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Indissoluble association of the Argentine right with U.S. geostrategic interests

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The U.S. State Department and its Argentine partners are united by love and fear.

Alberto Fernández's tour motivated the furious and concurrent reaction of the two forces that have been repressing, for more than a century, the overcoming of the vicious circle that perpetuates indebtedness, productive stagnation, inequality and poverty. The first of these forces has institutional residence in Washington. The second is currently clustered around the alliance entitled Together for Change.

The synchronous positioning of both collectives, propagated by local and international chains, exhibits the deep and underground concurrence between the permanent interests of the United States with those shouted by local concentrated groups.

The State Department and its local partners are united by love and dread. The unfathomable love of the neoliberal system that enables them to maximize capital without having to deal with regulated financial systems. And the horror of any sovereign position that tries to challenge the structured geopolitical designs that allow the proliferation of fiscal lairs and the geopolitical control of the United States.

Both love and dread are difficult to disguise. Both usually leak in lapses and / or gestures not foreseen or controlled: last Monday, February 7, former Foreign Minister Jorge Faurie

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maintained – before one of the several media tribunes change – that the scarves used by Alberto Fernández and his Foreign Minister Santiago Cafiero in China evidenced the return of the "red rag". The former diplomat, captured by the mistrust and tyranny produced by the horror, did not realize, as a frequent panelist of La Nación+, that the garments used by the Argentine delegation had been given by the hosts of the Winter Olympic Games. In fact, it had the logo of the contest at one end.

What Faurie expressed in a euphemized way is the permanent dread of the diversification of international relations raised by Fernández, in continuity with the national and popular tradition inaugurated in the twentieth century by Hipólito Yrigoyen. From the perspective of change, the priority diplomatic relationship must be aligned around Washington's demands. In that sense, any alternative course – without the explicit consent of the State Department – poses a danger of civilizational rank.

That is the primary reason why the President's statements in Moscow were challenged in unison by several of the spokesmen of the local corporate entente. Mauricio Macri, terrified, came to characterize Fernández's statement as "an error in international positioning [that] can be economic ruin and even endanger the peace of the country and the region." The catastrophism regarding the war hypothesis, included in the last segment of the assertion, could not be deciphered, even, by his closest advisers and confidants.

The panic at a possible loss of the geopolitical compass of the domestic right was also evident in the conference given by presidential spokeswoman Gabriela Cerruti last Thursday, when she was forced to unmask the journalist Cecilia Devanna, commissioned by the media trifecta to sow alarm and diffuse the dread among her captive public: in a *lapse* typical of his deepest indignation, he even asked the spokeswoman if the Argentine government was going to question or differentiate itself from president Fernández's considerations made in Moscow.

The frightened considerations regarding Argentina's closeness to two of Washington's greatest adversaries had precise antecedents during the neoliberal four-year period that began in December 2015. As soon as Macri took office, obeying a request from Ambassador Noah Mamet, it was decided to paralyze, discontinue or restrict the

agreements signed with the People's Republic of China during the government of Cristina Fernández de Kirchner.

Between 2014 and 2015, the construction of two nuclear power plants had been agreed with Beijing. The first of these had been designed to reproduce the CANDU technology, which the national nuclear industry dominated, given its previous experience, accumulated during the construction of the Embalse plant. This possibility was spoiled due to the repeated delays generated during Macrismo. However, the Conatos cambiemitas did not achieve their ultimate goal: the conventions remained active thanks to patience and Eastern imperturbability. Currently, the provision of Hualong-type plants, of Chinese technology, whose construction is expected to be relaunched during this year, is planned.

Northern orders

A similar situation occurred in relation to the two hydroelectric works located on the Santa Cruz River, nominated Néstor Kirchner and Jorge Cepernic. Two weeks after taking office, Mauricio Macri received at the Casa Rosada Cristine Mc Divitt – widow of the environmental philanthropist Douglas Tompkins – and Sofia Heinonen, the highest authority of the Conservation Land Trust, the NGO founded by the American Tompkins.

On that occasion, the president asked them about the two dams planned for Patagonia. In unison they replied that "it seemed to them an aberration, that they were going to cause irreparable environmental damage and that they believed that better energy could be produced more cheaply, less harmfully and more effectively." The title of the newspaper Clarín of December 28, 2016 states that "Macri analyzes stopping the construction of the dams of the Santa Cruz River. He anticipated it to the widow of environmentalist Douglas Tompkins."

A week later, the morning in which Macri will eventually become an investor – according to Esmeralda Mitre – joined the synchronized discursive swim: on January 2, 2016, he characterized the Patagonian works as "two shameful dams." The editorialists, associated with the manifest will of the Monroe Doctrine, considered that "the hydroelectric project should be reviewed (...) for it contains too many dark spots and environmental hazards."

Although they did not manage to paralyze the works, due to the validity of the contracts signed with the Asian giant, they managed to reduce by 30% their original planned power.

The presidential tour included a visit to the Russian Federation, where Fernandez made clear the multilateral emphasis that so outraged local propagandists. In April 2015 Julio De Vido, as Minister of Planning, had signed agreements with the Russian Federal Space Agency to cooperate in relation to space research. The project to build the sixth nuclear power plant of Russian design, based on the VVER-1000 reactor type, with a planned energy capacity of 1200 MW, was also initialed. Both agreements were signed by Vladimir Putin and CFK within the framework of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership with Russia. But they were *freed* and ignored during the Macri administration in explicit collusion with U.S. demands.

Although no state department source (acting) deigned to communicate with those responsible for the synchronized discursive swim, Trumpist Congressman for Florida Matt Gaetz verbalized the horror of the local right articulated by the transnationals. In his speech to Congress, he warned that Chinese financing of Argentina posed a danger to the internal security of the United States, which is why he urged Joe Biden to take action on the matter in the name of the Monroe Doctrine, which postulated the Great Garrote with which the savages of the Western Hemisphere should be disciplined. The Florida representative has been under investigation by the attorney general's office for a few years for allegations of sexual abuse and prostitution of minors.

Vernacular Republicans insist that Argentina "closes itself to the world" when it diversifies and expands its international ties. At the same time, without blushing, they consider that any link with Washington or with its geopolitical partners is open. They function almost as staunch defenders of the State Department's interests.

In structural terms, it happens that their colonial identity articulates them and gives them security. He associates them in an affinity based on distant genealogies and flags that are not his own. They dream of living in a country that is not their own and at the same time despise the one in which they accumulate their wealth. In this interstice, the fear is born that summons them, in a restless way, to feel a deep distrust with any bilateral or

multilateral link that is not endorsed by the central headquarters of their consciousness, with precise headquarters in North America.

They are united by empathy for a land that offers them fiscal lairs. But even more they are united by a much more incarnate and violent feeling: the horror for all reminiscence, however small, of the popular, the sovereign and / or Latin American.

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