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## Latin American returns

State Department officials are restless: songs are heard again that the dominant regional sectors thought were perimid and forgotten.



The right wingers of Latin America and the Caribbean are beginning to show their confusion, discomfort and turmoil.

Election results from Mexico, Bolivia, Peru, Honduras and Chile suggest a new continental wind.



The bad news experienced by the sectors associated with the US embassies in the region adds to a recent defeat: the extreme interventionist violence, represented by Donald Trump, failed to defeat or humiliate Venezuela, Nicaragua or Cuba.

Their think tanks and the financial corporations that subsidize them also warn that they will suffer other scourges during 2022: Colombia and Brazil foresee elections in which their right-wing candidates do not seem to be the favorites.

Imperial logic had different phases during the twentieth century. He combined direct invasion with the empowerment of the armed forces of each of the countries to carry out coups.

He formed repressive squads. He was educated in torture. It imposed fratricidal logics and enabled genocides.

The School of the Americas forged, by dint of internal repressions, a model aimed at preventing countries located south of the Rio Grande from freeing themselves from their role of subalternity and dependence.

His Democrats and Republicans forgot throughout the century their institutionalist paraphernalia, their speeches

He violated all schemes of liberal democracy in the name of the free market and promoted the end of history when he believed that he had broken all popular resistance.

By the beginning of the twenty-first century, the game of the inauguration of Hugo Chávez in 1999, Washington analysts were surprised by the emergence of a new Latin Americanist wave. Its climax was in Mar del Plata in 2005 when Néstor Kirchner, along with the Venezuelan president, challenged George Bush (son) confirming that there would be no American integration with an imperial seal. That chapter went down in history as the "No to the FTAA," and it was a historic diplomatic debacle for the State Department's usual arrogance.

The first 15 years of the century we went through generated hopes for Latin American regional integration. Washington took note: it initiated a strong offensive by its intelligence community aimed at articulating the mass media (usually oligopolistic) with various judicial operators.

What was invasion, coup d'état or interference became a media-judicial persecution. Manuel Zelaya, Lula, Rafael Correa and Evo Morales were victims of this offensive planned by US officials.

Three years ago, the local partners of transnational companies, their executives and the referents of speculative investment funds thought that they had recovered Latin America for their strategic interests, for the next 50 years.

However, the unsubmissive capabilities of resistance surprised the planners of strategic control.

One of his most conspicuous spokesmen, Mario Vargas Llosa, verbalized it shamelessly in recent days: "We are losing Latin America."

In the coming years, the corporate and financial north will criticize any initiative aimed at uniting the Latin American peoples and will try to prevent the development of deeper relations with the People's Republic of China and Russia.

Multilateralism will undoubtedly be one of the obligatory options for the new stage. Washington will develop extortion models aimed at preventing such linkages. The lucidity

of the leadership will consist of building the bridges that financial capitalism restricts to generate the essential disconnection from the logic imposed, currently, by Joe Biden.

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We're coming back.

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