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## *What are we talking about when we talk about Democracy?*

### *Some ideas about Communication in Democracy... Democracy in Communication*

... a revolutionary democracy that puts an end to so much discursive and demagogic stereotype to give rise to all generations of intelligent men and women who, in addition to youth, have armed themselves with democratic and revolutionary ideas. Another Democracy is possible.



It is easy: if Democracy does not express the social will sufficiently informed, debated and agreed from the grassroots; if it does not make its funding and organisational procedures

transparent; if it does not consult openly and create self-criticism and permanent audits; if it does not have revocation of mandate, effective, at all levels... it is very similar to the bundle of controlling apparatuses that capitalism invented to derail the emancipatory will of the peoples. No matter how many votes the ballot boxes are filled with, it is Bourgeois Democracy. The same one that has us fed up, in the middle of the class struggle.



Some "common senses" say that "the peoples are fed up with political parties", that people are looking for "new formulas" and "different faces", that the peoples want justice and that political organizations do not guarantee any change. That the parties are distrusted by the parties themselves. Very few add that it is a matter of being fed up with hegemonic models and their flawed methodologies, plagued by landowners of bureaucratism. Very few delve into an autopsy of bourgeois democracy, which clearly exhibits its organs in accelerated decomposition, its toxic induced disinformation, its ideological salads and its mafia pragmatisms. Your trade with the votes.

For bourgeois democracy there are no ethical limits, anything goes in exchange for ensuring the provision of servile and eternal politicians, well trained in the trade of safeguarding the business of the rich and experts in collecting the honeys of power for

their own enjoyment. Anything goes and, for that, they make laws with proven ambiguity and lingual foundations. Everything is worth and for that they form their experts and specialists awarded with scholarships, positions, demagogic tinsels and haloes with virtue of legal tender. They convince the world that politics is the business of a few who really know how to handle the threads of influence and favor peddling, of the trafficking of canons and perks... of all types of traffic. Elite politics for the most servile elected. Even with votes bought at any cost and in any way. The main quality of bourgeois democracy is disinformation induced in a cage of very profitable mirages.



### Servile party

They have the means and the modes. They have their "newscasts" and their advertising and propaganda agencies. They have their "image consultants" and their "focus groups" where they rehearse and authorize phrases and gestures, scandals and slanders. They have their "situation rooms" where they segment the electorate (with mercantile methods) and study their purchasing power, their preferences and their shortcomings. They study hunger, despair and misery to turn them into pieces of extortionate verbiage that barter fallacies for votes in a political reality harassed and without democratic solutions, seriously. And they buy or sell this model of political usurpation as if it were the paradise of modern Democracy where the histrionics of hatred, spastic reformism, cynicism elevated by the rating are worth more... than all the heartbreaking dramas, which the vast majority of human beings are suffering, under the accelerated rigors of the class struggle. Some "lefts" and "progressivisms" drink from the same chalice. Someday Democracy must be subjected to the scrutiny of an open and popular debate.

Accompanying such a predatory hell are copious currents of "anti-politics", disguised in the most unimaginable narrative garments. Netflix is the champion of the demoralizing story where everything that sounds like a collective, critical and organized solution – to combat the bourgeois model of power – goes on to be discredited with one and a thousand scenic gadgets. Everyone who sounds like politics is corrupt by definition and the only "outlets" are individualistic. And, as well as that audiovisual ideological business, we suffer from many other formats, sometimes transvestited as "newscasts", "debate programs", "podcast", "memes", "chat" ... Andanadas of peleles, with very different facades, for the unique discourse of the bourgeois Democracy that does not admit other definitions or practices. That is a scenario of struggle against the ideology of the ruling class.

Another Democracy travels the world. It goes around the neighborhoods and factories questioning bourgeois democracy and offering really encouraging and effective participatory experiences. It proposes to overcome the representative and move to the participatory with procedures decided by the consensus of the bases in permanent debate. It overcomes the bourgeois ambush of "representation" that ignores the social mandate and fundamentally modifies the method of turning action into active critical participation against all demagoguery. It consolidates a new policy, because "It is not the same to speak of democratic revolution as of revolutionary democracy. The first concept has a brake, like the horse: it is revolution, but it is democratic. It's a conservative brake. The other concept is liberating, it is like a shot, like a horse without brake: Revolutionary democracy, Democracy for revolution." Hugo Chavez insisted.



Such a revolutionary democracy has, as a principle, the nourishing force of diversities. Not abstract diversities or ambiguous polysemys, but the historical symphony of the many ways of being and being in reality. The diversity of needs and work, of voices and listeners, of rights and wills. Fighting bourgeois democracy is insufficient if a program for revolutionary democracy where the popular will is not exhausted in the quantitative is not opposed. Where equality is not exhausted in the discursive, where transformation is not exhausted on surfaces. Revolutionary democracy is going to the bottom... to the root. No more reformist bureaucratism with corrupt privileged.

Democratize everything. Production tools and production relationships. Democratize organizations for the production of knowledge, politics, arts, sciences, education, housing, clothing, health. Democratize factories and workshops, classrooms and museums: let the working people rule in everything that belongs to them historically: valleys, seas, lakes, mines, mountains and forests. May the working people rebuild, with revolutionary democracy, their forms and methods of organization and represent only those who ascend from the consensus of the bases, rigorously obeying what the democratic revolution commands.

It is true that we are not happy with bourgeois democracy and it is also true that that democracy is not the only possible or lovable one. It is true that we are fed up with the inventory of faces, verbiage and manias reproduced by eternalized politicians, but it is also true that this can be changed with a revolutionary Democracy that puts an end to so much discursive and demagogic stereotype to give rise to all generations of intelligent men and women who, in addition to youth, they have armed themselves with democratic and revolutionary ideas. Another Democracy is possible.

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