



Driving the Change of Governance System

International Association to Change the World



## **MANIFESTO ABOUT CORRUPTION**

### **International Day Against Corruption December 9th**

In the International Association to Change The World, we have written this Manifesto with the purpose of clarifying the nature of corruption. We make it public on this day, December 9th, which the United Nations has declared as the International Day Against Corruption, in recognition that it is a serious problem that exists in every country in the world. Tomorrow, December 10th, the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is celebrated. It seems that the United Nations indicates that human rights are the answer against corruption, because if something has been common in any type of system of government throughout history, that is corruption.

We can define corruption as the illegitimate use of power or as the abuse of power. Some authors point out that it pursues a private benefit, but this idea is too restrictive.

We can highlight the systemic corruption of the others. Systemic corruption exists when the public sector has as a priority that a minority takes advantage of the majority, for their own benefit.

In the West, democracy replaced the regime of the nobility / Church, although there were some dictatorships in between or even to replace democracy, during some periods in some countries. It is often said that democracy meant the abandonment of authoritarian regimes. It is also said that authoritarianism is the most corrupt regime, due to the lack of rights and legal security, among other things.

However, the reality is that abusive regimes are maintained (Abusecracy). Therefore, democracy has not served to eliminate systemic corruption in any country in the world.



About systemic corruption we must do some reflections:

- It can only exist if it is supported by the majority of public authorities.
- In order to exist, there must be a habitual violation of the laws, at least of human rights, by the public authorities. This situation makes it clear that the State of Law does not have the function of defending laws, but has as a priority social control to maintain this abusive regime and avoid rebellion.
- For this corruption to exist, it is necessary that public authorities have IMPUNITY. The IMPUNITY of the public authorities drives towards the corruption of these and toward the kleptocracy.
- This corruption drives toward the conversion of institutions into the most dangerous and declining organized crime that, by its power, we can call metamafia. Therefore, we can say that public authorities are mafia.
- To ensure the survival of these privileges, public authorities do not confront powerful people and companies. On the contrary, they favor them, from the three public powers and with public money. In this way the Crony Capitalism is created that eliminates the rules of the market, obstructing entrepreneurship and innovation.
- Public money is used to buy votes, illegitimately favoring more and more minorities to the detriment of the majority. This clientelism has made societies more and more unfair. It has made the State grow by making it confiscates more than half of the income of the majority of workers.
- Money and public powers are used to corrupt the social sector which is the only alternative to this authoritarianism.
- The appearance of the confiscatory macro-State and the existence of tax havens, drives towards the informal economy, increasing the injustice of current societies.

With the crisis, the macro-state has exceeded 50% of GDP in the European Union and 40% of GDP in the United States and Japan, replacing post-capitalism or capitalism for public capitalism. The Crony Capitalism plus this public capitalism, have created economies of centralized planning, like the communists, whose result is the economic and global decline.



The last reflection should focus on other more serious events, if possible, that come from an official document of the European Union:

*For the first time in the recent history of Europe, the fear has spread that children today will enjoy a lower standard of living than their parents' generation. We live today in the age of insecurity.* (Report to the European Council of the Reflection Group on the future of the EU in 2030, May 2010).

In this regard, we must do three observations:

1. The current generations of young people from rich countries are living worse than their parents and it is foreseeable that future generations will live even worse and more enslaved by the system.
2. How is it possible to live worse, when the business world every day creates more wealth? It is evident that the increase in the poverty of the people is due to the increase in the enrichment of the macro-State, which uses public money to the detriment of the standard of living of the majority.
3. It is necessary to remember the dystopias that imagine the worst of the future or the works that speak of the decline of the West.

We are in a historical moment in which we are ending the history of power, centralized and abusive, which has always existed and still remains in the machinery of the Macro-State and international organizations.

The constant increase in corruption means that human rights are less and less met every day. At the same time, the constant increase in the defense of human rights means that the possibilities of ending corruption grow every day.

Are we approaching a post-democracy era or the era of the greatest slavery?

**We all make a worse world, but more and more people are involved in changing it, although they tend to lack adequate guidance.**

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