

# The Restricting Factors and Routing Selection of the Chinese New Citizens Integrating into the City

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**Abstract** Being in the key period of the accelerating urbanization process at present, it is natural and inevitable phenomenon that new large China population go into the city or become New Citizen, either actively or passively. This paper points that the New Citizen integrating into the city is affected and constrained by two factors---Urban-developing-Ability and Urban-living-Ability. The benign interaction and improving together of the two factors promote the New Citizen well integrate into the city and then enjoys and constructs the urban civilization. Lacking one of each will hinder the migration of New Citizens and impede China's urbanization process smoothly. Therefore, this paper puts forward three routing selection, through the perspective of the New Citizens, to contribute the Chinese urbanization process smoothly.

**Keywords** Urbanization, New Citizens, Restricting Factors, Routing Selection

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## 1. Introduction

Urbanization is the impersonal demand and inevitable product of people's social economic development; is the necessary way to achieve modernization; is the motive power to impulse the economic development rapidly of a country or an area. China is in the key period of accelerating the urbanization process at present[1], it is natural and inevitable phenomenon that new large China population, such as rural migrant workers, college graduates, land-expropriating-urbanized-people, and so on, go into the city or become New Citizen, either actively or passively. From 2000 to 2010, the urban population in the proportion of the China has increased 13.46%, the proportion of urban residents has broken through 50% (50.32%) for the first time [2]. Meanwhile, in China, the rural population which has entered into the city but need to be integrated into the city is up to 260 million [3]. Urbanization is the comprehensive sign of the level of modernization development. Integrated into the city, enjoying and constructing the urban civilization are the new citizens'

pursuit and responsibility, but the key lies in new citizen faster and better integrated into the city, to better survival and development in the city.

Facing the large number of rural population enter into the city and become new citizens, savants, based on the characteristics of different types of new citizens into the city launched their own research, for example, for the land-expropriating-urbanized-people integrating into the city, Ye Jihong (2008) found that the main problems are urban employment, social intercourse, social psychology, identity, etc[4]; Zhong Zhangbao, etc (2009) argues that the main influence factors are urban mainstream exclusion, insufficient of knowledge and skills, the lack of social support, etc[5]. For migrant workers integrating into cities, Zhong Deyou (2010) points that there are three difficulties; low income level, high threshold into the city and take part in social security[6], Yang Feng(2011) believes that it exists four big barriers ---the household registration system, the concept, social capital, human capital[7]. For college graduates integrating into the city, the main trouble is the employment problem. Of course, some scholars have a study on the whole, such as Zhang Guiwen (2013) argues that urban comprehensive carrying capacity is insufficient, especially the employment capacity of small and medium-sized town in the Midwest is insufficient, and the instability of employment, low income level, these are the main dilemmas to promote the migration of the rural population [8].

The problem of New Citizen integrating into the city, are both a macro issues that related with the urbanization process smoothly, and a micro problem of every new citizens in urban survival and development; are both a macro problem that need the innovation of urbanization strategy and a micro issue of New citizens' own effort; are not only an economic problem, but also a social problem. Throughout the results of research that scholars studied, we undoubtedly come to different conclusions from different angle which also have their own practice instruction value. However, the author thinks that studying the deep factors to restrict their survival and development after them enter into the city from the microscopic perspective of the New Citizens are the field which every new citizens and all level government, all kinds

of social forces need to pay attention. Therefore, this article studies the deep and fundamental Constraint factors that the migrants integrates into cities from the micro perspective of new citizens, and then put forward the routing selection which new citizens make a breakthrough. The "New Citizen" in this paper refers to the population that they have not been well integrated into the city, they may be just come into the city for the first time, or they has a long time in the city but has not yet been received by the city.

## 2. The Restricting Factors of New Citizen Integrating into the City

### 2.1. There are Two Factors Restricting New Citizen Integrating into the City

Entered into the city and survival and developing better, the new citizen is mutually affected and constrained by two factors: one is the Urban-developing-Ability; the other is the Urban-living-Ability.

#### 2.1.1. The connotation interpretation

Urban-developing-Ability refers to the ability that new citizens obtain jobs and develops their careers, which the core is professional development ability; it is showed occupation skill, professional ethics, professional quality, professional judgment, professional competition, professional choice ability and consciousness, and so on. Improving the Urban-developing-Ability, make the new citizen having wider development space. The improvement of Urban-developing-Ability, On the one hand, could make new citizens obtaining more economic income, which directly provide the economic basis of their city life; on the another hand, make new citizens gaining a greater sense of achievement, enhancing their city confidence of life, improving the quality of living in cities.

Urban-living-Ability refers to the ability that new citizens construct the Social Network and obtain Human Relations support in the big system of urban social relations, the core is the capacity to expansion and optimization in the social circle, it is showed that new citizens contact with the city-people and obtain their respect, help city-people and get their help, construct the city civilization and enjoy it, and so on. Improving the Urban-living-Ability makes the new citizen adjusting themselves to the city lifestyle and ways of communication, to directly promote their adaptation and improvement of city life, and getting the psychological support, and recovery of physical and psychological, to support and promote their development in the city.

#### 2.1.2. The distinction to the concept of the two factors

First, Urban-developing-Ability and Urban-living-Ability are the two deep restricting factors that new citizens integrate into the city. At present, the scholars found that the low levels of employment, less income and shortage of knowledge and skills are the obstacles, which the

deep-seated reason is the insufficient of Urban-developing-Ability, they can not obtain or gradually find the jobs with higher income, thereby they are excluded in the narrow work space, and go into a vicious spiral; and these are the lack of Urban-living-Ability making it, such as the backward ideas, exclusion of urban mainstream social, absence of social capital, difficulty of identity manifest, obviously, New Citizens are incapable of entering into and enlarging the city life circle and the urban social intercourse circles, so they can't get more new support, and were confined to the original circles with little change and incompatible with the urban civilization.

Second, the two factors cross each other but have its own emphasis. The core of Urban-developing-Ability is the ability of profession developing, and the kernel of the Urban-living-Ability is social intercourse ability, The career development can enhance social intercourse, and social interaction can promote the career development. For residents who have been well integrated into the city, the two abilities may have blended each other; for new citizens, the promoting both Urban-developing-Ability and Urban-living-Ability can expand the urban survival and development space. This paper distinguish the two factors to, expect the new citizens families focus on this, such as someone focus on career development, some make efforts in the city intercourse, then new citizens will be faster and better integrated into the city.

### 2.2 The Benign Interaction of the Two Restricted Factors Promote New Citizens Well Integrate into the City

The Urban-developing-Ability and Urban-living-Ability are influenced, promoted and restricted each other. On the one hand, the Urban-developing-Ability is the foundation and carrier of Urban-living-Ability, its missing or weakening will directly limit of cultivating and improving Urban-living-Ability, the Urban-living-Ability lacked of Urban-developing-Ability will not has the space of putting it to good use of the platform; The Urban-developing-Ability is the power of the Urban-living Ability, improving the Urban-developing-Ability will open a new space for the new citizen's city life. The Urban-living-Ability, on the other hand, is a home and support to the Urban-developing-Ability, its improvement not only can make new citizens to better survival and enjoy in city, eventually integrate into the city very well, but also can effectively promote their Urban-developing-Ability, because the process to improve Urban-living-Ability is also the course of their social capital increasing. Social capital is a social resource which embedded in networks[9]; is a kind of anonymous capital that formed in the social interaction, its main form is the network, trust and norms within the certain social space[10]; is a person or family owned by relatives, friends, colleagues, or neighbors relation network, etc[11]. The urban social networks of these people of college graduates, rural migrant workers and land-expropriating-people, etc, is relatively narrow, just rely on one of the few relatives, classmates,

villagers, which can provide very limited help, even some information with the blindness and disorder, so the new citizens are very difficult to have a more comprehensive and systematic understanding of the overall employment situation, making them find a job for a long time, cost much, and low level employment, less income[12]. Based this, it plays an important positive role on anti-poverty that establishment and expansion their social capital, improving the New citizens Urban-living-Ability and increasing their social capital can further expand the city's survival and development space.

By the benign interaction and improving together of the Urban-developing-Ability and the Urban-living-Ability, the new citizen's survival and development in the city are showed a basic stepwise trend, which promote the new citizens in the city step by step towards better prospects. (Figure 1)

Early integrate into the city, because of not familiar with the workplace, professional skill low and specialized quality unrevealed, the choosing space of New Citizen's career is not big, the ability of their professional development is weak. If not finding a job as soon as possible, their survival is a problem, or exit the cities or become the "city poor", their Urban-Development is impossible.

After a period of time, with getting jobs, increasing income and life being guaranteed, the new citizens began enhance their Urban-living-Ability, start to associate with the city-people at work or in life to get information of new job,

therefore, their Urban-developing-Ability and Urban-living-Ability gradually improved. With the two factors promoting each other, the new citizen's survival and development in the city are obtained ideal boost. This is a fairly long gradual process; there are still some risks of "life down" and "development limited". If it is not gradually improved and developed their Urban-developing-Ability and Urban-living-Ability, the new citizens could stay at a low level, not well integrated into the city, enjoy and construct urban civilization.

Finally, the new citizens' survival and development in urban go into the ideal state, because they have better living conditions and environment, their professional development and incomes are stabilize, they are living and working in peaceful; Or they have a better city life, hope to develop their own cause, make a greater contribution to the city and society.

Therefore, the improving and benign interaction of Urban-developing-Ability and Urban-living-Ability are the key factors of the new citizens integrate into the city. No increased Urban-developing-Ability, it will be impossible that the new citizens adaptive and improve their urban life; No increased Urban-living-Ability, it will be face to many restrictions that they develop in city.

### 3. The Routing Selection of the New Citizens Integrate into the City

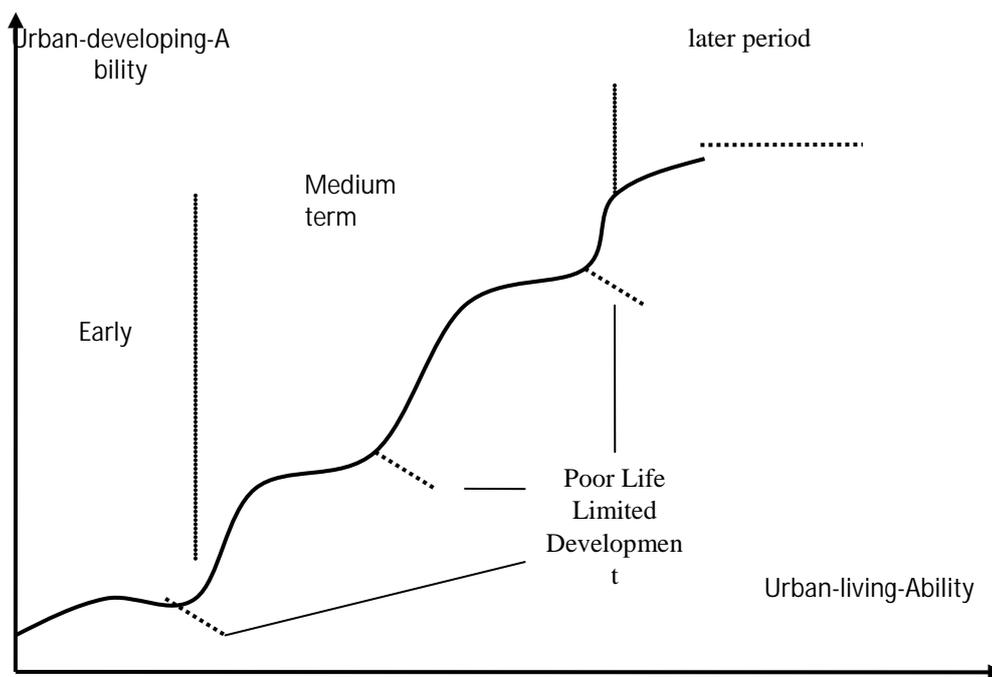


Figure 1. The Ideal Model of New Citizens' Survival and Development in City

Based on the above, this paper argues that the new citizens, to better and faster integrate into the city, should pay attention to the following three path selections and elevate it gradually.

### 3.1 Start from Basic Jobs

The International Labor Organization points out that in the *global jobs agenda*: Work is the core of the people's life and work is the way that people could integrate into society, realize oneself and hope for future generations [13]. The entering into the city shortly people of college graduates, rural migrant workers and land-expropriating-people, etc, lacking of relevant professional skills, are difficult to have enough bargaining power in the job market. If they are not unfit for a higher post, they should be willing to take a lower one in his work. So, they ought to start from the basic jobs, from some jobs not demanding technical, survive first, then make efforts to move forward again, training skills on the job, expand horizons, and grow; at the same time, they must construct and expand the communication network in order to obtain more development information, prepare and accumulate for the new development.

### 3.2 To be Employer or Employee

Set up one's own business is a good choice for new citizens to integrate into the city. It is an international experience of the world today which takes various measures to encourage and support the disadvantaged doing business, because it can help them to get rid of the weak position, in turn, onto the road of development[14]. First employment then startup or startup then obtain employment, the new citizens should consider the following details:

(1) The economic basis. If the person's economic foundation is weak, it is appropriate that they work first;

(2) The professional consciousness. If they have a strong sense of entrepreneurship, have sensitive judgment and grasp the market opportunity, can look for the good of entrepreneurial projects, have certain ability to raise funds, they can choose entrepreneurship development; conversely, it is better to choose a job first .when you have a certain technical ability and management ability, they should consider the entrepreneurship.

(3) The economic environment. When regional economic develop rapidly, presenting many market opportunities, they can think about the entrepreneurship, on the other hand, working hard.

(4) The entrepreneurship support. When the government's support of entrepreneurship is larger, having more preferential policies and entrepreneurial social atmosphere thick, that they do business is appropriate.

### 3.3 Make the Cause Bigger along their Own Goals

Entering the city at the first time, for a living, the new citizens have to do some not high technical content and not

like jobs, but this is not a long-term solution. The crux of the problem is that you should have dreams, have ideals, you would be carefully and try to do business, and then, hopefully, you can gradually out of the woods and get development. Therefore, the new citizens should pay special attention to the following three aspects.

#### 3.3.1 Strengthen the Awareness of Learning

When it is in the time of solve the problem of food and clothing, you don't be limited to earn money, but also gradually increase awareness of success step by step, improve the quality of owns ability and incorporated into the content system of your life. They may lose more opportunities to earn money in the short term, but in the long run can earn more. Because learning is a kind of ability, subject to the education, must be into school, must do apprentice and cost much. This capital has been spent and seemed to have been implemented and fixed on the learner's. These talents, for his personal nature are part of the property, to the society of which he is part of the property [15].

#### 3.3.2 Being Talent Based on the Post Training

Knowledge comes from practice, post practice skills. Talent is be certain directivity and be a specific area of talents, and is by no means empty talent. The new citizens must gradually find suits own position, avoid too frequently change jobs, especially the big difference jobs, they should be based on specific jobs, accumulate knowledge, experience, skills, and for the new development. American workers Winston, a humble responsible for car cleaning, repair and refueling workers, in his post for more than 70 years, until the day he died of heart failure in his sleep so far, more than 70 years of work, he only have a day off, that's when his wife died, in addition, he has never been late arrival, and to this end, the President awarded him the "employee of the century" special praise, Transport for Los Angles name after him the road which he service[16]. Visibly, when the new citizens to find suitable jobs, bears hardships and stands hard work, perseverance, even humble, they also can live colorful and make a career.

#### 3.3.3 Summarize, Inspirit and Learn Yourself

New citizens initially do the work of mostly bitter, tired and dirty. Because tired, so it is easy to work out during the day, night fall bed asleep. Day after day, year after year, new citizens still in the low-level positions, not promotion, tired yet, no much money, development is limited too. On the contrary, if they can squeeze some time and energy, to summarize and reflect on working practice, the operation of the feeling of success or failure, at the same time to strengthen the corresponding supplementary study of theoretical knowledge, soon they will work on improvement and innovation, and obtain own quality and ability enhancement, they can do big business at the working position, or do own business big at the right time.

## 4. Conclusion

In short, the new citizen not only should take the first step in enter into city early by putting down the figure, finding a job as soon as possible in order to entering the workplace, but also they must pluck up courage, accumulate their Urban-developing-Ability and Urban-living-Ability to obtain more stable jobs, a better career and life. This is the realistic paths that not only the new citizens choose to integrate into the city, but also the all level governments and relevant social forces to focus on.

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