

Danger in sight



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The Spanish extreme right-wing party Vox has a marked obsession for Latin America and the Caribbean where it is trying, it is not known whether on its own initiative or by order, to influence electoral processes by giving oxygen and space to politicians with ideas similar to its own.

To this end, he has armed himself with a document pompously called "Carta de Madrid", perhaps thinking of the old colonial regime when ideas and regulations came by ship from that city, seat of monarchic power.

In that paper, Vox creates a geographical framework to exert its influence, the "Iberosphere", a non-existent concept that would include Spain, Portugal and our region, which shows that they have not yet fully understood that we are independent and sovereign on average two centuries ago.

This party, created by Santiago Abascal, who was a lifelong militant with José María Aznar, managed this year to get several Latin American politicians to sign the aforementioned charter, which commits them to fight tooth and nail against communism and socialism in the name of private enterprise.

It did not always go well, since in Mexico he managed to commit the National Action Party, but the angry reaction of many militants, perhaps frightened by Abascal's racist and xenophobic positions, forced the coordinator of the PAN, Julen Rementería to declare that it was a personal initiative.

In Brazil, Vox feels at home thanks to the current government and its excellent relationship with Eduardo Bolsonaro, son of President Jair Bolsonaro, who in turn is intimately linked to Steve Bannon, remember him, that friend of Donald Trump who wanted to unite the entire European extreme right?

You can see how the paths begin to coincide. In February 2020 Abascal made a trip to the United States and met with entities of Trump's party, among them the Heritage Foundation, the International Republican Institute, and the American Conservative Union.

Upon his return, he created in Spain his own "think tank" called Disenso, whose financing is still a mystery, with which he organizes events to give a voice to his Latin American allies.

One of the last ones was attended by the Chilean ultra-right-wing José Antonio Kast, now in second place in the polls for the November 21 presidential elections, whose rise is worrying not a few in that brother country.

So did the Argentinean extremist Jorge Milei, whose party "La libertad avanza" achieved in the recent primaries 13.6 percent in the city of Buenos Aires and 7.41 at the national level, not insignificant results.

I will return to the subject in future commentaries, friends. Until then.

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