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**The Labor is the only Inventor of the Wealth  
——The Marxist Theory of Element's Contributes and  
to the Meaning of Income Division in Private Enterprise.**

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**Abstract:** Marx's viewpoint is: The value and the use-value all are created only by the labor; the means of production created by the labor are not the source of the wealth; the owners of the non-labor element can participate in the division, only because they are the conditions of formation of value and use-value. The truth of labor creating wealth objectively requests all wealth to be held by all working people, or to limit the bourgeois benefit to the essential scope for the derived investment.

**Key Words:** labor; use-value; wealth; distribution

### **I. The Question**

It is an important task for economy that provides the theories foundation for enhancing the worker's reward and realizing income distribution quite fairly.

To acknowledge the rationality of enhancing the worker's income share means to acknowledge that the worker has also makes the contribution to the surplus in the market

mechanism or the surplus has invaded the labor contribution. But the demonstrator's view is actually inconsistent. The viewpoint that is most similar to the Marxism's is to prove it with the value of labor theory. e.g. Chenyanhong considers , according to the value of labor theory, the overall human labor should obtain a part of the surplus value create by themselves. □ But this viewpoint cannot reply the question: If all the surplus value is created by the human labor, why has to hold only a part? In order to coordinate with “distribution is done according to the element contribution”, The Marxism economic scholars often acknowledge the use-value is created by all kinds of productive element together and the distribution according to contribution is the same as the distribution is according to contribution of the use-value. But it also faces the contradiction: If others said capital's earnings was equal to its contribution to the use-value at present, why did you say is not?

## **II. The Means of Production are Not the Source of the Use-value or the Wealth**

The basic viewpoint about the wealth's source by Marx and Engels is :

First, the nature is the first source of the wealth. "Source" refers to the final origin. Because the means of production originate from the nature, Marx mentioned that "nature, the first source for all means of labor and the subject of labor. Considering the meaning of the "first source", only the nature is the source for the wealth, “the labor is not the source of all wealth.” □

Second, the labor is the second source for the wealth. The wealth is the combinations of the nature and the labor; the labor that only has the physical conditions will be able to become the source of the wealth. Marx pointed out, that "The labor is the source of all wealth and all cultural ", "This sentence is correct only when it contains the meaning that the work has had the subject and the instrument correspondingly.” Only one person performs as owner's status beforehand..... Treats the nature as his subordination, thus his labor would become the source of the use-value, and the source of the wealth." □

Third, the means of production have already made are not the source of the wealth. Marx did not say the means of production are also the source of the wealth. Marx said , "The nature and the labor are also the source of the use-value(and material wealth originally has been constituted by use-value )", □ "The nature" means the natural resource, not including means of production made by the humankind. The classical writers have elaborated the source of the wealth for many times by raising "the land" ("Land" refers to natural resource or the nature, which is economic general knowledge) or "the nature" but not the means of production. Engels said, "The labor and the nature are together the source of the wealth, the nature provides the material for the labor, the labor turns the material to

the wealth." □Marx said , " If we take away the useful labor expended upon them ( coat, linen, &c., *i.e.*, ) , a material substratum is always left, which is furnished by Nature without the help of man." Therefore," the bodies of commodities, are combinations of two elements — matter and labor". □The “material substratum” is the raw material or the object of labor, not including instruments of labor. The wealth entity is "the material" provided by the nature, so the nature is the source of the wealth, and the instruments of labor and subject of labor that has been processed as well as the capital, the technology, the information and so on are the property or the wealth which are created by manpower, which are only the middle methods to produce wealth fatherly. At an angle for “source ”, Marx explicitly pointed out “the two primary creators of wealth, labor-power and the land”. □

### III. The Use-value is Created by Only One Element that is the Labor

We all know the conclusion of “Capital” very well. All labor is, in its character of identical abstract human labor, it creates and forms the value of commodities. All labor is, in this, its character of concrete useful labor, it produces use-values. Marx has never said the use-value is created by the labor and the means of production together. on the contrary , Marx said: “.....element of material wealth that is not the spontaneous produce of Nature, must invariably owe their existence to a productive activity, exercised with a definite aim, .....So far therefore as labor is a creator of use-value, is useful labor, it is a necessary condition, independent of all forms of society, for the existence of the human race.” “Afterwards, Marx pointed out when he elaborated production process of the surplus value , "The labor-process, .....is human action with a view to the production of use-values,” “In so far then, as its instruments and subjects are themselves products, labor consumes products in order to create products.”□

First, the creation is active, only the consciously activities have the creativity. The food is made by cook, not the grain, the cooker and the energy. The new character of clothes that "are artistic and protect against the cold" originates from the shift of the cloth use-value, the transformation of the machine use-value and the new creation of the labor. —In this repeated production process, the new and the leading role factor is only the labor. therefore , Although the nature is the finally origin of the wealth, it is not the inventor of the new wealth as well.

Next, the relative quantity of the value corresponds with quantity of the labor, and the new created relative quantity of the use-value also corresponds with quantity of the labor, but does not correspond with quantity of the means of production. The commodity is the entity of the value and the use-value, and the value relatively equilibrium distributes in the

use-value, how many value it has created, how many use-value it has created too; The abstract labor and the concrete labor are two aspects of the identical labor process, how many abstract labor it has devoted, how many concrete labor it has devoted too, they are unified in the quantity

Cheng Enfu, Wang Guijin once has given a correct explanation to the created process of the value and the wealth, " workers create the wealth and the value actually utilizing the non-labor production element. .... All the wealth and the value are actually created and produced by the workers who utilize the non-labor production element in the production process". The actual creation" is the creation. Performs this viewpoint to determine and to implement, and the conclusion is only that: The worker is only the inventor of the wealth, certainly is also the inventor of the complete surplus.

#### **IV. The Non-labor Elements Are the Condition for the Creation of the Value and the Use-value**

Distribution according to the production element contribution is neither distribution according to the contribution for the value forms nor distribution according to contribution for the use-value creates. The owner of non-labor factor can participate in the distribution, because the non- labor elements is the condition for the creation of the value and the use-value.

The means of production are the first object condition for the creation of the value and the use-value. The owner of selling production goods obtains the incensement, which "the contribution" is made by the production goods enable the owner obtains reward.

The capital, as the second condition for the creation of the value and the use-value, make the owner of the capital earn income. The condition that the owner of the capital participates in the distribution is the private capital, not the means of production. The means of production are only a part of the productive capital. The capital becomes the condition creating the value and the use-value, because the capital performs the function of "the organization" for the enterprise's formation and production operation. This reward of the contribution should be the interest and the risking reward. In the market economy, the average rate of profit of the capital is much higher than the reward of the interest and the risk, because the owner of the capital is the founder of the enterprise, who becomes the owner or the master of the enterprise after establishment and the surplus owns to the owner after the enterprise pays for the rent of the used elements according to the market price.

The production also has the third condition that is the social condition. The social condition of the production includes infrastructure, education, science, arts, and health, state power, market system and so on. "The contribution "of current period in social condition is unable to measure, and in the process of consistent reproduction which is

compensated by public article that is unceasingly invested.

## V. The Creation of the Wealth and the Distribution of the Income

The viewpoint of the Socialism public ownership system, is the perfect behavior that is complied with the objective economic law and is satisfied the request of the productive forces development, and is the rightful call that realizes the society to be fair and promotes the general working people to be benefit. The truth and fact of labor creating value, labor creating wealth objectively requests all the value or the wealth are held by all working people, and implementing public ownership system. The country that has not been able to realize the public ownership system, as well as the public ownership system country incapably realizes the domain of the public ownership system, must control the status of the enterprise leadership to limit the bourgeois benefit in the essential scop , for instance the scope which attracts the investment needs.

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