THE ROLE OF STUDENTS OF TAN TRAO UNIVERSITY
IN DEFENDING THE IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION OF THE PARTY

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Abstract
Promoting the role of students of Tan Trao University in protecting the ideological foundation of the Party, fighting against wrong and hostile views is a very important and urgent task in the current situation. From published research results, relevant documents and actual research, the University, through analysis and synthesis, has reproduced the rules, judged the nature of the rules, thereby building scientific arguments about the role of students in protecting the ideological foundation of the Party today. If fully promoted to its role, the staff of Tan Trao University will be an important pioneering force participating in the implementation of revolutionary tasks on the current ideological front.
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1. Prologue

Since the establishment of the Party and the leadership of the struggle movement, hostile forces have not used any tricks to smear and distort the leadership ideology to deny the revolutionary achievements of the people and the role of the Party. Therefore, defending the ideological foundation has always been identified by the Party and President Ho Chi Minh as a principled, important, transversal and overarching task in the process of building the Party and leading the revolutionary movement of the nation; is a matter directly related to the development of the theoretical system and the goal of building a socialist regime our meaning. Safeguarding the ideological foundation of the Party must always be considered as the first issue in order to maintain the genuine revolutionary nature of a Party. This is a matter directly related to and will determine the success and defeat of the revolutionary cause chosen by the Party, Uncle Ho and the people.

Students - future intellectuals, elite forces in the youth class - the neighboring revolutionary force, who were considered by President Ho as the leading factor and determined the destiny of the country in the future. But, in order to be worthy of that future position, according to him, the first task of students is to study, study well and study well, learn to become useful people to build society and build the country. At the Second National Congress of Students (May 7, 1958), he emphasized: “For young intellectuals like you here, two questions are needed: What is learning for? Who does learning to serve? Those are two questions that need to be answered definitively in order to have direction”¹. Also at this Congress, he also emphasized

¹ Ho Chi Minh, Complete Works, Volume 11, National Political Publishing House, Hanoi, 2011, p.400
that the top two qualities that students must practice in school are virtue and talent and guidance: “Loving the Fatherland, loving the people must be associated with loving socialism, because if you advance to socialism, your people will become more and more prosperous, The fatherland grows richer and stronger every day”.

Proud to be a student of the first and only university in the revolutionary homeland of Tan Trao with youthful enthusiasm, students of Tan Trao University have constantly made efforts to study and practice to strive to establish themselves and establish a career. In addition, students of the school are always aware of cultivating moral, political and ideological qualities of a learner under the socialist roof. For the task of protecting the ideological foundation of the Party, as well as students nationwide, Tan Trao University’s students act as an important force. Because students are both the object of being enticed by hostile forces to shake and the force capable of countering those plots with great pervasiveness in society.

In the context of digital technology development, the current explosion of cyberspace, when social media is increasingly diversified, has had an impact on making the protection of ideological foundations face new problems. Taking advantage of the development of information and communication technology, hostile forces have many new forms and tricks to carry out sabotage activities. The issue of protecting the ideological foundation of the Party and countering the false claims of hostile forces is an urgent requirement both theoretically and practically and is the responsibility of the whole political system and every patriotic Vietnamese person. especially the responsibility of the young generation to participate, including Tan Trao University’s students. If the right role is identified and there are solutions to positively and improve the efficiency of that role, Tan Trao University’s students will make important contributions to this revolutionary task.

2. Research methodology

On the basis of published research works, relevant documents and secondary data collection from the Student Management Department, Youth Union, Tan Trao University’s Student Union, the author conducts analysis to perceive, detect and exploit different aspects of the research topic, reconstruct laws, explain laws, make judgments about the nature of the laws of things or phenomena, thereby building scientific arguments about the role of students in defending the ideological foundation of the Party today.

The status survey statistics are processed as a percentage, averaged by Microsoft Excel software.

3. Results and discussion

3.1. The role of students of Tan Trao University in protecting the ideological foundation of the Party in the current situation

Tan Trao University’s students are a diverse subject group in terms of local and ethnic structure. Since 2013 - when it was upgraded to a university, the annual flow of learners of the University is about 6,000 learners in different training systems. By the academic year 2023 - 2024, the number of learners of the University is 3,939 people, of which full-time training students are 2,652 people. In protecting the ideological foundation of the Party, the role of Tan Trao University’s students is a vivid expression of the position, functions and responsibilities of students in awareness activities, propaganda of the Party’s guidelines and lines, policies and laws of the State and to fight and refute false statements, reactionary forces of hostile forces on the revolutionary cause of the nation. Living, studying and training in a school in the Revolutionary Homeland, the Capital of the Liberation Zone, the Center of the Capital of Resistance, currently, this role of Tan Trao University’s students is reflected in two aspects as follows:

Firstly, Tan Trao University’s students are a pioneering force participating in propaganda and dissemination of the Party’s policies, laws and policies of the State and the revolutionary achievements of the nation.

Our Party affirmed: “To protect the ideological foundation of the Party is to protect the Party, to

2 For the formal training system, in terms of local structure, the University’s students come from 30 provinces and cities nationwide and 2 provinces in Laos; Regarding ethnic structure, 43.3% of students are Kinh people, 30.6% are Tay people, 5.5% are Dao people, 3.3% are San Chay people, 2.8% are Hmong people and Students from very few ethnic minorities such as: Pu Peo, Lo Lo, La Ha, Cong, Pa Then, Bo Y account for 0.8%.

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1 Ho Chi Minh, Complete Works, Volume 11, National Political Publishing House, Hanoi, 2011, p.401
defend the Political Platform and the Party’s leading line, to protect the People, the Socialist Rule of Law in Vietnam, to protect the renovation, industrialization, modernization of the country and international integration, protect national and national interests, preserve a peaceful and stable environment for national development”. In the higher education program, students in general and Tan Trao University’s students in particular have studied modules Marxist-Leninist Philosophy, Marxist-Leninist Political Economy, Scientific Socialism, Ho Chi Minh Thought and History of the Communist Party of Vietnam. Students of the school can also study 6 political theories among cadres, union members, youth, and students according to the regulations of the Union ministerial levels. In addition, students of the school can also participate in propaganda and dissemination contests on the Party’s guidelines and lines, policies and laws of the State organized by Party committees, authorities and mass organizations. In these contests, students are not only propagandized but also a propaganda subject, spreading the content of the contest to those around. Researching, studying and participating in the above contents helps students systematically and fundamentally understand the ideological foundation of the Party, helping learners have faith in the leadership, goals and ideals of the Party. Not only providing students with scientific methodologies to apply to solve economic, political, socio-cultural issues according to the Party’s lines, policies and laws of the State, but also helping students have a theoretical basis to identify and refute reactionary ideas, The wrong that evil forces are doing day by day, hour by hour.

The task of protecting the ideological foundation of the Party goes hand in hand with fighting against wrong and hostile views. Protecting the ideological foundation of the Party is the task of “building”, which is to create the ideological foundation, the spirit of revolution, progress and health in society. Performing this role, Tan Trao University’s students are the “propagandists” of the Party’s ideological foundation. First of all, each student carries out the process of “subjectivizing the objective”, that is, through modules, first of all, political theory and economic, political, cultural and social knowledge, students of the University have a theoretical and practical knowledge base. This foundation is the knowledge capital for each student to carry out the second process - “objectification of the subjective” - which is the process of translating that knowledge into his practical activity. One of those activities is the propagation and dissemination of information and knowledge to the people around.

From the correct awareness of the Political Platform, the Party’s leadership, the State’s policies and laws and the achievements of the country’s renovation, industrialization, modernization, international integration and revolutionary achievements, achievements of national renovation, in each student of Tan Trao University, there will arise belief and appreciation of revolutionary theory, implementation of guidelines, guidelines and laws in an active and self-conscious way. In daily life with families in residential areas, living places and places where their voluntary work is carried out, along with specific propaganda contents, dissemination, actions and deeds expressing belief and sense of strict observance of guidelines and guidelines, laws, policies, each student will create great attraction, spread and effectiveness.

With youth, dynamism, understanding and persuasive capacity, Tan Trao University’s students are really soldiers on the propaganda front to protect the ideological foundation of the Party in the current conditions. The role of Tan Trao University’s students in propaganda and protection of the ideological foundation of the Party is to promote the pioneering role of this group of subjects in the implementation of the “Strategy” by Party committees, authorities, all levels of the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union and youth organizations organized by the Youth Union as the core youth development” which the Government has approved.

Secondly, Tan Trao University’s students are a pioneering force directly involved in the struggle and effective rebuttal of reactionary, false and hostile rhetoric in the new situation, especially in cyberspace.

All Tan Trao University’s students are currently using one or several of the social networks with global coverage such as Facebook, Zalo, Instagram, Youtube, Twitter,... These social networking sites have many beneficial utilities, however, this is also the fastest and widest tool to spread unverified information, this is a
very effective means for anti-sabotage forces to take advantage of to spread and entice users. Currently, reactionary organizations have “used about 50 radio and television stations, nearly 400 Vietnamese-language newspapers and magazines (including about 10 with very reactionary contents), 66 publishers to propagate and oppose the Vietnamese revolution, bringing a large number of documents, books, leaflets, videos... reactionary and depraved content into Vietnam” (1). Because of the sound of “eager to like, crazy face”, wanting to satisfy “virtual power” on social networks, many people have unknowingly or intentionally abetted the offensive and destructive tactics of evil forces. Over the past time, there has been a lot of distorted, fabricated and distorted information about Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh’s thought, the Party’s guidelines and views, the State’s policies and laws aimed at young people, inciting and enticing to participate in anti-Party activities, etc. The State and the People. With fake news sites, the clips are very elaborate and the frequency of continuous appearance has gradually caused malicious effects on young people in general and school students in particular. A study by Tan Trao University’s has shown that students spend a lot of time on “virtual life” on social networks, which is a potential risk to protect the Party’s ideological foundation without guidance (1).

Since the students are the target of the enemy, the role of them is to be a pioneering force directly participating in protecting the Party’s ideological foundation, actively fighting against reactionary, false, and hostile arguments. become more important and direct. Students will directly deny, eliminate without counter-evidence, indirectly but attack directly and hit their target. With awareness, responsibility and the revolutionary spirit of youth, students of Tan Trao University perform their role of protest through many different forms to express their attitude of rejection towards wrong and hostile views of them. On social networks, first of all, when students of Tan Trao University are exposed to wrong and malicious information on their personal pages, they will use buttons to express their attitudes. The simplest, with 07 emotional status buttons, instead of the convenient “like”, “favorite”,... Students express their “angry”, “sad” attitude towards articles or “comments” has bad content. Furthermore, not only will each student not “share” the article, but they will clearly express their opposing attitudes and opinions through “comments” with rebuttal content. It is the lack of understanding and irresponsibility when using attitude buttons or the indifference to expressing correct opinions that have helped hostile and reactionary forces achieve their goals. At a higher level, on social networks, students of Tan Trao University express their opposing attitudes through articles, images, and clips with propaganda content stating examples of the University’s advanced students in learning, practice and spread positive information according to the motto “take the good and eliminate the bad”, actively implement “Every day a good news, every week a beautiful story”; Post content about revolutionary achievements and achievements of the country’s renewal in their homeland. In fact, students’ participation in writing posts on websites and fanpages has brought very positive results. From 2021 to September 2023 alone, students of 8/10 Student Clubs of Tan Trao University have had 41 articles posted on the University’s website; 84 articles posted on the School’s fanpage; 66 articles posted on the Union and Hall fanpage; 691 posts posted on the Club’s fanpage. With a local structure of students from Tan Trao University coming from 29 provinces and cities across the country, the images and writings are very rich and vivid.

The rebuttal of students of the University is also carried out through the participation in movements organized by ministerial levels of the Union and the Student Union such as: “Youth volunteer movement”; competitions to learn historical facts, learn the law; “Light candles to pay tribute to the martyrs’ heroes”;... clearly demonstrating the attitude and spirit of youth and students of the school towards the history of the nation and with revolutionary achievements. The results of students’ participation in movements and activities are concrete and practical evidence to eliminate distorted rhetoric to entice students by hostile forces.

3.2. Some limitations in promoting the role of Tan Trao University’s students in protecting the ideological foundation of the Party

First, the propaganda and education for school students on the responsibility to participate in the protection of the Party’s ideological foundation has not been unified, closely coordinated, specific and has not been ensured regularly and continuously among units and mass organizations (especially
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Tan Trao University, on the University’s Fangage, the Youth Union, the Student Union and Student Clubs. However, the content of news articles and the purpose is only propaganda, dissemination and reporting. There is very little news, the article clearly shows the purpose, the spirit of “polemic” for the bad and poisonous news that students of the school may encounter.

The situation of the above limitations at Tan Trao University is derived from many reasons, however, first of all, in the directive documents of Party committees, the upper authorities do not specify specific and detailed contents of students’ participation roles; has not fully assessed the potential of the role of students in protecting the ideological foundation of the Party; Each student of the school itself is not fully aware of the role and responsibility in ideological and political work of a member of the communist youth union and a student under the roof of a socialist school. These reasons not only make it impossible to fully promote the role of school students in protecting the ideological foundation of the Party, but moreover, not creating a “firewall” for school students against increasingly cunning tricks of the enemy.

3.3. Some major solutions to promote the role of Tan Trao University’s students in protecting the ideological foundation of the Party

In order to protect the ideological foundation of the Party, it is necessary not only to have faith but also to understand reasoning, each Tan Trao University’s student must raise scientific awareness, cultivate a strong political stance and bravery. There must be a thorough scientific understanding of the theory and history of Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh’s thought. If you want to protect, you must also have loyalty, but if you want to be loyal, you must properly apply and creatively develop doctrines and doctrines. In order to promote the role of Tan Trao University’s students, contributing to the successful implementation of the protection of the Party’s ideological foundation in the current conditions, it is necessary to implement the following basic solutions:

First, the education of political ideas for students must always be identified as an important and top political task

This is a political task that must always be concerned and valued by the Party Committee, the
government, mass organizations, branches, faculties (especially the Department of Political Theory) and the Student Management Department of the University in management and education. This solution must be implemented proactively, synchronously and regularly, continuously. Party Committees and leaders of the University shall lead, direct, strictly manage and continuously supervise in the process of organizing the implementation of regulations and guidelines of the Party, the State and mass organizations on the task of educating students in political ideology.

The task of educating political ideas for students is periodically planned and assigned specifically to each unit and organization for implementation. The inspection, supervision, evaluation and summarization of experience must be strictly carried out; The evaluation of performance must be based on specific data with clear criteria. Monitoring and capturing students’ ideological developments needs to be done continuously, not through an activity or an emulation movement. The Student Management Department, professional faculties, Youth Union, and Student Association closely monitor and promptly direct the political ideology education for youths at each specific time and stage in order to have really effective implementation solutions to avoid formal implementation. The results of political ideology education for students must be a criterion for evaluating the work of each individual, organization or unit concerned.

Second, renew propaganda and political ideology education activities for students

Due to the characteristics of the ethnic structure and regional structure of Tan Trao University’s students, the theoretical content of Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh’s ideology, socialism theory, innovation, integration, and development theory Development and modernization of Vietnam need to be conveyed to students in accordance with the spirit of V.I.Lenin’s instructions, that is: the specific analysis of a specific situation, which is the essence and living soul of Marxism. The Party’s policies and viewpoints must be scientifically and specifically proven, avoiding academics, dogmatism, and imposition. We must help students clearly see the scientific value in thinking, in practical activities of the principles, laws, and theories that Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh’s ideology have pointed out. The guiding contents in the Party’s documents must be concretized and clearly define the tasks of students. During the teaching process, lecturers and reporters must also expose and refute fabrications, lies, ideological distortions or defamation of the reputation and honor of leaders and leaders; clearly expose the conspiracy to deny the cultural values and moral traditions of the nation, promote material benefits, and promote a lifestyle of enjoyment; clearly shows the consequences that students must suffer due to deviant behaviors in ideology and lifestyle.

The form of propaganda and dissemination for students must be innovative, creative and flexible. The content of political ideology, if implemented in the form of resolution classes, contemplative conferences, will be difficult to achieve effectively. Therefore, the teaching of Political Theory subjects must innovate in the direction of approaching learner competencies; Thematic political meetings need time for students to study documents in advance and there should be democratic and open exchanges and discussions. It is necessary to exploit the use of propaganda and education through online competitions with objective multiple-choice questions to match the current technology trend.

Third, encourage, facilitate and guide students to actively participate in activities to protect the ideological foundation of the Party

The Youth Union and the Students’ Union of the University continue to implement and innovate the contents and methods of organizing the implementation of the movements “Youth Volunteering”, “Creative Youth”, “Youth pioneer to defend the Fatherland” to guide students to carry out specific and practical activities, associated with actual local conditions and units to arouse and promote a sense of responsibility responsibility for the community, creativity, responsibility, sense of building and defending the Fatherland, arousing the desire to contribute to building the homeland, and at the same time creating conditions for students of the University to directly access the reality and achievements of national renovation.

“Civic-Student Week”, “Student Work Conference” and “Guidance on the content of class activities” should expand the duration and detail the content of protecting the ideological foundation of the Party among students. Rapporteurs and academic advisors need to clearly identify topical topics suitable to the
time of conferences and class activities in order to have specific orientations for the content and methods for students of the University to participate in the protection of ideological foundations.

Promoting their strengths in receiving and using information technology, Tan Trao University’s students should be guided in using information and communication technology to transmit and disseminate content of political ideology education and counter reactionary ideas, wrongdoing in cyberspace. The Youth Union, the Students’ Union of the University guides students of faculties and student clubs to build and manage websites, youtube channels, fanpages to convey information contents, practical and attractive messages about the platform, guidelines, policies and laws; promptly set examples of students with high achievements in learning and training. On the core basis of the Media Club, select students with capacity and political bravery to build a SV media team to protect the Party’s ideological foundation, fight against wrong and hostile views in cyberspace. The Training Department together with the delegations and associations of the school organize meetings, seminars and basic training on knowledge and skills in communication in general and communication in the protection of the ideological foundation of the Party in particular.

4. Conclusions

As part of the intelligentsia and the future master of the country and of the revolutionary cause chosen by the people - students who are living and studying in the revolutionary homeland of Tan Trao - the Capital of the Liberation Zone - the Center of the Capital of Resistance - students of Tan Trao University have a very important role in protecting the ideological foundation of the Party, fighting and rejecting wrong and hostile views in the current period. In order to promote that role, in addition to the self-awareness of each student, it also requires the responsibility of guiding, orienting and accompanying Party committees, authorities, mass organizations and each staff and lecturer in the University. However, with the enthusiasm of youth, the political bravery of the next class of revolutionaries of students who are studying and training on the historical land of Tuyen Quang, Tan Trao University’s students will definitely fulfill the revolutionary tasks entrusted by the Party and the people./.

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