currently in force has established and improved the principles of universality, equality, combination of direct and indirect elections, competitive election, secret ballot, and protection of citizens' electoral rights. China is currently carrying out a new round of direct elections of county- and township-level deputies in an orderly manner, and more than one billion voters will directly elect over 2.6 million deputies at these two levels. The newly-elected deputies to people's congresses at all levels will serve as a bridge connecting the Party and the country with the people by performing their duties, maintaining close contact with the people, conveying their views and concerns, and helping resolve practical problems in accordance with the law.

**Chinese socialist democracy takes two important forms: In one the people exercise their right to vote in elections, and in the other, people from all sectors of society undertake extensive deliberations before major decisions are made.** The CPC has strengthened the institutions of consultative democracy to enable the people's broad, continuous, and intensive participation in day-to-day political activities. In formulating the five-year plans, online platforms have been introduced to seek public input, representing a vivid practice of whole-process people's democracy. Throughout the formulation process of the five-year plans, General Secretary Xi Jinping and the CPC Central Committee have always given full play to democracy by holding symposiums, conducting field research, and using various other means to widely solicit and incorporate views from all sectors. These efforts draw on the

collective wisdom of the Party and the people to ensure that policymaking reflects public needs and draws on public input. In 2020, the online solicitation held by relevant departments on the formulation of the 14th Five-Year Plan yielded more than 1.018 million opinions and suggestions from netizens, and in 2025, a similar campaign for the formulation of the 15th Five-Year Plan received over 3.113 million within one month after its launch.

**The community-level self-governance is among China's basic political systems.** Under the leadership of the CPC, urban and rural residents directly exercise their democratic rights in accordance with the law by managing their own affairs, serving the community, undertaking self-education, and exercising public scrutiny in community governance, public affairs, and public services in their residential areas. Numerous accessible and pragmatic grassroots practices including courtyard discussions, democratic discussions, and community councils bring whole-process people's democracy to life. A foreign official once observed in Wenling, a county-level city in Zhejiang, that, in many rural areas, the residents set up benches in the village square with local Party members to discuss the village's future, sometimes in heated debate. He remarked that "In this sense, China's whole-process people's democracy has a richer and deeper meaning."①

The practice of whole-process people's democracy fully demonstrates that a sound and genuine democracy must allow the people to become masters of the country; it must allow them to enjoy the right to stand for election, the right to vote, and the right to extensive participation; it must allow them the right to express their expectations and the right to have those expectations fulfilled; it must allow them the right to contribute to national development and the right to share the fruits of development. As the governing party, the CPC continues to advance full and rigorous

① *Blazing a Path of Socialist Democracy with Chinese Characteristics (Two Sessions: Understanding China)* [N]. People's Daily. March 13, 2023.

self-governance and run itself with regulations. It regulates the exercise of power in the public sector with an improved regulatory framework to prevent its abuse by a few for private gain and to ensure that it is exercised in broad daylight. Greater public participation in and transparency of Party and government affairs further see to it that all power in China belongs to the people, is exercised for the people, and enables the people to run the country as its masters.

### 3.2 Advancing the People's Interests: Pursuing High-quality Development

Full and rigorous Party self-governance has not only strengthened oversight of power and improved the political environment within the CPC, but, more importantly, laid a solid social foundation for economic and social development, thereby fostering a positive interaction between Party self-governance and the governance of China. The CPC has worked hard to promote its leadership and governance capacity. By translating its political, organizational, and institutional strengths into development advantages and governance effectiveness, it has provided a fundamental political guarantee and strong momentum for high-quality development.

**High-quality Party building drives high-quality development.** With strengthening the Party politically as the overarching guide, the CPC's full and rigorous self-governance has ensured the unity in thinking and action across the Party and the full implementation of major decisions and plans of the CPC Central Committee. Since the beginning of the new era, the entire Party has worked in line with the Central Committee's strategic plans to apply the new development philosophy, foster a new development dynamic, and promote high-quality development. Concentrated efforts have yielded notable results in such areas as modernizing the industrial system and developing new quality productive forces in light of local conditions. China now has the world's largest R&D workforce and more than 500,000 high-tech enterprises. It is also home to 25 of the world's top 100 innovation clusters, the highest number of all countries for the fourth consecutive year. Its artificial intelligence (AI) sector has experienced explosive growth. By the

end of May, 2026, the daily token consumption of Chinese large language models (LLMs) had surpassed 100 trillion, ranking among the highest in the world. In the first three quarters of 2026, the value-added output of digital product manufacturing among industrial enterprises above designated size grew 13.6 percent year on year. China has built more than 56,000 basic-level, 9,000 advanced-level, and 500 leading-level smart factories. Emerging industries in fields such as AI, new energy, and new materials continue to grow rapidly.

**The more effective our Party is in supervising and governing itself, the better it will be able to provide guarantees for our economic and social development.** A continuously improving business environment is a prerequisite for promoting high-quality economic development. Through full and rigorous self-governance, the CPC has acted firmly against privileges and monopolies and severed the connections between power and capital, fostering a fair and just market environment and a clean business climate. These efforts have removed obstacles for high-quality economic development and unleashed economic vitality. Since the new era started, the Party has taken resolute action to fight against corruption in key sectors including finance, energy, infrastructure, and healthcare and pharmaceuticals. It has rooted out numerous corrupt individuals who exploited their positions in enterprises, grain-related institutions, and the healthcare and pharmaceuticals sector for personal gain, and torn down barriers erected by vested interests. Such efforts have helped ensure the smooth functioning of the institutional mechanisms that enable the market to play the decisive role in resource allocation while allowing the government to better fulfill its role. According to the *China Business Environment Report 2025* released by the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade in February 2026, nearly 90 percent of the surveyed companies were very or relatively satisfied with China's business environment, and market expectations continued to stabilize across various types of market entities.

**Full and rigorous Party self-governance has further encouraged Party**

**officials to shoulder responsibility and excel in their daily work.** In 2026, the CPC launched a Party-wide study and education campaign to foster a correct understanding of what it means to perform well and act accordingly, emphasizing that Party members and officials should deliver results for the people through hard work. The campaign measures job performance of the Party members and officials by how much good they have done for the people. In response, all Party members and officials have focused on practical issues of public concern, taken the initiative to address them, and delivered concrete results. Hukoujing East Road in Shaoyang, Hunan province, had remained unfinished for five years due to the complexity of the project and other factors. To resolve the issue, local Party members and officials documented outstanding problems, assigned responsibility for each case, formed dedicated task forces, and saw the work through to completion. The road finally opened to traffic in October, 2026, eliminating detours and easing rush-hour congestion long bothering nearby residents. By the end of July 2026, local authorities had resolved 164 unresolved problems from the past, turning previously muddled accounts into clear records for the public and concrete accountability for Party officials. In August, 2026, Dilbert Reyes Rodríguez, sub-director editorial of Cuba's *Granma*, said that, during his visit to China, he saw firsthand how the study and education campaign works to address the people's most pressing difficulties and the problems of their greatest concern and to win their support by rendering them service and meeting their needs, thus fully reflecting the people-centered philosophy of development. ①

### 3.3 Bettering Social Mores: Guiding Social Conduct and Public Morality with Sound Party Conduct

Fine conduct within the Party and government is a key pillar for uniting the Party and the people and for guiding social conduct. The CPC Central Committee broke new ground by formulating and implementing the eight-point decision on improving

① "China's Wisdom for Global Party Governance", *People's Daily*, August 5, 2026.

work conduct, and has applied that throughout the entire process of Party self-governance. It has pressed ahead relentlessly with improving conduct, leaving marks when treading on stones or grasping iron. It has curbed unhealthy tendencies that remained unchecked for a long time and remedied chronic ills that persisted for many years. As a result, the conduct of the Party and government has taken on a wholly new look, social conduct and public morality have continued to improve, and a sound environment has taken shape in which the Party is upright, the government is clean, and the people are honest and virtuous.

**The eight-point decision on improving work conduct has changed China.** Minor matters and details are a mirror that reflects conduct, embodies principle, and reveals the Party spirit. From curbing "extravagance on the dining table" to halting "corruption on wheels", from rectifying "unhealthy practices in private clubs" to stopping "gift-giving during festivals", the "Four Malfeasances" (pointless formalities, bureaucratism, hedonism, and extravagance) have been addressed. From October 2013 to September 2026, the CPC Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI) and the National Commission of Supervision (NCS) released monthly data on violations of the eight-point decision on improving work conduct investigated and handled nationwide for 157 consecutive months, placing the improvement of conduct in full public view. According to a 2025 survey by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), 95.5 percent of respondents affirmed the results of implementing the eight-point decision on improving work conduct, and 92.2 percent expressed satisfaction with the way improvements in Party and government conduct had driven a turn for the better in social conduct. Ahmed El Tarabikh, a columnist for Egypt's *Al-Ahram*, observed that the implementation of the CPC Central Committee's eight-point decision on improving work conduct has greatly improved the conduct of CPC members. In his view, CPC members are more disciplined and their work style more pragmatic and efficient, and the administrative efficiency of governments at all levels in China has risen markedly.

**The key to improving conduct lies in constant and sustained effort.** The CPC has worked from the details of daily practice, tightening one link after another and sustaining its efforts over the long term to steer a lasting change in conduct. At every festival and holiday, the CCDI, the NSC, and discipline inspection and supervision bodies at all levels turn their attention to conduct, sending a strong signal of discipline through public exposure of typical cases and dedicated supervision and report columns. Festival gift-giving has been tackled relentlessly, from Mid-Autumn to National Day, from New Year's Day to Spring Festival, one occasion after another, and one problem after the next. People widely remark that the festive season grows cleaner with every passing year.

**Fine Party conduct nourishes social conduct.** Conduct is image; conduct is strength. Every word and deed of leading officials, and every meal they take, serves as a weathervane for society. By setting rules, righting conduct, and holding its members to exacting standards, the CPC has fostered a clean and upright political ecosystem, and change within the Party and government has set a new tone for society. A spirit of thrift, pragmatism, and decency is taking root: volunteering has become a way of life and acts of everyday kindness abound; frugality has become the new fashion and the Clean Plate Campaign has turned from a slogan into a habit; ostentation and one-upmanship have receded, and the unhealthy mindset of "saving face" has been set right. Lavish weddings and funerals once weighed heavily on ordinary families. With Party members and officials leading the way in practicing thrift and changing outdated customs, the burden of social obligation has been lifted, and a culture of civility and frugality has taken hold. As one villager in Hunan province put it, "Whenever we held an event, it was all about show and keeping up with the neighbors. Everyone felt the strain, but no one could bear to lose face. Now that Party members and officials have taken the lead in changing things, we can follow suit with an easy conscience, and no

awkwardness."[①]

### 3.4 Safeguarding the People's Security: Fighting Corruption and Crime to Build a Peaceful China

A prosperous country and a people living in peace are the most universal aspiration of the people and the most basic requirement of serving their wellbeing. The CPC stands firmly on the side of the people: whatever they oppose and resent, the Party resolutely guards against and corrects. Through a vigorous fight against corruption and crime, the Party protects the people's security, so that they feel justice at their side and safety assured.

**The fight against corruption enjoys the people's wholehearted support.** The CPC, with zero tolerance for corruption, regards corruption as the greatest risk, the greatest threat, and the greatest challenge, a roadblock and a stumbling stone on the path of the Party and the country, and is resolved that wherever corruption exists it will be rooted out, wherever graft is found it will be punished, and no evil will be left unaddressed. The fight against corruption has unprecedented intensity, its results are plain for all to see, and it has forged a distinctly Chinese path. The Party, to address both the symptoms and root causes of the problem, has kept up its drive against misconduct and petty corruption that directly affect people's lives, resolving a great many of the pressing difficulties and problems that concern them most, so that they draw a tangible sense of fulfillment from full and rigorous governance over the Party. In 2025, discipline inspection and supervision bodies nationwide opened cases against 91,000 serving or former village Party secretaries and village committee chairs, and in the first half of 2026, a further 54,000. From rectifying mismanagement and skimming in school meal programs to protect the food safety of the young, and to a concentrated crackdown on corruption in the healthcare and pharmaceuticals

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① New Standards of Civilized Conduct Reaching Every Household: The Eight-Point Decision on Improving Work Conduct Driving Sustained Improvement in Social Conduct and Public Morality. *People's Daily*, May 31, 2025.

sector so that people can obtain safe and affordable medicines, each targeted measure has hit directly at the pain points of daily life. Problems in employment, elderly care, social security, housing, education, healthcare, as well as agriculture, rural areas, and farmers have been dealt with sternly, and conduct that harms the people's interests firmly corrected. The public have expressed strong satisfaction with the results of full and rigorous Party self-governance, the improvement of Party conduct, and the fight against corruption.

**The rule of law is a vital guarantee for building a peaceful China.** To bring judicial services to the grassroots so that people can take part in litigation close to home and settle disputes where they arise, people's tribunals have been established across the country. As dispatched organs of primary-level courts, the tribunals are among the most grassroots units of the political and legal system, the front line of judicial service to the people and, at the same time, the Party's sensory receptors for grassroots governance and a bridge to the people's hearts. The cases they handle are "small", yet each touches people's immediate interests and bears on their trust. As of August 2026, there were 11,035 people's tribunals nationwide, which concluded 34 million cases between 2021 and 2025. Rooted in every corner of the country, they have truly bridged the "last mile" of judicial service, enabling the people to experience and see fairness and justice in action.

**The campaign against organized crime has been pursued without compromise.** Organized crime is a cancer on society. The CPC strikes at it the moment it surfaces, punishes the "protective umbrellas" that shield it, and will never allow it to prey on the people again. In 2025, public satisfaction with the campaign to combat organized crime and root out local criminal gangs stood at 94.55 percent, having remained above 92 percent for seven consecutive years.

**Public security has grown ever more robust.** In 2025, the public sense of safety reached 98.23 percent, staying above 98 percent for six consecutive years. China has one of the lowest crime rates in the world. Criminal cases filed fell by 25.7

percent year on year in 2024 and by a further 12.8 percent in 2025, the lowest level this century, before dropping another 16.5 percent in the first half of 2026. China also has one of the lowest homicide rates and highest clearance rates around the globe: in 2024 there were 0.44 homicides per 100,000 people, with 99.94 percent of cases solved; homicides fell by 8.7 percent in 2025 and by a further 11.4 percent in the first half of 2026.

Today, China is among the safest countries in the world. During the May Day holiday of 2026, Ana, a young Spanish woman, showed three friends around Shanghai on their first visit to China, and they discovered the country's safety for themselves, "I feel completely at ease here. I can walk the streets alone late at night without a second thought. It's a wonderful feeling."[①] In the first quarter of this year, Shanghai received 2.2316 million inbound visitors, up 28.04 percent year on year. This "Chinese-style sense of security" is stirring a wave of admiration abroad and drawing visitors from around the world. "Hanging around at midnight without worry", "Parcels left at the door are never stolen", "A laptop left on a café table is never pinched", "Going for skewers alone on a street corner at three in the morning"… this sense of security runs through the everyday lives of ordinary people and has become a vivid hallmark of China in the new era.

### 3.5 Responding to People's Aspirations: Contributing China's Wisdom on Governing the Party and the Country

Political parties across the world today face common dilemmas: fractured social consensus, waning representativeness, weakening governance capacity, and recurrent corruption, with deepening polarization, deficits in national governance, and the erosion of social trust compounding one another. Since the start of the new era, the CPC, proceeding from China's national conditions and the Party's own realities, has

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① A Fresh Breeze Sweeps Across the Land of China: An Overview of the CPC Central Committee with Xi Jinping at Its Core in Implementing the Eight-Point Decision on Improving Work Conduct in 2025. *People's Daily*, January 22, 2026.

remained true to its original aspiration and founding mission, pressed ahead boldly with self-reform, and achieved remarkable success in strengthening both the Party and the nation, contributing China's wisdom and experience to party building, national governance, and the world political progress. Robert Lawrence Kuhn, chairman of the Kuhn Foundation, has said that should humanity one day write a history of political institutions, China today would stand as a classic case of how a political party can lead the building of a prosperous, democratic, culturally advanced, harmonious, and beautiful country.[①]

**To govern the country well, one must first govern the Party well; only a well-governed Party can make a strong nation.** Political parties are a major force in driving national development and improving governance, and the efficiency and effectiveness of a country's governance depends first and foremost on the condition of its leading force. A ruling party that cannot govern itself cannot hope to govern a country. Since the beginning of the new era, the CPC has pursued full and rigorous self-governance, emerging stronger from revolutionary tempering and making its leadership firmer and more effective. It has brought that leadership to bear in economic, political, cultural, social, and ecological advancement alike, uniting the Party and the people through firm leadership, strict discipline, and fine conduct, achieving development that has drawn the world's attention and opening new horizons in governance. Harvey Dzodin, former vice president of the American Broadcasting Company (ABC), once observed that China's sweeping transformation "reflects a leap in the country's governance capacity, and its root cause lies in upholding the centralized, unified leadership of the Communist Party of China."[②]

**Governing the Party means turning the blade inward and persevering in self-reform.** A ruling party bears the weighty mission of governing the country,

① The World Reads the CPC: Kuhn on the Party's Winning Formula. Xinhuanet, July 4, 2026

② The CPC Stands as Solid as a Rock in Weathering Any Storm: An Interview with Harvey Dzodin, Former Vice President of ABC. *People's Daily*, July 9, 2026.

driving development, and enhancing people's well-being; its responsibilities are great, and so is its power. Factors that weaken the Party's advanced nature and compromise its purity are ever present, and the viruses that erode its health are everywhere. As circumstances and tasks change at home and abroad, contradictions and problems within a ruling party are inevitable; only with the courage to turn the blade inward and cure its own ailments in good time can a party remain full of vigor and vitality. Since the new era began, the CPC has advanced full and rigorous self-governance in a spirit of thoroughgoing self-reform, scraping the poison from the bone and taking strong medicine to eliminate deep-seated ills, applying stringent penalties to end disorder and opening a new chapter of self-reform for a major party with a century-long history. As Yermukhamet Yertysbayev, former chairman of the People's Party of Kazakhstan, put it, self-reform goes to the heart of party building. In his view, that is the essential secret of how the CPC, after 105 years, has retained such vigorous vitality.[①]

**Governing the Party demands strictness, and strictness is only as good as its constancy.** A ruling party's self-governance must be strict: if its discipline is lax and its organization loose, and if it cannot resist temptation or withstand corrosive influences, it will inevitably lose its capacity to govern, and no national strategy or development plan, however grand, can then be realized. Since the new era started, the CPC has shown zero tolerance for corruption, waging an anti-corruption campaign without precedent. The Party has achieved and fully consolidated an overwhelming victory in the fight against corruption, removing grave hidden dangers from within the Party, the state, and the armed forces. A ruling party's self-governance cannot rest on a single campaign; it requires predictable and sustainable mechanisms of strict discipline. If strictness comes and goes, tightening for a while, and then slackening, the gains of governance can never endure, and what has been achieved will be lost.

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① The World Understands the CPC: "The Essential Secret of Maintaining Vigorous Vitality". Xinhua News, July 2, 2026.

The CPC holds that self-reform is an unceasing endeavor; it applies strict standards and measures throughout every aspect of Party self-governance, making rigor part of the daily routine, and thereby continually strengthening the Party's creativity, cohesiveness, and capability.

**Governing the Party means, above all, governing power, and accepting the people's oversight.** The crux of governing a ruling party lies in the governance of power. Power must be supervised; unchecked, it will be perverted. Since the beginning of the new era, the CPC has maintained and improved the Party and state oversight system and kept power under the people's oversight throughout its pursuit of full and rigorous self-governance, refining systems for open government, keeping channels open for public suggestions, criticism, and supervision, and giving full play to oversight by the public and the media. The Party has woven an ever-tighter web of public supervision: discipline inspection and supervision bodies receive reports around the clock through the 12388 hotline and online platforms; the people's supervisor system is being steadily developed, and in 2025 procuratorates nationwide invited people's supervisors to oversee the handling of cases on 157,000 occasions; disciplinary inspections brought public supervision into the Party's own oversight, letting the sunlight of scrutiny fall on every stage in the exercise of power. In the internet age, "snap and report" and "one-click reporting" have made oversight omnipresent. Experience has shown that accepting the people's oversight is the CPC's surest remedy for curing its own ills.

The CPC has drawn important lessons from its efforts to govern and strengthen itself: governing the country well begins with governing the Party well, and only a well-governed Party can build a strong country; the Party must confront its own failings and remain committed to self-reform; rigorous Party self-governance must be sustained over time; and the key to Party self-governance lies in regulating the exercise of power and accepting the people's oversight. A common thread runs through all these lessons — putting the people first. The history of political parties worldwide shows

that parties thrive when they represent and respond to the people's aspirations, and decline when they turn away from the people's expectations. Throughout its pursuit of full and rigorous self-governance, the CPC has maintained a clear commitment to standing firmly with the people, adopted a practical approach of winning the people's trust, and achieved substantial gains in advancing their wellbeing. Every step has been taken for the people, with their support, and in their service. The people are a party's foundation and the source of its strength. Only by remaining rooted in the people and relying on them can a party sustain its vitality. This is the most important insight that the CPC's experience in governing itself offers to political parties around the world.

# Conclusion

A century-old Party is radiating new vitality, and its long-standing tradition of self-discipline will always endure. Full and rigorous self-governance is, and always will be the Party's long-term strategy and eternal theme.

In October 2026, the fifth plenary session of the 20th Central Committee of the CPC deliberated on and adopted the *Resolution of the CPC Central Committee on Certain Major Issues Concerning Persevering with Full and Rigorous Party Self-Governance*. It offered a fact-based summary of the Party's achievements and experience in exercising full and rigorous self-governance in the new era, an in-depth analysis on the situation and tasks facing Party building at present and on the journey ahead, and a strategic plan for advancing full and rigorous self-governance in the future. The Resolution demonstrates the historical initiative of the Party Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core in building a stronger CPC and a stronger China.

Along the journey traversed, the Party has found two answers to the question of how to escape the historical cycle of rise and fall: the people's oversight over government and the Party's self-reform. These are the unique discoveries of the CPC, and will forever stand out in the history of Marxist parties. Full and rigorous self-governance of the CPC marks a great endeavor for the Party to reform itself in the new era, which has broken new ground in the self-reform of this century-old Party. Putting the people first is the most distinct feature of the Party's full and rigorous self-governance in the new era, and represents the fundamental values underpinning the whole process and all dimensions of this endeavor. The CPC, having resolved to "offend

a few thousand rather than fail 1.4 billion", has cleared itself of all its ills — a critical move ensuring that the Party always stands on the people's side, stays true to its original aspiration of serving the people, continuously delivers benefits to the people, and forever remains their most reliable backbone.

On the journey ahead, the CPC will adopt higher standards and more concrete measures to carry forward the valuable experience of full and rigorous Party self-governance in the new era, handle and resolve the prominent problems in Party building, and consolidate and develop the sound political situation formed through Party supervision and governance. In the future the Party will, as it has always, prioritize the people above all, and stay clearly aware that it is the people-first principle that defines why the Party governs itself, how much confidence it has during this endeavor, and what direction its self-governance efforts follow. Only by maintaining the flesh-and-blood bond with the people, and by constantly cleansing, improving, renewing, and tempering itself in accordance with the people's expectations will the CPC remain a vibrant Marxist governing party that stays at the forefront of the times, enjoys the wholehearted support of the people, and is able to withstand all tests.

The governance of a major party brings well-being to the people and benefits the world. Led by the CPC in their continuous pursuit of a better life, the people have gained a stronger sense of fulfillment, happiness, and security. As the world's largest ruling party with major global influence, the CPC, bearing in mind the future of the entire humanity, contributes Chinese insight, Chinese input, and Chinese strength to addressing major issues facing humankind.

As the 15th Five-year Plan period gets underway, we have opened a brand-new chapter of history. The Party's full and rigorous self-governance will continue to be the sturdy ballast ensuring the steady sail of Chinese modernization, and also the powerful propeller pushing ahead the nation's rejuvenation. On the journey ahead, major changes unseen in a century will continue unfolding at an accelerated pace,

external challenges and domestic difficulties will still be intertwined with each other, and there will be even more daunting tasks awaiting us to fulfill. We have to stay sober-minded and prudent like a student sitting for a never-ending exam, remain true to our original aspiration, and keep pressing ahead toward our goals. We will unremittingly advance full and rigorous Party self-governance. We will serve the Party's missions and tasks, take strengthening the Party politically as the overarching principle, and exercise rigorous governance across the board. We will adopt a problem-oriented approach, uphold fundamental principles, break new ground, adhere to a top-down approach, and run the Party according to regulations. All these efforts will ensure that the Party continues to exercise strong leadership in building socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era, and always provides the fundamental political guarantee for advancing Chinese modernization on all fronts and for realizing the great rejuvenation of China.

We have marched all the way from the depths of history, and are pressing on upward toward more peaks lying ahead. With mission on our shoulder, and vision before our eyes, this Marxist party of ours — tempered and made indomitable through revolutionary refinement — will surely remain the leadership core in rallying and leading hundreds of millions of Chinese people in moving from victories to greater victories, and make greater contributions to all humanity.

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