

The new European nazification

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Recently Andrés Piqueras, professor of Sociology and Social Anthropology at the University Jaime I of Castellón, Spain, published an interesting article entitled "The renazification of Europe continues its steady pace", where he calls for reflection on events that affect us all.

Specifically, the author alerts us in his text, reproduced in the Chilean portal El Ciudadano, about how a current of thought structured on racism, xenophobia, fear of the unknown or what is different, as well as a fierce anti-communism, is already reaching us.

That which until a couple of decades ago was a threat, today is a reality with the rise of the extreme right, neo-Nazi in most cases, which occupy the spaces abandoned by progressive forces.

"When almost all of the left (with the exception of some more or less minority feminism, ecologism and resistant communism, above all) have renounced to exercise the anti-capitalist struggle, the most barbaric versions of capital boast of being "anti-system", he pointed out.

The difference lies in the fact that the conception of "system" used by these groups is substantially different from the one traditionally known.

For them "system" is not the capitalist mode of production, but the electoral game it provides, manipulated, corrupt and supposedly directly responsible for the misery, abandonment, exploitation and lack of opportunities for the majority of people, Piqueras pointed out.

The neo-fascism of the 21st century disguises itself as "democratic" -like Milei in Argentina or Meloni in Italy- and is capable of enchanting, as they are already doing, the impoverished and marginalized masses.

The scholar adds that the neo-Nazis currently in power or fighting for it, such as Viktor Orban in Hungary, the aforementioned Meloni, Abascal in Spain, or Marine Le Pan in France, do not propose to do absolutely nothing against big capital or to contain the power of the United States.

On the contrary, Andres Piqueras maintains that a reborn Europe is necessary, indispensable, to maintain and extend the cycle of war dynamics to which big U.S. capital is leading the planet.

A truly democratic Europe could not accept these degrees of war-economic submission, the author argues.

At the end of the day, I think, this reborn Europe is nothing more than one more variant of the principle expressed by Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa in his novel *The Leopard*, that "if we want to go on living as we have been, we must begin to change".

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