

The extremist squad of Bolsonaro



The far-right president of Brazil, Jair Bolsonaro, stands out for his eccentric conservatism, as do several of his ministers.

One can only look at the Brazilian Education Ministry, from which the radical Abraham Weintraub left, and now Milton Ribeiro is taking over.

The first of them proposed taking those he called “scoundrels” to prison, referring to the members of the Supreme Court, who have been in conflict with the Brazilian president. Weintraub was considered one of the key men in the so-called 'cultural war' waged by Bolsonaro, aimed at liberal ideas.

He himself confessed hating the concept of indigenous people and gypsies, then, left his position, now occupied by Milton Ribeiro, the fourth person to serve as Minister of Education.

Ribeiro is the third evangelical pastor in Bolsonaro's team, with a high reactionary tendency and promoter of teaching in schools through punishments.

In the Ministry of Justice, the ex judge Sergio Moro also resigned. He elaborated the allegations to prosecute former President Luiz Inacio Lula Da Silva.

Moro, who faced Bolsonaro and accused him of political interference in the police department, was replaced by the Presbyterian pastor André de Almeida, another example of an intolerant religious position that surrounds the Brazilian president.

But the most significant scandals came from the Ministry of Health. Among the resigning ministers in Bolsonaro's administration, two of them belong to the health portfolio -- Luiz Henrique Mandetta and Nelson Teich, who had a number of disagreements with the president.

Oddly enough, the solution to fill the gap was found by Bolsonaro, when appointing the inexperienced general Eduardo Pazuello as the new Health Minister.

Mandetta left office while declaring his concern about the government's handling of the health crisis. He went further and predicted that the death toll in Brazil would exceed 100,000 -- which has almost reached that number which the current toll at 82,800 deaths.

Such results match the behavior of the president, who calls COVID-19 a "flu" and laughs at the masks. Bolsonaro, who said he was infected and takes hydroxychloroquine which is not recommended by scientists, leads a ministerial squad in which you may find both eccentric and ultra conservative characters.

The course that's being taken is as dark as the beliefs defended.

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