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# BASIC SOLUTIONS TO DEVELOP THEORETICAL POLITICAL THINKING OF KEY OFFICIALS AT THE GRASSROOTS LEVEL IN BINH DUONG PROVINCE (VIETNAM) IN THE CURRENT PERIOD

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### **ABSTRACT**

Key grassroots officials are those who are elected to hold term-based positions, holding important positions in the Party, government, Fatherland Front and socio-political organizations in communes, wards and towns. Binh Duong province is implementing the model: "Friendly government of the people, by the people, for the people", performing a good job of serving the people when dealing with administrative work in the spirit: "Respecting the people, being close to the people, understanding the people, learning from the people and being responsible to the people". Therefore, developing theoretical political thinking is an important and necessary requirement and task, contributing to the development and improvement of the qualities and personalities of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province in the current period.

**Keywords:** Developing Theoretical Political Thinking; Key Grassroots Officials; Binh Duong Province.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Theoretical political thinking is scientific dialectical thinking, reflecting the high stage of the political cognition process that goes deep into nature and discovers the laws in the political field. Therefore, key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province will undergo a political cognition process, aiming to acquire and comprehend a system of basic, comprehensive and specialized knowledge in the political field. Accordingly, developing theoretical political thinking of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province in the current period is the process of officials perfecting the system of tools and thinking operations, improving the ability to generalize and systematize, making thinking quick, accurate, complete, creative and the ability to perceive, detect and correctly and accurately solve political science problems arising in the process of working according to the goals and requirements of assigned tasks.

In recent years, in general, the majority of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province have matured, not only in terms of qualities and capacities, but also in improving their ability to think in political theory, on a scientific and dialectical basis. Most of the key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province have basically responded well to the requirements and tasks assigned by the organization; many comrades have matured in all aspects, developed into many senior officials, holding important responsibilities in the Vietnamese political system, demonstrating the strategic thinking, theoretical political thinking, intelligence, and capacity of officials. However, in recent years, through monitoring the results of work implementation, through the working process, and thoroughly grasping the tasks, the way some officials express themselves still has many shortcomings in their ability to think in political theory. Some officials have not properly applied the laws, rules, and logical forms of thinking in solving scientific problems in practical work. In

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particular, some officials often make mistakes in thinking operations, such as lack of consistency, violation of the rule prohibiting contradictions in the interpretation process; the way of presenting and expressing the problem is not tight, roundabout, low generalization... On the other hand, facing the increasingly high requirements for social management work, the strong development of science and technology, the changing practical situation of political life in Binh Duong province in the current period, the development of theoretical political thinking of key officials at the grassroots level in Binh Duong province in the current period is an inevitable and objective requirement. It is necessary to synchronously carry out the following basic solutions:

Firstly, continue to equip the worldview and dialectical materialist methodology in developing theoretical political thinking of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province in the current period.

This is a solution to equip and foster a system of thinking methods as a basis for developing theoretical political thinking for officials because the limitations in theoretical political thinking of key officials at the grassroots level in Binh Duong province in the current period are basically due to a lack of knowledge, methodology, and scientific thinking methods. Therefore, continuing to equip the worldview and dialectical materialist methodology in developing theoretical political thinking of key officials at the grassroots level in Binh Duong province in the current period is very necessary to help officials present theoretical issues and political activities in a scientific and correct manner, without violating the operations, principles, and laws of thinking.

To develop the theoretical political thinking of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province in the current period, first of all, it is necessary to constantly innovate the content, methods, and forms of propaganda of Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's ideology. Officials must be equipped with a system of basic theoretical knowledge, forming a worldview, dialectical materialist methodology for scientific cognition; the universal laws of the development of nature, society, thinking and in the political field. In which, Marxist-Leninist philosophy, the core is dialectical materialism, cognitive theory and logic. The unity between dialectical materialism as cognitive theory and dialectical logic is one of the important bases for developing the theoretical political thinking of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province in the current period.

Secondly, promote the role and responsibility of propaganda officials and management officials in training, practicing and developing theoretical political thinking of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province in the current period.

Developing the theoretical political thinking of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province in the current period requires focusing on promoting the role of the team of lecturers and educational managers. This is the force that directly guides, trains, checks, and evaluates the results of theoretical political thinking of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province in the current period through cadre assessment. To promote the role of the team of propaganda officials and managers in improving the thinking ability of officials, Binh Duong province needs to continue to improve and develop the team of propaganda officials, scientists and managers, ensuring sufficient quantity, structure, age, major and having suitable successors; at the same time, standardizing the quality according to the standards prescribed by the Party, the State, and Binh Duong province. It is necessary to regularly foster the qualifications, propaganda methods, and research guidance of the team of propaganda officials, improve political qualities, ethics, lifestyle, conscience,

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responsibility, and enthusiasm in both imparting knowledge and guiding and fostering the thinking methods of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province in each content learned.

It is necessary to promote the role and responsibility of the management staff at all levels in maintaining the time and regime for studying and researching, as well as self-studying and self-researching of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province. Each management staff must promote their role well in leadership, direction, strengthening educational management, training students, self-studying and self-researching. At the same time, it is necessary to have the skills to organize and manage, maintain self-studying and self-training agencies and units, suitable to each individual's circumstances; create all favorable conditions for officials to study, practice and self-study, self-research, and develop theoretical political thinking. It is necessary to maintain and organize well all activities of content groups, self-study and self-researching clubs, on that basis developing theoretical political thinking of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province in the current period.

Thirdly, promote the positivity, proactiveness, and self-awareness in learning, training, and scientific research of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province in the current period.

This is a decisive solution to the development of theoretical political thinking of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province, which must be done through the process of self-study and self-training of their own thinking. President Ho Chi Minh taught: "Learning must go hand in hand with practice. Learning to practice becomes better and better". Therefore, the theoretical political thinking of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province needs to be regularly practiced throughout the thinking process. The development of theoretical political thinking of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province depends on many factors; in which, promoting positivity, proactiveness, self-awareness in studying, practicing, and scientific research of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province to develop theoretical political thinking is very important. Officials need to raise awareness of positivity, self-awareness, studying, practicing, and researching to develop theoretical political thinking; enhance the sense of responsibility, the ability to best mobilize psychological qualities, the determination to rise up to develop theoretical political thinking. It is necessary to create passion, enthusiasm, the spirit of overcoming difficulties, the will to rise up of key officials at the grassroots level in Binh Duong province in studying, training, and researching to develop theoretical political thinking; be active, proactive, creative, and acquire political science knowledge in developing theoretical political thinking. Accordingly, officials must actively and voluntarily seek, research, exchange, and conduct thinking operations through each content, topic, through self-reading, self-study, and self-research, regularly and systematically cultivate the operations, principles, and laws of theoretical political thinking, such as comparison, analysis, synthesis, inference, and forecasting to develop theoretical political thinking. From there, students will have "the spirit to handle everything, towards everyone and towards themselves". This is the essence, the living soul of the dialectical materialist thinking method in developing the political theoretical thinking of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province. At the same time, they must actively solve and correctly perceive scientifically, thoroughly, and accurately issues in the fields of politics, economics, and society; the dialectical relationship between the political field and other fields in social life. In the process of thinking to perceive political science, officials need to fully comply with the laws, forms, and rules of thinking and must be based on the premise of true, objective knowledge, logical, tight, and accurate

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arguments on all issues. They must use scientific arguments and evidence to detect, identify, and fight against wrong, unscientific, ambiguous, and opportunistic viewpoints, thoughts, and theses in the fields of economics, politics, ideology, and culture in the current period.

Fourth, closely combine the improvement of awareness, skills, methods, and scientific working style with the development of theoretical political thinking of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province in the current period.

Improving awareness, skills, methods, and scientific working style combined with developing theoretical political thinking is to bring officials into practical political activities because practice is the basis, origin, and driving force of awareness, and is the criterion for testing truth. According to President Ho Chi Minh, "Knowledge comes from practice. Knowledge is then transformed into theory through practice. That theory must be used in practice" [2]. Through practical activities, students can assert themselves, creating a need to actively and voluntarily strive to acquire knowledge to develop theoretical political thinking.

Practical activities will raise awareness, improve skills, methods, and scientific working style of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province in the current period. To develop theoretical political thinking of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province, training thinking operations is the process of transforming political knowledge into habits, correct thinking methods in the process of approaching political theoretical knowledge. The process of "transforming" operations, rules, and laws of political theoretical thinking into internal needs of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province is a difficult, complicated, long-term process, requiring selfawareness, clear motives, goals, and appropriate methods, measures, and steps to be implemented. The condition to demonstrate the ability and method of theoretical political thinking most clearly is through the presentation of certain content, the way of understanding and organizing implementation, and the way of expression of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province. Through the process of working and self-study, we can both affirm our abilities and discover our limitations, thereby adjusting our theoretical political thinking methods accordingly. Actively bringing officials into practice to practice, exchange, live and work is an important measure in developing the theoretical political thinking of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province in the current period.

Fifthly, build a democratic environment in work and self-study to develop theoretical political thinking of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province in the current period.

The role of the environment has a great impact on all human activities living in that environment. C. Marx affirmed: "To the extent that people create circumstances, circumstances create people to that extent" [3]. Building a democratic environment in work and research has a positive impact on the development of theoretical political thinking of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province in the current period. Promoting the combined strength and responsibility of agencies, organizations and forces throughout Binh Duong province to develop theoretical political thinking of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province. Creating consensus and unity in perception and action, always promoting the role of responsibility in building a democratic environment in work and scientific research to develop theoretical political thinking of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province in the current period.

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Building a democratic environment in work and research means implementing order and quality in activities, self-study, dialogue, and exchange of political knowledge. Timely exchange of political knowledge imparted by propaganda officers, learning and self-study experiences of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province, and replicating advanced models in developing theoretical political thinking. Building a truly democratic agency and unit in work and research, avoiding imposition and subjectivity will have a positive impact on the development of theoretical political thinking of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province. Establishing and creating harmonious communication and behavioral relationships in work and research to develop theoretical political thinking of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province in the current period.

Developing theoretical political thinking of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province is currently a very necessary issue. Thereby, it aims to perfect the personality qualities and comprehensive capacity of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province. At the same time, it contributes to improving the quality of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province to meet the requirements of assigned tasks. To effectively develop theoretical political thinking of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province, it is necessary to synchronously implement the above basic solutions. In particular, promoting the positivity, proactiveness, self-awareness in learning, training, and research of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province is the most decisive solution to the development of theoretical political thinking of key grassroots officials in Binh Duong province in the current period.

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