intra-party democracy in CPC: present and future

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♦ the development of the CPC's intra-party democracy

♦ the prospect of the CPC's intra-party democracy
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  - the transformation from a revolutionary party into a ruling party
  - strong ideology-oriented culture in CPC
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Intra-party democracy as a system:

- **Election**
  - Primary direct vote; nomination system; publicly nominating and directly electing

- **Decision-making**
  - Openly decision-making; strengthening the role of plenary meeting

- **Participation**
  - Public hearing and consultation; congress with annual conference

- **Supervision**
  - Intra-party affairs open; responsibility-investigating
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case 1.

changing the nomination system:

publicly nominate and directly vote for leading group (at the primary and township-level)

modes of nomination:

- self;
- joint;
- organization
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case 2.

strenthening the role of the party congress:

♦ regular annual conference;

♦ the activity of the delegates: put forward proposals, interact with the people, observe standing committee meetings, and examine/discuss reports of the standing committee, etc.;

♦ permanent committees (or special groups): supervision committee, policy-making consultative committee, representative affairs committee (Sichuan Ya'an);

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About the intra-party democracy of the CPC:

- positive, optimistic?
- negative, pessimistic?
- or---- puzzled?
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A. the intra-party competitive elections

- What does "Party controls the cadres" (dang guan ganbu) mean?
- competitive party system and competitive politics

develop intra-party competition!
3. the prospect of the CPC's intra-party democracy

B. top-level planning about the intra-party democracy

unsolved problems:

▲ "ceiling" in intra-party reforms and innovations

▲ "departmentalist" and "fragmentary" reform
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C. more space for innovation from the local and primary-level organizations

reduce the risk of reforms and innovations

the absence of risk prevention mechanism

assumption of reform risk
many thanks for your attention!