

The Role of Implementing Grassroot Democracy in Vietnam Currently

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Abstract:

Implementing grassroots democracy plays a particularly important role. Implementing grassroots democracy in our country is first and foremost to realize gradually and firmly in real life the right to democracy, to be the owner and master of nature, society and oneself. recognized and guaranteed by the Constitution and laws of the State of Vietnam. Implementing grassroots democracy improves the operational efficiency of the political system at the grassroots. Not only that, implementing grassroots democracy is also a path, a method, and a particularly important internal force to exploit and promote all the people's potential, to promote socio-economic development. country. Implementing and promoting the right to mastery of all people in all areas of social life, from economics, politics to culture, will not only reflect the level of development of democracy in Vietnam, but more importantly – it is also one of the driving forces to promote sustainable socio-economic development of the region.

Keyword: Democracy, Grassroots Democracy, Socialist Democracy, Vietnam.

1. Introduction:

Creatively apply and develop the theory of Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's ideology on implementing democracy throughout the process of leading the Vietnamese revolution, especially since the reform process. Since the beginning of the country's comprehensive development (1986), up to now, the Communist Party of Vietnam has always affirmed the importance and necessity of implementing democracy, and at the same time applying many synchronous measures to implement democracy more and more fully. and widely in real life, in order to strongly promote positivity, creativity and mobilize all resources of the people to participate in the cause of building and developing the country according to socialist orientation. Our Party has been deeply aware that the implementation of democracy must first and foremost start from the grassroots, because the

grassroots is where people directly implement the Party's guidelines and policies.

2. Research methods:

On the basis of the dialectical materialist methodology, the views of the Communist Party of Vietnam and Ho Chi Minh's ideology on implementing democracy in general and grassroots democracy in particular, to carry out research and use topics. holistic, interdisciplinary approach. Specifically, the topic will be approached from the perspective of philosophy, sociology, politics, jurisprudence, ethnology along with a practical, interdisciplinary, anthropological summary approach and in-depth interviews on the practice of democracy. Foundation owners in Vietnam today with principles derived from practice, taking practice as the standard of truth.

3. Research results:

3.1. Some basic concepts:

- The concept of democracy

Democracy is understood as all state power belongs to the people. In essence, democracy is the people's right to mastery in relations with the State and society, and in relations between individuals and the community. State power is the power of the people, authorized by the people and given to the state to execute to serve the people and society. The power of the people is supreme, including not only political power, but also economic power, cultural and social power...

- The concept of grassroots democracy

Grassroots democracy demonstrates in the most centralized and clear way that all state power belongs to the people. It can be understood that grassroots democracy is the guarantee and practical implementation of the people's right to mastery right where they live and work. By ensuring democratic rights and implementing grassroots democracy, people will participate to the maximum in social management, inspection and supervision of activities to demonstrate the transparency of state government. all levels, first of all the grassroots government. In other words, grassroots democracy reflects the power position of the people at the grassroots level.

- Concept of implementing grassroots democracy

Implementing grassroots democracy is the process of realizing democratic values in practical life most directly and widely in the places where people live and work every day. In other words, it is the process of realizing the people's right to be owners and masters through the direct and widespread implementation of the mechanism of "people know, people discuss, people do, people check" at the right place.

3.2. The role of implementing grassroots democracy in Vietnam today:

Implementing grassroots democracy plays an important role in the process of building socialist democracy and a socialist rule of law state in our

country. Within the scope of the article, I focus on 3 important roles as follows:

Firstly, implementing grassroots democracy promotes the role of the people as masters and the people as masters.

Implementing grassroots democracy is realizing and concretizing the views, guidelines and policies of the Party and State into the lives and all fields of the people. Through the implementation of grassroots democracy, people have favorable conditions to know their democratic rights, the principles and forms of exercising those rights as well as prohibited acts, along with their obligations and responsibilities in society. In particular, in remote areas, ethnic minorities' access to viewpoints, guidelines and policies of the Party and State is still limited and difficult. Accordingly, all people are guaranteed all basic democratic freedoms, which are: having the right to vote on issues when the State organizes a referendum; freedom of the press, freedom of speech, the right to complain and denounce... through the exercise of those democratic freedoms, contributing to mobilizing resources and creativity from the people, creating conditions to promote socio-economic development of the country. Because the resources of the people are not only effort and money, but also intelligence, creativity, and solidarity. Practice in many localities across the country shows that to effectively mobilize resources from the people, the grassroots government must have specific and clear activities aimed at the goal of "people know, discuss, and People do, people check, people supervise, people enjoy", only when all people can fully participate in activities in a democratic way will the people proactively, voluntarily and enthusiastically use their human and physical strength. of and discuss with the government to find ways to resolve all difficulties and obstacles in socio-economic development. On the contrary, when the people's right to ownership is guaranteed, it will create conditions for people to contribute opinions and propose initiatives, serving as a basis for the Party organization and party members to develop and

enhance the sense of responsibility before the people.

Implementing democracy at the grassroots level is introduced to implement the principle "the people are the masters; the people are the masters" in managing and solving community problems. This implementation of democracy helps promote the role of people in managing and solving local-level issues, participating in important decisions, and participating in meetings and discussions. , elections to select local representatives and contribute opinions to important decisions. The decisions made will fully reflect the views and needs of the community. Solving community problems, people can propose and participate in solving community problems such as roads, clean water, environmental improvement, rural innovation, and building community facilities. Thereby, solving these problems will be done with a positive, responsible and proactive spirit from the people. Overseeing local governance, citizens can monitor and evaluate the activities of local representatives to ensure that decisions made are fair, transparent and fully responsive to local needs. community demand. This helps increase transparency, accountability and trust between citizens and local representatives. The implementation of grassroots democracy promotes the role of the people as masters and masters, helping to strengthen the power of the people in managing and solving local-level issues, while promoting a sense of responsibility, Positive and proactive from the people.

Currently, promoting the implementation of grassroots democracy has actively contributed to the process of innovating the content and operating methods of the Fatherland Front Committee and grassroots organizations and unions. This is the core force in the work of mobilizing people to participate and implement the Party and State's guidelines and policies, as well as actively emulate the movement of family economic development, hunger eradication and poverty reduction. ... At the same time, unions are the force participating in mobilizing union members and members to implement and supervise the implementation of democracy at the grassroots level. Only when the

ownership rights of all people are guaranteed and expanded will the Party and State's policies and guidelines on democracy easily enter the people's lives, thereby contributing to promoting development. socio-economic development, strengthening the great national unity bloc, gradually improving people's living standards, completing the industrialization and modernization of the country.

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Second, implementing grassroots democracy has contributed to minimizing abuse of power and corruption and at the same time innovating working methods and improving the operational efficiency of the grassroots political system.

The grassroots government plays an important role in promoting the people's right to mastery, is the unit that organizes and guides the people to participate and implement all guidelines and policies of the Party and the State, and is the key step. important in implementing "people know, people discuss, people do, people check, people supervise, people enjoy". A grassroots government that is consolidated, clean and strong, and regularly innovates its operating methods will gradually

serve as a basis to meet practical requirements, thereby promoting the people's right to mastery and promoting the people's right to mastery. Mobilize people to actively and enthusiastically participate in the cause of construction and socio-economic development of the area. Implementing democracy at the grassroots plays an important role in contributing to minimizing abuse of power and corruption in the grassroots political system. When people have the right to participate in deciding on community issues, they will be able to control and monitor the implementation of those decisions, thereby helping to ensure transparency and honesty in facility management. local physical, financial, economic and social conditions. At the same time, implementing grassroots democracy also helps strengthen the power of the people and limit abuse of power by local representatives. The election of grassroots representatives is one of the important mechanisms to ensure that representatives are trusted and responsible to the community, and do not abuse their power or take advantage of their positions to seek personal benefits.

In addition, implementing grassroots democracy also helps create a healthy competitive environment between delegates and the local People's Committee. When there is competition, representatives will have to work actively to meet community needs and solve urgent problems, while also helping to prevent abuses of power, cruelty or injustice. from local officials. The process of deploying and implementing grassroots democracy into people's lives requires Party committees and grassroots governments to have innovations in operating methods, aiming to improve capacity, management skills and fighting strength. fighting in grassroots party organizations. If grassroots party organizations want to build an increasingly pure and strong Party, they must rely on the people and be subject to people's supervision. This creates an interaction between the community and local representatives, and helps people feel more actively contributing to local construction. As the leader and leader of the people in implementing local democracy, grassroots Party committees at all levels are required to implement democracy in their activities, innovate their operating methods in the

direction of democratization, Improve the capacity of staff, especially leaders and managers. In addition, it is required that the grassroots government must innovate its operating methods in the direction of democracy, openness, and transparency in operating programs, content, and implementation forms to a large number of people in order to satisfy the right to know of all people. The implementation of democracy at the grassroots has had strong and clear impacts on the operations of the grassroots government apparatus, leading to inevitable and objective changes in the direction of openness, democracy and effectiveness.

Being a direct participant in deploying and implementing local democracy requires grassroots officials to change their working style towards professionalism, being close to the people and listening to the people. As the people who have the most contact with the people, handling matters related to the people's interests, the grassroots cadres need to have correct and complete awareness and have an attitude of serving the people, understanding the law and the law. law and professional capacity. Current reality shows that there are still some cadres and party members who show signs of degradation, lack of exemplary ethics and lifestyle, are bureaucratic, authoritarian, and bossy towards the people; Superficial working attitude, lack of enthusiasm and friendliness in receiving people, causing a lot of frustration for people... that situation requires the effective implementation of grassroots democracy in the coming time. This will be the foundation for amending working practices for grassroots staff.

Reality in many localities shows that wherever grassroots democracy is seriously implemented, there are officials who are dedicated and devoted to the people, and are trusted and loved by the people. In addition, implementing grassroots democracy also requires improving the professional capacity, knowledge, qualifications, and legal understanding of grassroots officials, thereby helping Grassroots-level officials solve problems quickly, effectively, and in accordance with the law, avoiding arbitrariness and emotion in handling work, and at the same time contribute to guiding and propagating the law.

In short, implementing democracy at the grassroots requires innovating the operating methods of grassroots party committees in the direction of democracy, constantly improving the capacity and fighting power of grassroots party organizations. , relying on the people and being supervised by the people to both build a clean and strong grassroots party organization and lead the work of building the country to achieve the set goals. In the process of leading the implementation of grassroots democracy, party committees and grassroots organizations, each cadre and party member must also self-reflect, compare and overcome limitations and weaknesses in their activities. towards "truly trusting the people, respecting the people, being close to the people, understanding the people, learning from the people, relying on the people, and being responsible to the people" [6, p.17].

Third, implementing grassroots democracy makes an important contribution to economic, cultural and social development, maintaining political security, and contributing to the cause of industrialization and modernization of the country.

The Party and State's guidelines and policies on socio-economic issues directly related to the people's interests are implemented publicly and will attract the participation and opinions of the people, thereby mobilizing people's opinions. gain human and material strength in the task of economic, cultural and social development in the locality. Creating a democratic and transparent environment will attract investors and businesses to the locality. Decisions made according to the wishes of the community will help increase the feasibility and reliability of investment projects. Along with infrastructure construction, infrastructure management and development is an important task of local governments at all levels. Implementing grassroots democracy helps the community participate in the decision-making process on infrastructure programs and projects such as roads, electricity, water, and street lights... In addition, the process of effectively implementing the content of democracy is one of the important foundations and driving forces to promote economic development, improve people's lives, and improve people's livelihood. . Through

the implementation of grassroots democracy, people in grassroots areas can directly participate in contributing opinions and proposing aspirations in the process of building economic development goals and plans - society, all areas of life, the quality of people's lives has been improved... Practice since the implementation of grassroots democracy shows that the implementation of democracy has become a strong driving force, promoting the process of democracy. development in all economic, cultural and social fields. Stemming from the purpose of exploiting and promoting the intelligence, creativity and experience of all people, the grassroots government has organized for people to participate in discussions and comments on development programs and plans Socioeconomic.

In particular, the implementation of grassroots democracy contributes to helping people directly exercise their right to mastery in building the New Rural Program. This is one of the key contents and tasks raised in the Resolution of the 7th Conference of the 10th Party Central Committee (Resolution 26 -NQ/TW) on agriculture - rural areas - farmers. Accordingly, when implementing and developing all guidelines and policies, they must originate from the people's aspirations, with the people as the root, and the State plays the role of guide, support, and set of criteria. suitable for people to know and discuss. The process of implementing new rural construction must necessarily promote the people's democratic rights, expand democracy to all areas of people's lives in order to promote the creative role and sense of mastery of the people. , thereby improving the material and spiritual life of local people.

Practice since the implementation of grassroots democracy has created positive impacts in building people's cultural life, especially in remote areas. The work of building the cultural life of people at the grassroots level in recent times has been comprehensively directed and directed by the Party committees and local authorities at all levels, creating positive changes and becoming a social activity. vast in people's lives and practical. The process of dissemination and propaganda in the implementation of grassroots democracy, with

specific contents, forms and principles of implementation, thereby helping people disseminate knowledge, understand the law, and clearly understand the meaning and role of implementing democracy at the grassroots level and programs for building and developing the country's economy, culture and society. Understanding and grasping the content of democracy helps people proactively and actively promote their right to mastery in building cultural and social life. Movements such as the Movement of All People Uniting to Build a Cultural Life and the Movement of All People Protecting National Security are seriously implemented by our country, creating positive changes from awareness to action; Festival activities are organized richly and diversely, meeting the cultural and spiritual needs of the people, creating a healthy atmosphere... the movements have had a positive impact on people's awareness and behavior. people, contributing to socio-economic development, creating a basis for maintaining social order and safety.

In addition, implementing grassroots democracy contributes to maintaining political security and social order in local and remote areas. Because in the process of implementing democracy, the people will be able to directly discuss and decide on issues related to community organization, security and order, and the grassroots government will be responsible for clarifying right and wrong about things. resolve people's questions, ensuring the people's direct democratic rights. If the local government fulfills its responsibilities and duties and protects the rights and interests of the people, the people will proactively and wholeheartedly support the correct implementation of the guidelines and policies of the Party and the State. Reality in localities shows that wherever democracy is popularized in social life, security and social order are guaranteed, and the guidelines and policies of the Party and State are enforced. seriously implemented, contributing to ensuring the peace of the country and people. In short, the implementation of democracy at the grassroots contributes to creating a favorable environment for the people to reach consensus in economic and social development and maintain political security

and social order and safety. As President Ho Chi Minh often reminded, "If it's easy a hundred times, no people will accept it. It's ten thousand times more difficult than getting the materials done" [7, p.212].

4. Conclusion:

During the comprehensive renovation of the country under the leadership of the Communist Party of Vietnam over the past 30 years, the implementation of grassroots democracy in our country has achieved important results, such as people having access to information, discuss, discuss and contribute opinions to decisions on issues related to their interests as well as the development of localities, agencies and units; The responsibilities of officials and civil servants have been increased... And, those innovations have created a driving force for the development of all aspects of the country's social life. However, besides the results achieved, as our Party has pointed out, the implementation of democracy in some places is still formal, the people's right to mastery in some areas is still violated; There is a situation of taking advantage of democracy to cause division, internal disunity, causing chaos, affecting social order and safety...

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