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The cynicism, arrogance and deceit of a corrupt president with a fascist tinge like Iván Duque who leaves an exhausted Colombia

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Colombia, certainly, is the country of magical realism. Their reality is *Macondian*. After historically dealing with opprobrious and corrupt governments, some of them characterized by their frivolity and stupidity such as that of Andrés Pastrana Arango (1998-2002), he has had to endure the misfortune of having elected a bland president like Iván Duque Márquez, who during his four-year term that ends on August 7, in addition to

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servng as a puppet of the questioned and unrepresentable former president Álvaro Uribe Vélez, it broke all boundaries of cynicism, corruption and brazenness.

Duque is another of Colombia's presidents who dishonored the dignity of his high office. He goes through the back door, punctuated by serious accusations of administrative corruption, of total disconnection with the citizens, of contempt for the popular sectors, and of having arrived at the House of Nariño thanks to [the links of his shameful political sector, the uribismo, with drug lords](#).

He reached the Presidency of the Republic thanks to the fact that his father was an obsessive correveidile of a sector of the Colombian narco-right such as turbayismo, whose maximum leader, former president Julio César Turbay Ayala (1978-1982), had him in high positions of the State. Hence, his offspring, who is a few days away from completing his disastrous administration, has had as his mentors two rascals of Colombian politics: Juan Manuel Santos, first, and Uribe Vélez later.



Without any experience and with very little intellectual baggage Duque Márquez, a neoliberal and ultraconservative with fascist overtones, exercised the functions of his four-year term with the sole aim of benefiting the Criminal Colombian elite and large transnational capital at the cost of sacrificing the guarantee of the fundamental rights of the population. Their bad government leaves a country exhausted. All management

indicators indicate this. His government plunged the country into poverty: today it leaves more than 21 million in penury. More than seven million Colombians do not have the capacity to pay for their daily diet. It crossed the Peace Agreement signed in 2016 with the FARC insurgency and insisted on making it "torn to shreds", as evidenced by the deadly figures: 930 social leaders and 245 former guerrillas who had rejoined society, murdered.

A speech of shame

"Sow winds and you will reap storms," he says to the popular adage that applies perfectly to what has been the terrible government of Duque and that could be seen in the shameful speech he gave at the installation of the Congress of the Republic, last Wednesday, July 20. First time in history that a President of Colombia is booed several times in the legislature. "Liar, liar," the congressmen who took office shouted repeatedly.

Duque came out of Congress very badly and with his image on the ground, after a provocative speech that irritated and outraged the majority of parliamentarians who listened to him.

The division in the enclosure was so notorious that a presidential speech as controversial as the one given by Iván Duque is not remembered. Boos, languid applause from the Uribe caucus and the generals of the Public Force, shouts, interruptions and a whole excitement at what was, for the congressmen of the Historical Pact led by President-elect Gustavo Petro, the closure of the disastrous government of a president who turned his back on the country and who boasted of events that did not happen and intangible achievements.

EL PAÍS QUE ENTREGA **IVÁN DUQUE**

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<p>Tasa de Desempleo Global 11,2% (DANE, Abr-2022)</p>	<p>Desempleo Juvenil 21,3% (DANE, Abr-2022)</p>	<p>Alta Informalidad laboral 44,7% (DANE, Abr-2022)</p>
<p>Población trabajadora desafiliada del Sistema Pensiones y del Sistema de Salud: 43,2 % y 7% respectivamente (DANE, 2022)</p>	<p>Aumento del gasto FFMM y Policía (el más alto en Latinoamérica): 3,4% del PIB = 41,9 billones (PMD de Duque, 2018-2022)</p>	<p>En el gobierno Duque se han presentado 231 masacres con 877 víctimas. (Indepaz, 2020-2022)</p>
<p>Aumento de la percepción de corrupción: calificación 39/100 con 327 casos = \$18 billones (Transparency International, 2021)</p>	<p>Aumento de la Pobreza (Monetaria, extrema y Desigualdad Gini): 39,3%, 12,2% y 0,523 (DANE, 2022)</p>	<p>Record histórico de la deuda externa en el gobierno Duque 172.790 millones de dólares = 48,8% PIB (BanRep, 2022)</p>
<p>Devaluación récord 43,5% del peso Colombiano respecto al dólar (The Economist-Portafolio)</p>	<p>Mayor inflación de las últimas 5 décadas: 9,23% (BanRep, 2022)</p>	<p>Desaprobación de la gestión del presidente Duque subió a 73%. (Invaer, Feb.2022).</p>

In short, Duque's speech during the installation of the Congress was the faithful reflection of his disastrous four years of government: disconnection, indolence, ineptitude, shamelessness, pride and ego. He squandered his last chance to speak frankly and showed that he never lived up to the needs and reality of the country.

Without the slightest qualms, Duque began by saying: We have delivered!, and then began to list what for him were the most important achievements of his administration, but which rather resembled the description of a fantasy country in which everything works perfectly. He had no qualms about maintaining that during his administration "he has provided more land to the peasants of Colombia," which earned him the opposition in an angry way shouting at him: "liar!"

In addition, and with absolute brazenness, he said that he has provided all the necessary support to the transitional Special Jurisdiction for Peace (JEP) and the Truth Commission,

intentionally ignoring that his campaign was made around the promises to "tear up" the Peace Agreement, and that being in power he sought by all means to torpedo the normal functioning of these organizations, created as a result of the Havana dialogues

His brazenness did not stop there. He cynically said that during his tenure "we acted by providing more than 88 percent of the leaders of our communities with guarantees for their protection." However, the figures show quite the opposite. According to the organization Indepaz, during this government not only 930 leaders and human rights defenders have been killed, but also 261 massacres have occurred, not counting the rate of forced displacement.

Another of the lies was to say that women have been protagonists of this Government, because it breached parity, there was no significant representation and did not waste an opportunity to go against the legalization of abortion.



Duque leaves with 70 percent disapproval, punctuated by serious corruption scandals, booed, without listening to the opposition – as has happened in previous years – believing that he was the best president of a country that only existed in his head and being the protagonist of one of the darkest chapters of the tragic and sad history of Colombia.

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