

Nostalgia for Europe's repudiated Common Position



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Conservatives in the European Parliament have consistently vilified Cuba. Attuned with the backward Republican Party in the United States and Cuban-American extremists present in that Congress, the right wing in the European Parliament seeks to suspend the European Union-Cuba Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement.

Thus, they oppose the European Union trend that rejects the U.S. blockade against the Caribbean nation and that has left behind the so-called "Common Position," encouraged by a former Spanish leader.

The EU also rejects the extraterritorial connotation of the Helms Burton Act because it harms the interests of European businessmen with investments in the island.

This is definitely not in the conservative's interests, in spite of rehearsing speeches that they describe as democratic, that still highlight a narrow and questionable vision of the way in which citizens' prerogatives are fulfilled.

If it is a question of offending the elementary rights of the individual, these people in the European Parliament should bring Washington's blockade to the table.

Or perhaps they should stop turning a deaf ear to brutal violations in several regions around the world. They are only focused in crusades against Cuba, and have turned their backs to the massacres carried out during the national strike in Colombia.

Nor have they reviewed the denunciations of the existence of hundreds of detainees in Chile after the social outburst of 2019 which qualify as political prisoners.

Avid defenders of free speech, so they say, reactionary legislators that have their own seats in the European Parliament surely pretended to ignore the brutal defamatory press campaign against one of the candidates for the presidency in Peru, and only to justify their progressive ideas.

The problem is that all methods, no matter how wicked they may be, are valid to manipulate the realities of some people and governments that do not follow patterns decreed in a certain northern country.

Such double standards and selectivity, as well as the lack of objectivity and impartiality in the alleged supervision of human rights, reveal to Cubans that the promoters of hostile initiatives against the Caribbean island in the European Parliament are clearly politically motivated.

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