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## Ukraine, four theses

### *The Weltanschauung of an autocrat.*

Upon the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt on April 12, 1945, Adolf Hitler rejoiced. He regarded the death of the American president as the beginning of the end for what he believed to be a weak alliance of divergent and circumstantial allies, the same rare alliance that in just over two weeks would defeat Germany and force the once powerful *Führer* to commit suicide. I imagine Vladimir Putin's joy at the resignation of the tenant of *No.10 Downing Street*. -Superior joy would have seized him if the far-right Marine Le Pen had won, and not the former socialist militant and today socio-liberal Emmanuel Macron, the French elections-. Boris Johnson has led, alongside the US, this rare and weak alliance of divergent and circumstantial allies against Russia. The autocrat has always despised democracies: proud of his unlimited – and undisputed – permanence in power he mocks those to whom the alternation dictated by democracy limits that power. The autocrat boasts that there is no being, law or institution that discusses or restricts power. Hence he mocks those to whom democracy denies such a lack of immunity. The autocrat – given his unlimited stay in government and the total concentration of authority in his exclusive hands – has a lot of experience. Everything is easy and expeditious in an autocracy: there is no Parliament, Senate, Congress or Assembly that denies, amends or discusses something; Any law to respect; Institution to which to render accounts or media or public opinion - lawfully expressible - that opposes. If any opponent rises, the autocrat suppresses him. For an autocrat anything is possible. Easy. Expedite. Licit. And it is that the autocrat is everything *per se*: Parliament, Law, public opinion, Press, Civil Society. The infallible Holy Spirit. An autocrat is everything. Hence the autocrat mocks

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democracy. Mock and consider inferior to those who are elected to exercise - temporarily and within the periods provided for by the national law in question - the power according to the periodic and freely expressed general will. An autocrat always considers! -it is a very pure phenomenon of social telepathy- that He and Only He embodies the national will. In Him it is concentrated. He is – from another rare phenomenon of modern transubstantiation – the People. Remember the Nazi maxim: *ein Volk, ein Reich, ein Führer*. (1) An autocrat is always ultranationalist. Remember that other Nazi maxim: *alles für Deutschland*. (2) An autocrat always considers! despicable to democracy. Hence Vladimir Putin considers that he will emerge victorious from that terrible error of judgment that was his rude and antediluvian invasion of Ukraine. For Vladimir Putin, a multipolar world is one in which not only the US and NATO can concoct reasons to invade or bomb nations: so can Russia! Perhaps he considers that the same macabre right is held by China. Hence he declares that the unipolar world is dead. An autocrat admires another autocrat with the same force with which he despises a social democrat. Hence the delight with which the Kremlin publicized at the beginning of the war the photo of a sobering and threatening Vladimir Putin hieratically sitting in front of a small and insignificant Emmanuel Macron located at the far end of an aseptic and very long table to, days later, publicize -with identical delight- a photo embraced and smiling next to that other troglodyte who is Jair Bolsonaro.

### ***Irresolute versus Reckless.***

Some 30 nations have sent military aid to Ukraine since Feb. 24. These shipments have been led by 4 nations: USA, Great Britain, Poland and Germany. But... Let us ask ourselves: can the West really assume that Ukraine is capable of withstanding the furious onslaught of thousands of tanks, armor, artillery pieces, aircraft and missiles of one of the most powerful armies in the world with 18 French *Caesar* cannons; a few *Howitzers*; 14 *HIMARS*; a few dozen American *M777s*; a few English *M270 MRLS*; 20 Turkish *Bayraktar*, a few Australian *Bushmaster* armoured vehicles and less than a dozen German *Panzerhaubitze 2000* self-propelled artillery teams? Spain intended to send a few dozen old German *Leopard 2A4* tanks to Ukraine – manufactured in 1987 – but never received German approval. Poland wished to donate old Russian *Migs-29s* – those that in front of modern *Sukhoi-35* are just flying coffins – and NATO and the US opposed it. When it comes to the delivery of heavy weapons, those that really count -

not *Javelin* or *Stinger* missiles - armored - other than old *T-62* or *T-72* of the Russian era - aircraft and long-range missiles, deliveries have been non-existent. If you advertise the amount of military aid in \$ Usd... it seems high. Today's sophisticated military equipment is highly expensive. A German *Leopard 2A6*, for example, has a cost per unit! of €8.5 million. Only 12 armored vehicles of that class would mean more than 100 million euros. Not counting the ammunition. A single HIMARS unit, a system *manufactured by Lockheed Martin*, has a production cost of \$5.6 million. Not to mention the very expensive ammunition. If military aid is measured in quantity and type of military equipment, it is extremely derisory. The EU and NATO do not wish to provoke Russia. They have made this known. Accordingly, they do not provide Ukraine, the country under attack, with what it needs to defend itself. Any state could withstand the devastating invasion of a powerful army – such as the Russian one – with the delivery – not infrequently delayed – of a few dozen teams. What Ukraine has done so far is not only heroic but very astonishing and admirable while being extremely embarrassing for Russia. If what is happening in Ukraine were not sadly dramatic, it would seem that the EU, NATO and the US are mocking. A country invaded, bombed and missileized on a daily basis is not provided with weapons with which to defend itself from the aggressor country. Emmanuel Macron talks about not humiliating Putin – who humiliates them all!-. The Germans deepen dalliances - with someone who without dalliance blackmails them daily with oil and gas! - They all talk about not provoking an aggressor - who from the beginning does not hesitate for a minute to provoke them all!-. In 1938 no wish was to provoke Germany and Daladier and Chamberlain were able to give Hitler Czechoslovakia. Today the EU and NATO do not wish to provoke Russia: will they be able to give Ukraine to Russia so as not to suffer the ungainly and frigid winter that lies ahead? The specters of Daladier and Chamberlain roam Europe today. Putin knows this and plays at dosing oil. To cut off the gas. To prevent the departure of cereals from Ukrainian ports. To flood the world with hunger. That the Euro loses all its value. For inflation to grow. To invoke the specter of recession. That energy prices have a new ceiling every day. It plays, in purity, to increasingly endanger the life of the European *bon vivant*. Putin is counting on the European *bon vivant* not to resist and take to the streets. He is counting on the European *bon vivant* – in the interest of safeguarding its welfare state – to demand that their respective governments abandon Ukraine. If Vladimir Putin achieves that Ukraine will be offered in holocaust. It will be occupied, dismembered and destroyed. Soon the EU or the US may ask Ukraine to agree to lose the Dombass – or whatever, as they once stood by in the face of the Russian

occupation of Crimea – in the name of what they will undoubtedly call "*world peace*", the "*economic, energy and financial balance of the world*" or "*saving the planet from hunger*". When that happens a megalomaniacal and ultranationalist autocrat, afflicted with severe inferiority complex, alpha male infulus, Machiavellian and devoid of all ethics will dictate the destinies of the world. It will not be the multipolar world: it will be the Putinpolar world: Putin will not stop at the Dombass nor will he be content only with Ukraine. It will be the right to invade and bomb that any powerful will agency for the sake of resolving the dispute that they want. And the fault will lie with the West and the US. If they were not willing to stand up decisively to an amoral, reckless and very shrewd madman to tie they must first negotiate with the madman of tying.

### ***The advantages of the autocrat***

Someone may ask: have the trade and financial sanctions designed and applied by the EU and the US acted like boomerangs to only harm their architects, as the *Kremlin's feverish Tsarevich* has repeated and makes his followers repeat? No. Of course. Russia may stagger from the blows but no one will say so in Russia. Economics and finance in democracies are open topics of discussion. Indicators and figures are announced publicly. In the case of an autocracy – such as the Russian one – it is secret data or manipulated at the whim of the autocrat. An autocracy enjoys many advantages over a democracy. In an autocracy the press belongs to the autocrat: consequently, it only publishes praise for the autocrat and his system and silences everything that may affect him. To this end, there is in Russia the *Roskomnadzor* - Federal Service for the Supervision of Telecommunications, Information Technologies and the Media - a service that ensures that such media reflect only! whatever the modern Tsar pleases. In an autocracy the autocrat owns the Law: consequently, laws are dictated with which anyone who holds the opposite of what He holds is punished. In an autocracy there are no more economic, financial, commercial or social data than those that favor the autocrat. In an autocracy, the bonanza is rampant by decree of the autocrat and happiness *spreads ipso facto* by similar decree. In an autocracy there are no more encuestas than those that it allows and are related to the autocrat. In an autocracy if the autocrat maintains that all is well... for *halleluyah!* and also *abracadabra*, and *davai*, and *jarachó*: all is well! Unbeatable! It's the best of all possible worlds. In a democracy, the opposition publishes texts or rises in the media, bids in periodic elections to come to power, debates with the ruler of the day or confronts and denies it in

Parliament. In an autocracy whoever dares to oppose it is imprisoned, goes into exile or is duly disappeared. Hence, for example, Bernie Sanders and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez have a seat in the US Congress; in Spain, Vox militants are not imprisoned; in France Marine Le Pen has just contested the presidency of that country; in Greece the neo-fascists of Golden Dawn take place in the Hellenic Council while in Russia Alexei Navalny is imprisoned, others have gone into exile and a group of wretched dissidents have been unfortunately poisoned. In a democracy, power is reached by free periodic elections in which among many the people elect one, perhaps, by 51% of the votes with abstention, say, of 22%, one that in turn will be removed later from power by new periodic elections or given the loss of parliamentary support - as has just happened to Boris Johnson in Britain. In an autocracy only the autocrat who is elected *ad aeternum* by strange unanimity contends without Parliament, election, Institution or Law ever reaching to deprive him of confidence and... of course, there is no such strange phenomenon that in democracy is known as abstention!

***The alexithymia of a certain left or the philia with autocrats.***

A large part of the world left has justified or supported the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The dislate has reached that there is no shortage of those who maintain that Putin had the right to execute his invasion given that the US already accumulated many. The left since 1917, this is since the so-called Russian October Revolution, has been characterized by manifesting a very rare philia for autocracies that commune or favor that ideological sign. Leninism and Stalinism were then accepted autocracies. Praised. Defended. In our day this can be called - to paraphrase Lenin - *the senile disease of leftism*. The left of this new century must disregard all autocracy, it must fully defend the precepts of contemporary democracy and deepen them!, it must protect the inalienable respect of all rights – not only of a group of them – and ... go further! A left alien to the above is not left. The left cannot be autocratic, anti-democratic or oblivious to respect for the entire *corpus* of human rights recognized today. Something basic to understand by the international left rests on the axiom that the enemy of my enemy is not – by mere *default* – a friend. That Russia is fighting with the US, the EU and NATO for world domination does not make Russia acceptable. The international left cannot ignore that today's struggle between Russia, the US, China and the EU – to which each side adds its respective circumstantial allies and their respective circumstantial fallacies – is a struggle for imperialist domination of the

world, a struggle in which military on one side or the other, support one or the other, justifying the misdeeds of one or the other is ethically unacceptable. It's very embarrassing. It is dishonest. It is alien to Humanism. To the Truth. To what is considered Just. All imperialism must be rejected: so must Russia. Every invasion must be condemned: so must the Russian one. Any attempt to achieve world hegemony must be condemned: so must the Russian. All militarism must be condemned: so must Russian. Any violation of international law must be condemned: so must the Russian one. The left cannot call "coup d'état" the movement that overthrows a government that is related to it and "popular revolution" to the movement that overthrows a government that it does not like. The left cannot call an opponent a "fascist" simply because he is an opponent. The left cannot combat the fallacies that came from the media dominance of the right with the fallacies that it makes appear in the left-wing press. The left has to privilege the Truth. Honesty. Ethics. Humanism. Respect for the Universal Charter of Human Rights. To International Law. To sovereignty, the territorial integrity of nations and the principle of the peaceful settlement of conflicts. The support of the international left for the misdeeds of the Tsar and Alpha Male of the Kremlin comes from that rare – and already antediluvian philia – by autocracies and support for anyone who is said or rises as an enemy of US and European imperialism. A man of the left cannot support any wrongdoing, he cannot support autocracies. I could not apply the same double standards that it condemns when they are employed by the international right. It cannot condemn one imperialism and support another imperialism. It cannot condemn one invader and support another invader. It cannot denounce that bombs and missiles dropped by some kill children while silencing the murder caused by bombs and missiles launched by others. That discredits and stains and muddies and disavows whoever does it. And if it does, the left – sadly – discredits and stains and muddies and disavows the left!

Let's *leave realpolitik* to governments. The international right can lie. Be amoral. Be dishonest. That's what the right is for. Intellectuals – at least those on the left! – must be dignified, honest, fair, respectful of all rights, and... ethical!

**Notes:**

(1) *A people, an empire, a warlord.*

*(2) Germany above all!*

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