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## *Neomedievalism, the problem is the freedom of others*

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Let's start by repeating something that's decades old: the definition of "pro-life" is not only deeply hypocritical but assumes that pro-abortion movements are "anti-life."



Neither those who define themselves as "pro-abortion" consider an abortion to be a good or fun thing but, in special circumstances, a lesser evil, the result of structural, social, cultural and individual problems.

In this sense, we can say that the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States against the right to abortion in special circumstances (left to the discretion of the states) is just one more stop on the way back to the Middle Ages. It is not only a cultural change (most likely, a reaction to a progressive movement of greater historical scale, towards the expansion of "equal freedom") but, as always, part of a strategy that protects the economic micro minorities, which at some point will be the center of conflicts and demands of the new generations. They know this and need to distract from the problem by creating political combos where their political-economic programs go hand in hand with some popular god or some fanaticism of private morality, rooted in society. In the Anglo-Saxon, Protestant world, that element must have something sexual and puritanism. The war crusades that leave millions dead in the name of Christian love are fine.

Last year, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, the leading contender for the White House in 2024, made headlines with the decision to ban history and math books that *referenced Critical Race Theory* and any other questioning or revelation about his country's endemic racism in

elementary and high schools. In the same way, he managed to pass the law known as "Don't Say Gay", according to which the young people of this country can talk about wars, drugs and rapes, but not about the mere existence of strange people, a little different from us. As they, the rare, do not get into our private lives, we get in and legislate on theirs turning them into taboos that not only destroys the psychology of young gays, lesbians and transsexuals but puts our heterosexual children back in the damn repressive cage and feared of toxic machismo that we suffer.

In the same direction and direction is the Supreme Court. Although never openly acknowledged, the Supreme Court is a highly political body, which is why every time one of its nine members dies or retires, a desperate battle begins in Congress to appoint the new justice according to his ideological orientation and based on disputes about his sexuality or other distractions. Most of its members (6 in 9) were nominated by conservative republican party presidents. Five of them elected by Presidents George W. Bush (2) and Donald Trump (3), both arrived at the White House after losing the popular vote in the general election and thanks to an electoral system that was designed to protect the slave system of the sparsely populated (by whites) but powerful South in the nineteenth century.

Powerful for his fanaticism. That same one who in June 2020 confronted with a militarized police force a peaceful demonstration of black citizens protesting against the racism of the police and six months later, on January 6, 2021, confronted with sticks the white neo-Confederates, armed to the teeth with firearms, another tradition of the fearful and feared slave south, with the objective known to the FBI of carrying out a coup d'état by storming Congress and preventing the confirmation of the new Democratic president.

This power based on "special rights" of a group that is largely composed of the admirers and self-victimized Confederates and white supremacists, the only group that put in real danger the existence of that same country that they now claim to defend like no other. The same ones who fill their mouths with patriotism and strategically accuse critics, the essence of any democracy, of being "anti-American."

Ese poder especial de una minoría que asume como un dogma ser mayoría, se encontró con una vacante en la Corte Suprema en febrero de 2016, cuando murió el juez liberal (izquierda, en el lenguaje estadounidense) Antonin Scalia. Correspondía al presidente demócrata Barak Obama nominar un reemplazo el que, obviamente, sería de su línea

política. Los republicanos bloquearon esta nominación por casi un año hasta que el nuevo presidente republicano, Donald Trump, estuvo en la Casa Blanca y pudo nominar al conservador Neil Gorsuch.

El último miembro ingresado a la Corte Suprema confirma este razonamiento. El 18 de setiembre de 2020, a poco más de un mes de las elecciones generales que ganaría Joe Biden, murió la jueza liberal Ruth Ginsburg. Los republicanos lograron nominar y aprobar en tiempo récord a su candidata conservadora Amy Coney Barrett, el 27 de octubre de 2020, días antes de las elecciones.

Debido a esta decisión de la Corte (grupo altamente político y mayoritariamente compuesto por hombres) el CDC, organismo del gobierno, calcula que las mujeres negras sufrirán un incremento del 33 por ciento de muertes relacionadas a sus embarazos. Para miles de mujeres, un embarazo significará una sentencia de muerte.

¿Qué sigue en este camino hacia el Medioevo? Uno de los miembros de la Corte Suprema, el juez ultraconservador Clarence Thomas, lo dejó claro por escrito: “*En casos futuros, debemos reconsiderar todos los precedentes sustantivos del debido proceso de este tribunal, incluidos Griswold [1965, por el uso de anticonceptivos], Lawrence [2003, contra la criminalización de la homosexualidad] y Obergefell [2015, en favor del matrimonio igualitario]*”.

En otras palabras, el veterano conservador de la Suprema Corte afirmó que los próximos pasos hacia este neomedievalismo será prohibir los matrimonios del mismo sexo, criminalizar las opciones sexuales diferentes y el uso de pastillas anticonceptivas.

If we continue along this line of historical regression, we will find that the next step would be the prohibition of divorce and interracial marriage, which was illegal until the Supreme Court lifted its ban in 1967, when Justice Thomas was 19 years old.

Of course, this goal of a converted savonarola could encounter an obstacle. The judge, hero of conservative Protestants, Catholics and white supremacists, is a black man (or "African American", although in fact he is less African-American than white Elon Musk) and is married, in second marriage, to conservative activist Ginni Lamp, a blonde woman, member of the Tea Party and founder of Liberty Central and Liberty Consulting.

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Photo: Protest against Supreme Court ruling against abortion rights

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