The Three Reliances: An examination of static social capital within communities.

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Abstract

The purpose of this poster is to propose a theoretical framework and its models. The Three Reliances is a proposed system of knowledge that presents three pillars of support of a rural community can become reliant on when the means to obtain social capital becomes static. The pillars of support are churches, private capital and Internet. When a community develops without a community center or an effective alternative static social capital increases. The pillars of support are churches, private capital and Internet. The Three Reliances are the stakeholders. (Political) Self Actualization needs must first be addressed to begin consideration of self actualization. It is ignored because of how many other actualization needs are not met. The important point is that the Three Reliances will be in advantageous situations to relieve the needs of other community members. Needs are the stakeholders. (Political) It is not an exhaustive model but demonstrates these connections. The model also helps to understand the complexity of the needs, with fulfillment at the center and the proposition that community centers address this need.

Phase 2-3

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Phase 4-5

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Phase of Research

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Models

Figure 1

Needs that are core to Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs and how the Three Reliances address varying needs. It is not an exhaustive model but demonstrates these connections. The model also helps to understand the complexity of the needs, with fulfillment at the center and the proportion that community centers address this need.

Figure 2

A simple model used to visualize the Three Reliances and their connection to rural community.

Conclusions

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