

Reply from the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China to the East China Bureau
Regarding the Implementation of the Directives Against Bureaucracy, Commandism, and Violation of
Laws and Regulations

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To the East China Bureau and all Central Bureaus and Sub-bureaus, and forwarded to all Provincial
(Municipal) Committees:

The Central Committee basically agrees with the East China Bureau's directive of January 29th regarding the implementation of the "Central Committee's Directives Against Bureaucracy, Commandism, and Violation of Laws and Regulations," and its reply to the Shandong Sub-bureau on January 31st. The fight against bureaucracy is a long-term and ongoing struggle, and cannot be carried out with short-term blitzes like the "Three-Anti" campaign. In terms of approach, it is necessary to follow the Central Committee's previous instructions, combining them with Party rectification, nationwide elections, and other work, starting with handling letters from the people, conducting focused, top-down inspections, and bottom-up criticism, exposing bad people and bad deeds, seizing typical cases, and dealing with them vigorously.

We must resolutely punish those of poor character who are enemies of the people and eradicate the Kuomintang's style of work. At the same time, we should patiently educate those who can correct their mistakes and generally improve the ideological and political level of cadres. We must also pay more attention to strengthening leadership responsibilities and improving leadership methods. Your statement of "gradually unfolding from top to bottom and from inside to outside" lacks clear boundaries and may be misunderstood by lower-level cadres as another large-scale, all-out movement.

Please consider this.