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## Chile: "In the face of the lesser evil, I choose the greater good"

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¡Que lindo  
es cocinar!



Once the "feast of democracy" has been celebrated, with which for the second time joy came to Chile and in which it also elected its new president, it is necessary to make some reflections for the future.

It seems to me that the issue to be debated is related to the self-criticism that the left should make for its inability to build an alternative of popular content that favors the interests of the majority. To that extent, the people are compelled to accept the "lesser evil" thus perpetuating the admission made by Patricio Aylwin that it was only possible for there to be "truth and justice as far as possible." This proposal has been transformed into a doctrine that curtails the revolutionary spirit of the people, constricts the struggle for their interests by mediating their strategic objectives and subordinating the daily combat to the strictly electoral in which the rules of representative democracy are played.



"Frank" meeting of the candidate Boric in November with the representatives of the six branches of the Confederation of Production and Commerce (CPC) - National Chamber of Commerce (CNC); National Mining Society (Sonami); Sociedad de Fomento Fabril (Sofofa); Chilean Chamber of Construction (CChC); Association of Banks and Financial Institutions (Abif); National Society of Agriculture (SNA): "I am clear that to build a better Chile we have the duty to talk with everyone and to convene everyone and in this case the large companies, which deliver half of the employment in Chile, have to be part of this process"

To this extent, the "lesser evil" is an expression of the ease with which the left renounces the pursuit of its historical objectives, when in Chile more than 50% of the population does not feel identified with that system and rejects it not only from the electoral point of

view, especially in the daily practice of its struggle. The popular uprising of October 18, 2019 is an expression of the people's ability to build an alternative outside the *status quo*, beyond the fact that "for now" (as Comandante Chávez said after the rebellion of February 4, 1992 failed), the objectives could not be met. The inability of the parties of the traditional left to give leadership to this movement cannot be understood as submission of the people and submission to the system.

The popular uprising of important sectors of Chilean society from October 2019 showed that despite the organizational and leadership inadequacies, underlies the spirit and will of a people who suffered the loss of 34 of their children, in addition to which there were around 12,547 injured who went through hospital emergency, among them 440 cases of citizens who suffered eye trauma according to figures provided by the Prosecutor's Office and the National Institute of Human Rights.

A surrendered people that accepts the system to which it is subordinated, is not able to star in these heroic days that could only be paralyzed by the pandemic on the one hand, and on the other, by the agreement of the elites in which the current president-elect had an outstanding participation. The move was aimed at preventing the decision of the people from being taken in the streets to take it to the spaces of representative democracy where it has all the chances of losing, given a system in which unanimously from the fascist sectors to those of the left that is limited to doing politics "as far as possible", They squeezed the popular will to make believe that it is defined in the elections.

Nada más falso, la idea de que el nuevo presidente ha sido el más votado de la historia, es parte de la retórica construida para sembrar la idea de mayoría. El presidente Frei sacó 56,09% en elecciones de una sola vuelta. Por comparación, Boric sacó solo el 25,3%. Ese es su apoyo real. El resto acudió a votar por otras razones: los partidos de la Concertación y Marcos Enríquez-Ominami por el oportunismo natural del que hacen gala desde más de tres décadas, cuando aprendieron que esgrimir la bandera del "mal menor" los conduciría a manejar el poder en provecho propio obteniendo pingües ganancias personales, usando la política para ello. Por supuesto, sustentan su doctrina en la suposición de que el pueblo es idiota, fácilmente engañable por lo que cree poder apostar a que ese artificio será eterno.

En su discurso de victoria el presidente electo, dijo que: "Triunfó la esperanza frente al miedo" Otra mentira. Una buena cantidad de votantes que se calcula en un millón

doscientos mil votos no lo hicieron por alguna esperanza que le despertara Boric, sino para evitar que el pinochetismo se hiciera del poder. Si tuvieran alguna esperanza en él, lo hubieran votado en primera vuelta.

Es decir, la mayoría de los votantes lo hicieron contra Kast, no a favor de Boric. No se puede mentir y falsificar los hechos con tanta facilidad. Aunque queda en el terreno de la elucubración, me parece que esos votos también hubieran ido a Provoste, o incluso a Parisi o Sichel si hubieran sido estos los que se hubieran enfrentado a Kast en segunda vuelta. El fantasma de Pinochet ronda el espectro político, sería falso pensar que la figura del dictador no infunde terror entre los ciudadanos. Ese pánico fue el que llevó a Boric a la presidencia. Hubiera podido impulsar a cualquiera otro/a que se opusiera al acólito del tirano.

El presidente debe saber que no va a gobernar con un 55,87% de apoyo, sino con un 25,3% más el oportunismo tradicional que como me decía un amigo “Siempre está viendo como subirse mejor al bus de la victoria”. Entre estos últimos el partido socialista -y todas sus adhesiones interesadas- se lleva todas las palmas, continuando una impronta de más de 50 años. Después de ser gobierno con Allende, sus principales dirigentes lo siguieron siendo, asumiendo el matiz de izquierda más conveniente: si el exilio era en Cuba, la República Democrática Alemana o cualquier país socialista el que sufragaba sus gastos, adoptaban un lenguaje revolucionario y anti imperialista, pero de igual manera si estaban en Francia, Italia, España o la Alemania Federal, la retórica socialdemócrata garantizaba sus buenos niveles de vida, mientras junto a sus correligionarios europeos maquinaban la “transición”. Una vez derrotado el dictador, durante 32 años han sido capaces de de todo tipo de peripecias políticas para burlar al pueblo. Ahora, nuevamente hicieron un salto de trampolín para insertarse victoriosos a última hora en la campaña de Boric a fin de comenzar a urdir cómo desplazar a los comunistas y llevar a Boric hacia el neoliberalismo y la falsa democracia donde están desde hace muchos años.

El partido comunista (PC) por su parte, después de “quemar” inexplicablemente a su candidato Daniel Jadue en la hoguera de unas primarias innecesarias, se plegó con toda la fuerza de su disciplina y tradición a apoyar a Boric. Pero este que los desprecia con toda la fuerza de su anticomunismo a veces desembozado, a veces oculto, según convenga al engaño del momento, solo reconoce a sus amiguitas de la época estudiantil. En este sentido, ha jugado a dividirlos, utilizando para ello a sus aliadas cuya ambición desmedida me recuerda a Orlando Millas cuando en Moscú no escatimaba en desprestigiar a Luis

Corvalán y a Volodia Teitelboim para intentar llevar al PC a renunciar a la rebelión popular y plegarse a la salida pactada que finalmente se verificó.



Today painfully, the Communists cling tooth and nail to the last car of the government train. They will have to decide whether to transform themselves into a social democratic organization to support their coalition "partner" or remain the party that upheld the oldest, most upright and unyielding tradition of struggle alongside the Chilean working class and workers until they succumbed in their support for Bachelet's neoliberal and repressive government. Boric is no more or less than his guardian. It's the same thing. For this reason, the resident in Geneva came to give her support, even violating the ethics that should characterize a United Nations official, granting him with this, a blank check to Boric so that human rights are violated in his government.

I must say that I do not bet on boric's failure, as a friend told me veiledly. I just try to be consistent with life and history. 33 years ago, the first time joy came, we denounced what was coming without this leading us to reject the popular decision. Unfortunately life proved us right. Today, when joy has arrived again in the "embroidered field of flowers" - as Luis Casado often says - respecting the popular decision that has been taken in the narrow frameworks of the false democracy that is the so-called representative (which by the way represents only a minority), I just want to say that we must be attentive to the lie,

the false promises and deceptions that are already beginning to appear. I hope it doesn't take 30 more years to discover this new act of magic funded by George Soros, among others.

I am not yet able to make predictions about what may happen. It is very early and the president-elect has not yet nominated his ministers, which will undoubtedly give clues about his behavior as a ruler. But the American extreme right in the voice of the "journalist" Andrés Oppenheimer, one of its most conspicuous spokesmen, has already begun to give tasks to the new president. He instructed him to be the manager of a "new Latin American left" and to "stay away from the dictatorships of Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua."

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With this it is clear that Republicans and Democrats agree on the role that the new government of Chile must play in the immediate future in order to prevent the new wave of integrationist in the region.

Boric's disposition has been evident when he claimed that he had "... a unique standard with respect to human rights violations, and that is that they are unacceptable." Again he lies and deceives. Faced with the belated congratulations of Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro after his electoral victory, Boric with intemperate political cowardice said that: "I will not have untempered statements, I think that in state policies and foreign relations we must be a little more careful. Clearly we are very different."

Of course, it does not skimp on criticism or characterizations as dictatorships to Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela, whose governments greeted their victory very soon, but does not make "untempered statements" about Brazil, whose government is universally repudiated and put all kinds of subterfuges to delay the protocol greeting to countries with which you have relations.

Are you showing the seam? We don't know. It must also be recognized that he gave an impeccable response to the trap that Piñera set for him by inviting him to Colombia by

trying to involve him in a bilateral meeting with Iván Duque and a supposed summit of the Latin American right grouped in a front organization called Prosur.

Which Boric will we have in the future? The one who is afraid to answer Bolsonaro, while attacking Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela? Or the one who refuses to participate in a meeting with the region's ultra-right? It remains to be seen. Only time will tell. But in any case I stay with the phrase of my friend Carlos Jiles: "Before the lesser evil, I choose the greater good"

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