Introduction

Redefining A Framework

Confrontation and Modernization
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Robert B. Ely's influential book entitled "Tokugawa Japan" argued that the Tokugawa period (1603-1868) was a time of stability and continuity in Japanese history. However, this view has been challenged by more recent scholarship, which has emphasized the fluidity and dynamism of Japanese society during this period. The "Tokugawa era" is often viewed as a period of relative stability and continuity, but recent research has shown that it was marked by significant social and economic changes, including the growth of a merchant class and the development of a market economy. These changes laid the groundwork for the modernization of Japan in the 19th century.

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II. Confucianism and Imperial China

Confucianism and Confucian values have played a significant role in the development of Chinese society and culture. Confucian values emphasize respect for authority, filial piety, and adherence to the rules of conduct. These principles have been deeply ingrained in Chinese society and have influenced the behavior of individuals and the structure of the society.

The Confucian system of thought was developed by Confucius, a Chinese philosopher, during the Spring and Autumn period (770-476 BC). Confucius' teachings were later compiled in the Analects, which became the basis for Confucianism. Confucianism became the state religion of China under the Han dynasty (202 BC – 220 AD) and remained influential throughout the Chinese dynasties that followed.

Confucianism emphasizes the importance of education and the cultivation of personal virtue. It also promotes 礼 (li) or propriety, which regulates social interactions and maintains social order. Confucianism has had a profound impact on Chinese culture and society, influencing areas such as education, politics, and society in general.

In conclusion, Confucianism has been a significant influence on the development of Chinese society and culture. Its principles continue to be an integral part of Chinese cultural identity and have had a lasting impact on modern Chinese society.
In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, China underwent a period of modernization that transformed its political, economic, and social systems. This transformation was largely driven by the Western powers, who sought to expand their influence in China. The modernization efforts included the establishment of Western-style educational institutions, the introduction of Western technologies, and the promotion of Western ideas and values. However, this modernization process was not without its problems, as it often led to political instability and social unrest. Despite these challenges, the modernization of China had a profound impact on the nation's development, laying the foundation for its subsequent economic and political transformations.
III. Imperial Confucianism Revisited

were inappropriate in the Western-centric modernization process. The continued emphasis on the Confucian values in Taiwan, South Korea, Hong Kong, and Singapore actually weakened the position of China in the international community, especially since the West was already committed to modernization and industrialization. The 1979 restoration of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations was a major setback for China's efforts to modernize. The West's response was to impose sanctions on China, which only strengthened China's resolve to pursue modernization on its own terms. Furthermore, the West's view of China was largely shaped by its own interests and power dynamics, which often led to a distorted perception of China's role in the world. This misunderstanding persisted even as China's economy continued to grow and its influence on global affairs increased.

The Western attitude towards China, as seen in the West's response to China's modernization, reflects a broader Western-centric view of global politics and economics. This view is characterized by a belief in the superiority of Western values and institutions, and a tendency to overlook the unique historical and cultural context of China. This perspective has been perpetuated by the West's own history of exploitation and domination of China, which has left a lasting impact on the current relationship between the two nations. The ongoing dialogue between China and the West is therefore crucial in understanding the complexities of modern global politics.

In recent years, however, a new wave of materials dealing with China has been released, offering a more nuanced and balanced view of the world. These works emphasize the cultural and intellectual contributions of China to the global community, and challenge the Western-centric view of international relations. The growing awareness of China's role in the world is also reflected in the increasing number of scholars and policymakers who are engaged in studying China's modernization process. This newfound interest in China is essential in shaping a more inclusive and equitable international order.
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In a controversial book that challenged the conventional view of Chinese culture and Confucian ethics, a key concept is the modernization of Chinese society.

1. Confucian Values and Chinese Culture

Confucianism in modern times refers to the adaptation of Confucian principles to contemporary contexts.

Christianity and its moral values, as well as political frameworks, have influenced modern Chinese society, leading to a shift in moral discourse and values.

Despite the challenges of modernization, Confucianism remains a relevant and influential force in Chinese society. The adaptation of Confucian values to modern contexts continues to shape contemporary Chinese culture.

We turn now to examine the role of Confucianism in shaping Chinese culture and society.

In conclusion, the adaptation of Confucianism to modern contexts highlights the resilience and adaptability of this ancient philosophy in addressing contemporary issues.


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