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## "It": Neo-McCarthyism in sight

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Years ago, in 2015, the Florida Senate approved the carrying of weapons at the state's public universities.

Despite the fact that almost half of the students are on medication and not a few suffer from psychological imbalances, accentuated by culture and the natural crisis of age, the wise elders of the Senate considered that, if each one is armed, everyone will feel safer. For that of "*the land of the free and the home of the brave*", who do not dare to travel abroad because they can not sleep without a weapon under the pillow. Perhaps, for that very reason, in each generation, hundreds of thousands are sent with equipment and high military technology to "those shitty countries."

In 2021, the same Senate passed the bill requiring students and teachers to report on some ideological bias of their professors. Contradicting an earlier law that prohibits someone from recording another person without their consent, the new law allows (encourages) the recording of teachers' classes so that they can be denounced (not in public but before the authorities) for some "ideological tendency" (*bias*). Of course, the ideology of others, not that of us in power. It is no longer enough that the boards that govern universities are not elected by students and professors; it is not enough that (as "communist President" Eisenhower denounced it) large corporations direct much of the investigation with "generous donations" that rectors beg every day to build beautiful buildings and pay "salary increases" that do not even cover inflation.

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More? This year, 2022, Miami Republican politicians (including a former Cuban mayor and a Cuban representative from New York) have proposed creating an ideological police, in the best KGB style, to detect and prosecute those suspected of being "communists": "*a new position in the State Department [to] combat communism and authoritarianism... [A] Special Envoy to Combat the Global Rise of Authoritarian Socialism and Communism would be inspired by a similar position at the State Department ambassador level that was created in 2004 to combat global anti-Semitism.*"

They failed to add that the project is inspired by McCarthyism and the ideological persecutions of the FBI since the 50s: persecuting characters like Chaplin, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, Frank Teruggi, Noam Chomsky, John Lennon and so many others.

The former mayor of Miami clarified to the press: "*It is time for the United States to reaffirm its commitment to fighting communism and authoritarianism around the world. As the leader of the free world, we must continue to uphold the universal values of freedom, democracy and peace.*" Really, it's not.

More? Recently, the bill has been raised by which it would be prohibited in schools to talk about people with rare sexual orientation, such as gays and lesbians. The bill is known as "*Don't Say Gay*" and would prohibit any mention of the existence of "them," so Walt Whitman, Oscar Wilde and Tennessee Williams would become suspects in any literature course. Alan Turing will be banned from any computer course. Booklets where you kill en masse, yes. Princesses who wake up by the kiss of the saving prince, yes. Beating your chest because we are a culture that defends *diversity* and *freedom*, yes. Recognize that there are different people and may have the same rights as us "normal ones", no. The only difference between these people and the Taliban in Afghanistan is that on this side there is still resistance: us and the dangerous lesbian communists.

Now what's new? On April 19, 1950, the *New York Times* reported on Senator Joseph McCarthy's dogma: "*In recent years, sexual perversion has infiltrated our government and is as dangerous as communism.*" McCarthy had convinced the notorious FBI director, Edgar Hoover, to go after all gays and lesbians, considered "a threat to national security." On April 29, 1953, President Eisenhower signed a decree prohibiting all homosexuals from working for the government.

Hoover hired a man of McCarthy's confidence, Roy Cohn, to fire all homosexuals from government and any other type of work or, directly, send them to jail for their crimes against morals. Cohn was gay, an acquaintance of Hoover's, an assistant to McCarthy and later a lawyer for real estate entrepreneur Donald Trump, when he was accused of racism in 1971 and then in 1978 for preventing blacks from renting in his buildings. Roger Stone, a strategist for Trump's 2015 presidential campaign, met Cohen working for Ronald Reagan's campaign. According to Stone, "Cohn was not gay. She only liked to surround herself with blonde people and have sex with men. Gays are weak, effeminate. He was more interested in power." Hoover, the FBI director for decades, was also gay. His partner, Clyde Tolson, accompanied him, in secret, until his death. But under that power, thousands lost their jobs for not being heterosexual enough, since, according to them, gays and lesbians, like blacks, professed the communist ideology of equality.

Even today, U.S. citizenship tests continue to include the question "*Have you ever belonged to the Communist Party?*" Not a word about the Nazi party, the Ku Klux Klan or similar fascists. So does the new Miami bill.

Now, how do you avoid looking at reality? Recently, several professors lost their jobs citing historical documents that included the word "*black*," even though they did so to denounce racial violence throughout history. Even serious researchers have avoided (*just in case*) transcribing that whole word in their books and opted for "N\*\*\*\*". It doesn't matter if until recently Martin Luther King, James Baldwin and Malcolm X used it in every speech.

But? In Tennessee, Spiegelman's *maus* comic book has just been banned because it includes some profanity and the drawing of a. The book is a classic in its genre about the memoirs of the author's father, an Auschwitz survivor. The same Puritanism that in 1921 censored the original English version of *Joyce's Ulysses*.

But? Several states have legislated to prohibit the review of official history, prohibiting the study of what is known as "Critical Race Theory." This includes [\*The Wild Frontier\*](#). Conservatives love to call any theory they dislike "theory," such as the Theory of Evolution. The *Theory of Creation in Seven Days* would not be a theory, but a fact.

The strategy is clear: if you *don't* talk about it, *it*, that doesn't exist. As a consequence, *this* is perpetuated, as in times of slavery, by the very will of the victims. It is clear that power will always hate "intellectuals." His speeches, like those of the Latin American oligarchy, were written by the CIA in the 50s. Among these simple ideas, one was summed up by President Nixon: "*I will never agree with the policy of taking power away from the military in Latin America. They are centers of power subject to our influence. The others, the intellectuals, don't.*"

As always, all this garbage will reach Latin America in one form or another. After all, they are still colonies proud of their freedom.

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