Research on the Cultivation Strategies of College Students' Legal Awareness

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Abstract: College students are the main group to promote social progress. The cultivation of their legal awareness is of great significance in promoting the realization of the strategy of "comprehensively governing the country according to law". At present, when colleges and universities are training the legal consciousness of non law majors, there are still some problems such as ignoring the multiple environments for training the legal consciousness and blurring the position of the legal consciousness in the curriculum. As for the students, their own legal consciousness is weak. Therefore, when cultivating students' legal awareness, colleges and universities should create good and diversified publicity environments, optimize the position of legal awareness in the corresponding curriculum system, and at the same time, students should pay attention to improving their legal awareness.

Keywords: College students, Legal awareness, Cultivation strategies.

1. Introduction

Governing the country by law, as the name implies, is to govern the country in accordance with the laws that embody the people's will and the law of social development. Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, promoting "comprehensively governing the country according to law" has become one of the four basic strategies for governing the country and a necessary guarantee for the country's long-term stability. As a leading group accepting new social technologies and ideas, college students are the main force to promote social progress and innovative technology development. The cultivation of their legal awareness has far-reaching significance for the promotion of the strategy of "comprehensively governing the country according to law". At the same time, the development of the times also requires that contemporary college students should have higher legal quality in line with their historical mission[1]. As the cradle of cultivating students to grow and become talents, colleges and universities have an unshirkable responsibility in the cultivation of college students’ legal awareness.

2. The Importance of Cultivating College Students' Legal Awareness

Under the trend of governing the country according to law, establishing the belief in law and accumulating good legal common sense is a reflection of the improvement of individual comprehensive quality for students. For a family society, it is an important part of complying with the trend of the times and promoting the strategy of "comprehensively governing the country according to law". The contemporary society is a society ruled by law. Having basic legal knowledge and understanding the relevant knowledge of law can help students to better abide by the law in society, and students can also use the law to protect their own rights and interests. For students of illegal majors, learning legal knowledge can help them become more versatile talents. On the basis of learning their own professional knowledge, having a wider range of knowledge can not only improve themselves, enhance their comprehensive ability, promote self-development, but also enhance their social competitive advantage. College students are in a special transition stage, who need to learn to adapt from school to society. However, college students have just entered adulthood and are still in a sensitive period of psychological growth. They are impulsive and can’t treat many social problems and phenomena rationally. Therefore, in addition to the study and accumulation of professional knowledge and the cultivation of personal self-cultivation, it is also very necessary to improve the legal literacy of college students. On the basis of their understanding of legal common sense, college students can learn to analyze and think rationally, constantly improve their knowledge structure and coping ability, and promote their own better development. Learning common sense of law and improving legal literacy, in essence, is to help students form more rational thinking, so that students can take up the weapons of law when facing complex social problems, rather than blindly acting recklessly, so as to avoid many unnecessary contradictions or social tragedies.

2.2. Improve the Efficiency of Law Popularization and Promote the Strategy of Comprehensively Governing the Country by Law

Improving college students’ legal literacy is an important guarantee for promoting the strategy of governing the country by law. To comprehensively promote the rule of law, legal knowledge needs to be fully popularized. Only when people understand and abide by the law can the society better promote the comprehensive rule of law. College students, as high intellectuals, are also emerging forces for the future development of society. Therefore, in the context of the country vigorously promoting the rule of law, this group must strive to improve their legal literacy, make themselves master systematic legal knowledge, form a highly logical legal thinking, and embody their faith in law in their actions. The overall improvement of college students’ legal literacy plays
an important role in forming a sound legal system in the whole society and cultivating a good legal cultural atmosphere.

3. Problems in the Cultivation of College Students’ Legal Awareness

3.1. The School Neglects the Pluralistic Environment of Cultivating Legal Awareness

It is an important mission of school education to improve students’ comprehensive quality and cultivate their talents. The school is the cradle of cultivating people and can create an environment for students to learn. However, the cultivation of legal awareness is relatively simple. Usually, the school will take the form of popularizing the law for students in the classroom, giving lessons or giving lectures to students. This form is relatively simple. In addition, the focus of the school’s legal education has always been on the teaching of legal knowledge, focusing on the interpretation of laws and regulations, and lacking sufficient understanding and attention to the cultivation of the most important legal awareness, legal spirit and quality in legal education[2]. It is difficult for students to integrate theoretical things into their lives and internalize these provisions into their own knowledge. So in the face of contradictions in life, still at a loss.

3.2. The Position of Fuzzy Cultivation of Legal Consciousness in the Curriculum System

Non law major students lack systematic guidance on law courses. Usually, the legal knowledge of these students is included in the ideological and political education curriculum. In other words, the current legal awareness education of college students mainly covers the ideological and political education of college students[3]. Generally, the textbooks included in ideological and political education are divided into several large sections, which cover rich contents. And the distribution of legal knowledge is in the textbook of Ideological, Moral and Legal Basis. As far as legal awareness is concerned, the content pays more attention to the accumulation of some common sense, which is not deep enough. Therefore, it is difficult for students to receive systematic legal education at the university level. Secondly, it is difficult for these courses to internalize legal knowledge into students’ legal awareness. The news of college students’ crimes is also common in social news. Its crime is not limited to a few crimes, but a wide range of crimes. In 2021, some scholars made statistics on the overall situation of college students' crimes in the past five years, and the crimes of fraud, theft and intentional injury were more involved[4]. As a highly educated group, college students should be the representatives of high-quality people in the country. However, there is still a high crime rate, which shows that the legal awareness of students is still weak.

3.3. Students Themselves Ignore the Importance of Legal Awareness

In the constructivist view about students, students are not passive machines to receive knowledge. In the face of new knowledge, they need to constantly build bridges to connect the new knowledge with the old knowledge themselves. Therefore, the mastery of relevant knowledge depends on the internalization of students. Therefore, based on the above-mentioned problem of college students’ crimes, it can also be attributed to their weak legal awareness. As adults, college students need to take responsibility for what they say and do. However, due to the lack of relevant knowledge, these students often neglect the consequences of illegal acts. Similarly, the lack of legal awareness will also add obstacles to their entry into society. The law is a weapon to protect citizens. Only under the protection of the law can citizens live a better life, Only in this way can society develop better.

4. Analysis on the Strategies of Cultivating College Students' Legal Awareness

4.1. Colleges and Universities Should Create Good and Diversified Environments for Cultivating Legal Awareness

To cultivate students’ legal awareness, first of all, colleges and universities should create good and diversified training environments for the cultivation of legal awareness. A single course input and lecture popularization can achieve certain goals. However, if students want to internalize these knowledge, they need more practice. What’s learned from books is superficial after all. It's crucial to have it personally tested somehow. Schools can set up activities, such as mock court, and spread this activity to non law majors. Let the students for law major form a good interaction with other majors. At the same time, it is also important to make more use of modern electronic technology and use public accounts to regularly or irregularly push relevant legal knowledge or cases to students. Let the students know more about the legal knowledge and the consequences of violations, so as to truly achieve the purpose of publicity. At the same time, the rule of law education in schools needs the cooperation of society and families. Therefore, the judicial environment needs to be further improved. The corruption of law enforcement and judicial organs will seriously erode the minds of college students. Only a good social and cultural environment can enable students to better develop the faith of respecting the law and abiding by the law. Therefore, when creating an environment for students, schools should give more consideration to the interconnection between home and school, and the connection between school and society.

4.2. The Importance of Training Legal Awareness should be highlighted in the course

There is a lack of specialized law courses in the curriculum system of non law majors. Therefore, it is inevitable to lose strength in cultivating students’ legal awareness. Therefore, when cultivating legal awareness, schools should consider setting up corresponding courses separately. Or highlight the position of legal common sense in the teaching materials of ideology, morality and legal common sense. It is emphasized that the curriculum should set up special objectives to cultivate legal awareness. The ultimate goal of legal education is to enable college students to internalize their own legal concepts and beliefs through the teaching of legal knowledge, so as to externalize their behavior of knowing,
obeying, using and protecting the law. Imparting legal knowledge is a means, and establishing legal awareness is the ultimate goal.

4.3. Individual Students Should Attach Importance to the Promotion of Legal Awareness

Students are active individuals with their own thinking and judgment. Therefore, no matter the influence of school education or the influence of family and society, students need to take the initiative to accept the corresponding knowledge and realize the internalization of knowledge. Therefore, it is very important for students to internalize all relevant educational contents into their own code of conduct. As talents who have received more than ten years of education, college students have their own personal characteristics for learning and thinking. Therefore, as long as college students pay attention to the cultivation of legal awareness, law popularization can be more efficient.

5. Conclusion

College students are the main force of the future development of society. The cultivation of college students' legal awareness has important practical significance and great era value for the legal construction of our socialist country and the promotion of the strategy of “comprehensively governing the country according to law”. However, neither colleges nor students themselves pay enough attention to the cultivation of college students' legal awareness. It shows that the legal awareness training environment set up by regular colleges and universities is single, and the ideological and political education curriculum system set up does not highlight the important position of legal awareness training. At the same time, the legal consciousness of individual students is relatively weak. To enhance the cultivation of students' legal awareness and promote the realization of the strategy of comprehensively governing the country according to law, first of all, colleges and universities need to create a good and diversified environment for the cultivation of legal awareness, keep close contact with families and society, and carry out related activities with wider radiation. Secondly, when setting up courses, we can set up a separate course to cultivate legal awareness, or highlight the important position of legal awareness training on the basis of the original course. Finally, individual students should actively understand legal knowledge from school publicity, family self-restraint and social cases, and cultivate their own legal literacy.

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