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Total war, and the shames of "the West"

A degenerative capitalism is increasingly difficult to develop productive forces. In fact, it is already a brake on general social development. Therefore, it also reduces by leaps and bounds its ability to promote "well-being" and "democracy".

There are no formulas to recover the stable paths of increase in the rate of profit, productivity, capital formation and employment, much less how it could combine these growths with a runningaway climate stress, the manifest depletion of materials and fossil energy, as well as the saturation of planetary sinks, among other dramatic elements.

Faced with this, the transnational capitalist class desperately seeks speculative and parasitic-rentier ways (what has been called "financialization of the economy") to extract profit at the expense of the population, and to make money a fictitious source of profit. It is also increasingly opting for destructive, warlike exits, in what can be conceived as a desperate global militarized form of preservation of privileges over societies, territories and resources.

I already pointed out in this same medium [[Capitalism in collapse. Geostrategy of chaos \(Part I\) – Rebellion](#)] how those conditions translate into a generalized *geostrategy of chaos*. I will recall here some of the points of view and the whys of such a deadly option, in addition to delving into its forms of expression.

The described militarization of international relations translates into a ruthless and relentless global offensive against what could be the embryo of another possible world. That embryo is embodied by China, but the "Western" harassment also against Russia has pushed both countries to form a very hard pair to gnaw. Today they exercise the only two world counter-dynamics of recovery of political-state sovereignty in the face of the global development (or globalization) of degenerative capital. China, as the main emerging power, is trying to build a form of *internationalization* that is beginning to detach itself from this globalized degeneration by virtue of a multipolar energy-productive and commercial network. An entire economically integrated transcontinental area through what is known as a new "Silk Road".

"A Belt one Road" in Chinese terminology would cover, if completed, 65% of the world's population through connections with more than a hundred countries on five continents. It would involve a third of global GDP. It would mobilize a quarter of the planetary goods, assuming something like a kind of "New Deal" on a global scale capable of infusing some more productive life into capitalism, as much as it probably constitutes one of the last possibilities of making a "smooth transition" from it to another mode of production and it remains to be seen if also to a different civilizational model. In any case, and today, in radical difference from what that set of imperial countries that give themselves the name of "West" does, China is weaving with this project a productive-commercial Stability Zone, under the slogan "Make Trade, Not War".

For its part, a Russia that has experienced (although still with many difficulties and shortcomings ahead) a spectacular process of re-sovereignization from the darkest depths of the social collapse to which the fall of the USSR led it, is putting its diplomatic-energy-military power at the service of that project, which it seems to begin to understand as its only way forward. It should be borne in mind that this alliance falls within Moscow's strategy to economically connect Europe and Asia in a super-continent: Greater Eurasia. Project that finally allows Russia to transcend its long history of attempts to insert itself peripherally in Europe, to become henceforth a fulcrum of Eurasia.

Ante todo ello la reacción de "Occidente" ha sido y es pasar a llevar esa ofensiva del caos global a sus últimas consecuencias. En la actualidad EE.UU. -con sus subordinados dando saltitos detrás- presiona cada vez más las fronteras rusas a través de la OTAN,

contraviniendo todos los compromisos contraídos ante la disolución de la URSS (en la Carta de París de 21 de noviembre de 1990, que por un momento pareció fungir como acta de defunción de la “Guerra Fría”), y que pasaban por no extender la OTAN hacia los antiguos países del Este ni desplegar fuerzas de la OTAN allí.

Sin embargo, tras el “Consenso de Washington” para establecer las nuevas reglas del juego mundial contra el Sur Global, tendría lugar la “Cumbre de Washington”, en 1999, en la que la OTAN se otorgaba el derecho a la “guerra preventiva”. Y en la cumbre de Praga (2002) acordó su expansión acelerada hacia el Este de Europa (presionando más y más a Rusia en sus fronteras). Tal “guerra preventiva” sin justificación alguna contra un país que había solicitado su ingreso en la OTAN, está poniendo en alarma tanto al Báltico (e incluso las latitudes polares) como a la Europa oriental. Desestabilizando también el Cáucaso. Pero lo más descabelladamente peligroso de todo es que activa una nueva escalada bélica en Ucrania, de ominosas consecuencias (incumpliendo de paso también los compromisos de París de no entregar armas letales a ese país ni incluirlo de jure o de facto en la OTAN). EE.UU. está abasteciendo de armas a Ucrania, al tiempo que despliega algunas de sus más mortíferos aparatos de combate en la zona, poniendo en peligro a toda Europa en primer lugar y luego al mundo entero.

Similar estrategia lleva a cabo contra China: desestabilización de la zona uigur, incentivación de la tensión en la frontera con India, cerco marítimo de flotas de guerra, acrecentado ahora a través del AUKUS, en el que implica a las formaciones anglosajonas subordinadas en detrimento de Europa, desafío a la integralidad del país asiático a través de la incentivación secesionista de Taiwán. Además, EE.UU. prioriza obstaculizar a cualquier precio la Ruta, para lo que ha emprendido la devastación de países. Intervenciones que Arthur K. Cebrowski, almirante y director de la Office of Force Transformation in the U.S. Department of Defense, concibió hechas sobre “países desechables” a los que había que destruir sus estructuras estatales. El llamado “Plan Cebrowski”, diseñado junto con Paul Wolfowitz y Colin Powell, contemplaba la reestructuración del dominio mundial estadounidense una vez desaparecida la URSS. La adaptación a un nuevo tipo de guerra y un nuevo America Way of War. Se contemplaba también, especialmente, la reestructuración total del “Medio Oriente ampliado” (toda la región de Asia Occidental y África Nor-oriental). Ahí se incluía eliminar del mapa los Estados que fueron aliados de la URSS o que quedan dentro de su zona de seguridad rusa.

A través de ese auto-declarado “Caos Constructivo” que ha pasado por distintas “Doctrinas” pergeñadas por los sucesivos gobiernos estadounidenses desde entonces, se desata lo que ya puede considerarse como una *guerra total*.

Entre las modalidades y componentes de esa guerra, vamos a destacar los siguientes:

Intervenciones militares directas

Las emprende EE.UU. solo o con sus subordinados, como en los casos de Irak, Somalia, Afganistán, Yugoslavia, Sudán y Libia. Contra Yemen lo hace mediante intermediarios (con Arabia Saudita a la cabeza) y aviones no tripulados.

Guerras de cuarta generación o “híbridas

Esta modalidad de guerra aprovecha el descontento real de unas u otras poblaciones o parte de ellas. Descontento que a su vez proviene en gran medida de la imposición a unos y otros países de las políticas de despojo “neoliberales” propias de la globocolonización post-URSS e impuestas por el FMI, el Banco Mundial y demás organismos del Gran Capital transnacional de “Occidente”, especialmente tras el “Consenso de Washington”. Repitámoslo una vez más: combinan el uso de la presión político-económica con operaciones militares en sus diferentes expresiones (operaciones subversivas, actuaciones clandestinas y de falsa bandera, guerra por delegación y proxy-guerras...), incluida la utilización de cuerpos armados irregulares y redes terroristas potenciadas o creadas ad hoc. También mediante la propaganda, la cibernética y la inteligencia artificial... con armamento sofisticado, cuerpos paramilitares infiltrados entre la multitud, con gran capacidad operativa y de incitación de masas, así como de sabotaje o acciones directas; lanzamiento masivo de noticias falsas (sobre políticas gubernamentales, daños económicos o sociales, asesinatos...) que se expanden por la red a través de miles de cuentas de perfiles falsos creadas para multiplicar su efecto; la demonización permanente y sistemática del líder o líderes a derribar y una cobertura mediática mundial coactuante, gracias al control de la mayor parte de cadenas de TV, radio y periódicos, además de Internet, Twitter, Facebook, etc, con las que se lleva a cabo la “fabricación de la verdad” a partir de mentiras sistemáticas y sistémicas, haciendo de la falsedad un arma geoestrategia.

Porque aquí va incardinada también otra modalidad de guerra, la mediática.

Guerra mediática

Forma parte especial de la *guerra total*. Se explica porque nuestros media -que en realidad están en manos de unos cuantos conglomerados mundiales “occidentales”- se alinean de forma más y más subordinada con la ofensiva mediática teledirigida desde la Casa Blanca, llevando a cabo políticas informativas cada vez más parecidas a las que tienen los medios de difusión de masas en eso mismo, en tiempos de guerra.

De ahí que, entre las más ignominiosas vergüenzas de “Occidente” en este terreno se cuente el hecho de que a quien ha denunciado con datos y pruebas (incluso filmadas) todo eso, como el periodista Julian Assange, se le emprisione y torture, mientras buena parte de nuestros media lo ignoran o miran para otro lado (ni siquiera un espíritu corporativo les mueve a denunciar ese crimen). En cambio, sí nos hablan continuamente de Navalni (presentándonoslo como el icono de la oposición rusa, cuando la principal oposición en Rusia es el Partido Comunista), de Guaidó o de Junior, figuras “creadas” por “Occidente” para desestabilizar los Estados díscolos.

Y es que con esta modalidad de guerra híbrida-mediática se han desatado “revoluciones de colores” o, en su defecto, la destrucción de países, los cambios de gobierno (o su intento) y la extenuación de sus sociedades, como en los casos de Georgia, Chechenia, Azerbaiyán, Armenia, Venezuela, Honduras, Nicaragua, Bolivia, Congo, Nigeria, Siria, Hong Kong, las “primaveras árabes”, Ucrania, y ahora también Bielorrusia e incluso las Islas Salomón. Eso para no hablar de la partición de Sudán y del persistente intento de hacer lo mismo en estos momentos con Etiopía.

Guerra económica

As if that were not enough, and to complete this *total war*, we also have economic warfare, another particular form of war practiced by the UNITED States, (which also forces the rest of the world to continue, exercising in turn sanctions against those who do not support it), and which can be allowed to enjoy the "global currency" and the SWIFT payment compensation system. With it it carries out sanctions, blockades, piracy, as well as direct

theft of assets and assets. Today it attacks none other than, among others, Belarus, Burundi, North Korea, China, Iran, Libya, Nicaragua, Cuba, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Russia, Sudan, Syria, Venezuela and Zimbabwe. This form of war causes indescribable suffering and death, but it is much more invisible in the media than open military war.

Judicial war

To this we add the "judicial war", with coups d'état or first-level political persecutions carried out through the judiciary, as has happened in Brazil, Bolivia, Ecuador and Paraguay. Also through the judicialization of any political initiative to transform the correlations of force, as it happens every day in the countries of "the West".

Cyberwarfare

Finally, we must not fail to take into account cyberwarfare, which ranges from the theft of corporate secrets to actions as dangerous as sending resources or raw materials from an original destination to a different one, or even entering the defense and intelligence devices of one or other countries, through corporate or government hacks that can paralyze entire plots of the economy.

In times of **total war** the risk also becomes global and insecurity reaches all corners of the planet. The head of European diplomacy himself, the champion of strategic falsehood, faithful servant of the global lie, Josep Borrell, has said it clearly: *"the classic distinction between war and peace has been diminishing. It is no longer black or white. The world is full of hybrid situations where we face intermediate dynamics of competition, intimidation and coercion and what we are seeing today on Poland and Lithuania's border with Belarus is a typical example of this."* It is probably the only truth that has come out of his mouth as an occupant of that office, but he has forgotten to mention that it is "the West" that is leading that war.

It also conceals that the result of all these "Western" forms of war are devastated societies, broken economies, barbaric territories, dispossessed populations, often thrown headlong

into utter misery. Populations that, consequently, are forced to leave their homes, to migrate en masse around the world.

And again as part of the brazenness and shame of "the West" is the fact that it blames others for those disasters it causes (the devastation of Libya, for example, in which many European lefts collaborated so enthusiastically, is at the base of the increase in those maritime "tragedies" with which our newscasts tear every day, without explaining its causes; and with Syria the same). This is now happening on the Polish-Belarusian border and then also Ukrainian-Belarusian.

In this scenario of *total war*, the US needs to leave "its rear" expedited, because it considers that the American continent is its fortress island in such a war (the servile Europe would be abandoned at the feet of the horses without any problem in case of direct nuclear explosion). That is why today the aggression against all the experiences of alternative development in the American Great Homeland redoubles. Drowning Venezuela [1] and Nicaragua, and even Bolivia with that combination of aggressive measures already described: economic, diplomatic sanctions and paramilitary harassment and hybrid wars among which the media component also stands out. Not even neo-developmental experiences such as the Brazilian or the Ecuadorian, and it is today the Argentine, are respected. But of course, the one the U.S. has especially in its sights is the cornerstone of the sovereignty of Our America, which laid the foundations for the birth and takeoff of these other experiences, for the search for its own paths of self-government: Cuba. She is the bastion, the refuge that was always there, dealing alone in that continent barbaric by the "neighbor to the north".

The brutal siege and blockade of almost 60 years that the Cuban people have suffered is hardly comparable to any other, in a war of attrition that no society has suffered for so long and with the savage intensity with which it has been savaged with the Island. [2] That is, once again, "the West" first besieges, destroys living conditions, makes impossible the social and human development of both countries, and then says that in those countries "there is unrest" and that people can no longer, that "human rights are not respected" and other atrocious (and criminal) hypocrisies like that.

In that sense, the role of delegated aggressor agent that the Kingdom of Spain has assumed – even with the "most progressive government in its history" – against the experiences of American emancipation, is as vile as it is pathetic. Now Madrid is becoming the reception center not only for opponents in the service of the United States, but also directly for applicators of terrorist actions in their respective countries. That is, a kind of Miami branch.

Increasingly, the *total war* that the "West" deploys today is leaving a world divided into two parts. Those who hide behind that name consider countries subject to their designs – which they reproach for nothing about democracy, such as those of the Arabian Gulf, Turkey, Morocco, Colombia or Israel, with a long history of state terrorism. [3] And those who are stirred against that savage, unipolar and dictatorial order, or those who begin to lead a new multipolar world order.

Such a militarized (*total war*) division of the world will aggravate the economic decay of a good part of the capitalist world system. Value chains can be disrupted in large proportions of the globe, or restructured in and for each divided part of it, with a clear disadvantage for the decadent spawn of "the West", which precisely for this very reason has also waged a social war against its own populations, in an accelerated destruction of living conditions and socio-economic rights.

The popular and anti-imperialist struggles, the social and anti-capitalist struggles, the struggles for humanity, will have the word in the next evolution of events in a world in which no one is safe, in which it is increasingly essential and inevitable to take sides.

Notes:

[1] Here are some of my writings on the aggression against Venezuela: [Why Venezuela? \(alainet.org\)](http://alainet.org); [The strategy of terror against Venezuela: open letter to Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez – Other views \(publico.es\)](http://publico.es)

[2] Invasion attempts, military aggressions or permanent threat thereof, sabotage, terrorist actions with explosion of buildings, attacks on production centers, roads, communications and infrastructures in general, economic siege (not even medicines have been allowed to

enter -even in the middle of the pandemic the necessary supplies were boycotted to inoculate the population with the Cuban vaccines themselves-, neither food, nor a single external financing to obtain any product or means of production, nor a screw of a camera; any product containing any U.S. material is susceptible to being prohibited from being sold to Cuba – let's not forget that the United States enforces its laws extraterritorially, that is, it forces the rest of the countries of the world to comply with them; any import that Cuba wants to make has to pay it normally well above market prices, to compensate for U.S. sanctions on sellers), bacteriological attacks to ruin crops and kill livestock or even make people sick, bombs on passenger planes and other cuban means of transport put up by real terrorists who, like Posada Carriles, they are first financed and later defended judicially by the United States, violating all international treaties on the prosecution of terrorism, among a long etc.

[3] It cannot fail to be mentioned here that in addition to the systematic genocide and apartheid it practices against the Palestinian people, Israel participates in all forms of *total war* anywhere in the world as a prominent agent (a country whose laws prevent even apologizing for its war crimes, such as the murder of girls; it now has a Spanish citizen detained for raising funds for a Palestinian humanitarian organization that Israel, like anything that attempts to preserve the lives or improve the conditions of the Palestinian people, it considers terrorist. It does not seem that most of our media have been outraged by this. What would have happened if any "Juana Ruíz" had been arrested in Venezuela or Cuba, for example? On the other hand, Palestinian organizations that face genocide are considered "terrorists" by that "West" that is increasingly having a hard time hiding its shames.) About Colombia as an Olympic champion in the violation of human rights and mass murders of its own population we will talk about in another next moment.

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