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*The U.S. empire exhibits great problems, disintegration, decadence, organized greed at the top and institutionalized fear monopolized by a few politicians... We must have an alternative, said political philosopher Cornel West in an interview with The Internationalist.*

The dispute over the future of America's increasingly imperfect and deteriorating democracy remains on the brink of a precipice, and the prognosis for its political health is guarded.

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At present, the U.S. empire exhibits great problems, disintegration, decay, organized greed at the top, and institutionalized fear monopolized by a few politicians. We have a situation with neo-fascism on one side and neoliberalism on the other. We must have an alternative, argues political philosopher Cornel West in an interview with *The Internationalist*.

For sociologist Frances Fox Piven, a veteran academic / progressive activist of reference for several decades, the most dangerous moment in this country was not overcome in this last election. "I don't think this struggle over elementary democracy is over, for any reason. The United States was quite advanced on the road to becoming a fascist country (before this last election) and may even become a fascist country," he said in an interview with *The Guardian*.

For journalist (Pulitzer Prize) and analyst Chris Hedges, no longer there is salvation within the existing political structure in the United States. United. "The bipartisan project of dismantling our democracy, the which was carried out over the last decades on behalf of the Business and the rich, has left only the outer shell of the democracy. The courts, legislatures, the executive branch, and the media... They are captives of corporate power. The coup d'état Business has already happened. They won. We lost," he concludes in an essay on ScheerPost.

"The rubble of this neoliberal project is appalling: wars endless and futile to enrich a military industrial complex... the deindustrialization... the cutting and privatization of social programs, including education, public services and health... police Militarized... The largest prison system in the world... elections saturated with money that perpetuates our bribery system legalized..." It stresses, as Chomsky and others have repeated, that System allowed the richest one percent to appropriate \$54 trillion of the bottom 90 percent between 1975 and 2022, according to a research of the prestigious Rand Corporation.

Emphasizes that the fertile ground of our political destruction, economic, cultural and social generated a range of neo-fascists, swindlers, racists, criminals, charlatans, theorists of the Conspiracy, right-wing militias and demagogues who will soon take the power, and reaffirmed that this democratic decline has no political remedy within the current bipartisan US scheme.

For some, the struggle for the democratization of the United States has to look for new and old compasses. Fox Piven points out that an alliance between social and electoral movements has always been required to change the course of American history, on the one hand social forces that burst in by refusing to cooperate with the current system and, on the other, electoral proposals to implement the necessary changes.

For his part, West believes that "people are looking for an alternative to neoliberal order in the United States and its manifestations International... Internationalism is the starting point... Not yet We have a larger proposal that offers a program and a platform progressive, internationalist and left-wing", and recommends as a First urgent step to bring together the anti-war and anti-war movements on the Climate change to make the fight against ecological catastrophe go Together with the condemnation of militarism and predatory capitalism.

Resistance against the forces of neo-fascism continues in the United States United, but it is worth repeating that it requires more than ever the solidarity of their counterparts on the other side of their borders and coasts.

Jimi Hendrix, rebel, who was born this day in

1942. *Angel*. <https://open.spotify.com/track/2I14CRglrAX93shSeSjYzM?si=10f2ea6eee5b4fe2>. When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace, he said (perhaps quoting ancestors).

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