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Three powers in conflict

Biden chose Russia as antagonist instead of China

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The imprecise North American drift of recent years in the field International seems to have no end. As you will recall, Donald Trump took some important decisions at this level during his term as President. Probably the most relevant were the constraint of trade relations with China, which dented ties pre-existing between both countries, and the cancellation of participation of the United States in the *Transpacific Partnership*, which was something of an emblem of the burgeoning development of the globalization, with its market fundamentalism without geographical limits nor politicians and their unrestricted free trade. To which should be added his country's withdrawal from the *Transatlantic Partnership*, whose construction was in process. All of which was congruent with what was the main slogan of his electoral campaign: America First (*America First*).

Joseph Biden, for his part, changed his approach. This was evident in an interview he gave to George Stephanopoulos, chief Washington correspondent for ABC News, on March 17, 2021, in which he was dispatched at ease. Among other things, he said that at the end of January of that year he had had a telephone communication with Vladimir Putin in which he told him: "I know you and you know me. If I establish that this happened, then be prepared." He was referring to the probable Russian meddling in the presidential election of November 3, 2020, which would have sought to favor Trump. As is well known, Biden won, who was catapulted to the White House, despite Trump's tantrums and the aggression of his followers to the Capitol.

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The interviewer then asked the new President if he believed that Putin was a murderer, to which Biden responded with a terse "yes." And he assured that he would "pay a price" for what he did. Of course, the A novice inhabitant of the U.S. presidential house – though not He said in the report – he was convinced that they had existed. Russian electoral manipulations in favor of its antagonist.

In early April he announced measures against the Russian government, including the expulsion of ten diplomats for allegedly intending to Intervene in presidential elections. It also sanctioned several Russian companies applied to technological development allegedly by provide assistance to the cyber program of the intelligence of your country. Immediately afterwards the European Union expressed its its solidarity with the United States.

Now, before what has just been stated and very few days after his assumption as President – January 20, 2021 – he ordered, the February 2, that two powerful American cruisers entered the Black Sea: USS Donald Cook and USS Porter, both with a powerful missile arsenal. In April, military flights of Recognition on the aforementioned sea. At the end of June, the Sea Breeze manoeuvres and naval air exercises, also at sea Black, which gathered a large number of ships from NATO countries and others like Ukraine, and warplanes. He thus fulfilled with what he had announced to Stephanopoulos.

Interestingly, up to that point the United States and its allies they were also at war in Afghanistan. Only on August 14 began There the withdrawal, which ended on the 30th of that month. There was a clear rush for setting in motion and developing the challenges of Washington, NATO and other partners towards Russia, which took the form of an incitement or a boast. It was clear that Biden was passing on to Putin the bill that He had anticipated him in the conversation held between the two in March. As is known, the provocations in the Black Sea continued, the Talks between the two leaders held at the beginning of 2022 They failed and then the war broke out between Russia and Ukraine, still in course, which by delegation foisted on Putin the great power of the North and other countries of the Atlantic Alliance.

Biden and China

Clearly Biden changed the main antagonist with respect to the chosen one. for Trump: Russia replaced China. But it did not escape the current U.S. President the importance of competition both economic as geopolitical with Beijing that Trump had established.

The current inhabitant of the White House put into action the so-called AUKUS (acronym for Australia, United Kingdom and United States), Alliance formed in September 2021

with the purpose of marking presence and operate militarily in the Indo-Pacific region. Then came Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan, which broke the tacit agreements negotiated quite some time ago between Washington and Beijing regarding non-interference and overreach in what is referred to that island. The Chinese response was angry and mobilized in retaliation, as will be recalled, a wide air and naval deployment over the Strait of Formosa.

Today, fortunately, things have changed a bit. Biden and Xi Jinping held a face-to-face meeting on November 14, in Bali, which lasted three hours. Not much has transpired. Biden appreciated the possibility of "managing differences to prevent competition becomes conflict." Xi, for his part, urged "finding the right direction" for the benefit of the bilateral relationship of both powers. He added, "The world has reached a crossroads... and hopes that both countries can properly manage their relationship." The two leaders stressed the convenience of avoiding any kind of conflict between their respective countries. Biden even He mentioned the possibility of mutual cooperation. And there were coincidences in preventing the use of nuclear weapons in Ukraine. So far it was about An exchange of good manners. But there were also a variety of issues on which they disagreed. Among others, Xi mentioned that Taiwan was the first red line that should not be crossed between the two countries, a subtle criticism of Pelosi's visit to that island. Transcended also, that they talked about North Korea without finding majors Coincidences beyond enunciating some mutual concern regarding its tendency to increase its nuclear weapons. In short, it could be said that the relationship softened a bit compared to the tension that had unleashed the unrestrained attitude of the President of the House of Representatives of the United States.

Final

Some analysts have indicated that the current relationship between the great Northern power and China reminds us of the so-called trap of Thucydides, which refers to the next passage of his *Peloponnesian War* (fifth century BC). He says there: "It was the rise of Athens and the fear that it was. he instilled in Sparta what made war inevitable." Obviously, it is China that rises today, while the most powerful and at the same time wary is the United States. It is curious, however, the circumstance that the world is going through. On the one hand there is a war ongoing between Russia and Ukraine, which is assisted by the United States and NATO. And on the other there is also a confrontation of the great power. of the north with China, although Biden minimizes it in his eagerness to go for Russia.

This scenario, in short, does not agree with the phrase of Thucydides. Simply because there is not one antagonism but two, as discussed above. With the aggravating circumstance that the three countries concerned possess numerous and terribly destructive atomic arsenals. From which arises a mutually assured destruction if these weapons systems are appealed to, which is why there is a tendency to inhibit their use. Thus, the aforementioned trap – which, incidentally, has not been mentioned by the Athenian military, historian and politician but inferred by some of his readers – falters in the cases of the great powers. Something is something.

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