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DECLINE OF BIPARTISANSHIP IN EUROPE

For the first time, in the European Elections of May 26, the two-party system has not reached an absolute majority. Some say that it is the result of the failure of the old policy.



If we review the background we can understand this result and reflect on the future.

Since the 1950s, social democracy has ruled in most European countries. His anthroposocial model is based on the welfare state.

The very name of welfare state produces an absolute intellectual rejection. Logically, if the public sector is responsible for the well-being of people, they lose self-responsibility in an integral manner, that is, responsibility for their inner (mental) life and their external life (private, professional and social), becoming automatons.

In the Charter of principles of the leftist World Social Forum of 2001, it is said that we are dehumanized and, by the aforementioned, the welfare state produces a high degree of dehumanization.

The King of the Netherlands, in his first message as monarch, in 2013, said that: "The classical welfare state is slowly but surely evolving into a 'participatory society', eliminating that public monopoly on welfare.

In the same line of the welfare state, the left has managed to get the World Health Organization (WHO) to make unscientific psycho-occupational reports that also eliminate responsibility for one's health and professional responsibility. They treat workers as victims of work, excluding the possibility that work dignifies and that it serves to grow as a person in an integral way. In addition, in this way it feeds the



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classic conflict between employers and workers.

In Spain, the situation is even worse for two reasons: on the one hand, the laws that incapacitate laboriously to people capable of working and, on the other hand, the excess of subsidies that pushes not to work and to live on everyone's money.

From the economic-social perspective, the result is not better than from the human perspective. Eliminating the professional responsibility and taking care the State of our well-being, it discourages the effort, entrepreneurship and innovation that are the pillars of any society and the only effective antidote against decline.

All of the above was evident in the symbol of the welfare state that was Sweden, which has had the largest macro-state in history. Coinciding with the disintegration of the USSR, at the beginning of the 1990s, Sweden had its biggest crisis of the 20th century. To overcome the crisis, the public sector had to decrease from 70% of GDP to less than 50%. The USSR and Sweden were the symbols of the two main models of statism and of the left, and they sank simultaneously.

Since then, the left is in retreat and bad seen by a large part of the population, which associates it with living worse because it creates economic crises and unemployment. In spite of this, new parties of the extreme left have appeared with a certain success, due to the satiety of the social democracy and the bipartisanship.

In short, social democracy has made the macro-state Europe's main problem, whose consequences are the problems that people complain about and others that are not sufficiently known.

About the right I can think of a word: regrettable.

It is regrettable that the right was not able to prevent the cultural, economic, social and political damage caused by the left for decades. Nor has he been able to create an alternative model; has accepted and maintained the welfare state, macro-state, political business, authoritarianism, institutional incompetence and corruption, waste, populism, institutional irresponsibility, the irresponsibility of the population, the growth of mental disorders and of suicides, subsidized society, clientelism, crony capitalism, tax havens, the informal economy and all the decadent consequences of social democracy. For all this, many people say that right and left are the same.

Some argue that the right drives the economy, but this claim is doubtful. Numerous experts and official reports show that an important



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part of the economic growth of the West is due to the secondary financial sector. This has been described as the weapon of greatest mass destruction invented by the human being, even more than the atomic bomb. In addition, there is a well-founded suspicion that the financial sector is bankrupt, which would mean that Western economies are also bankrupt. Precisely, it is blamed to the right and its neoliberal practices this bubble that, if true, the competition of the large emerging economies will cause it to explode, because it is being reduced insufficiently.

The right has been a passive and secondary actor that has limited itself to letting the left fail to govern. In Spain, the PSOE and the PP always rule by the failure of the other or by the inertia of governing, probably with the exception of 1982 that won the social engineering (manipulation to deceive) of the left that had already triumphed in Europe.

A minority qualified as radical, argues that the failure of bipartisanship is due to the fact that social democracy is not leftist because it privileges the rich and big companies and, on the other side, they say that conservatives are not right-wing because they are too flexible with some issues such as sociocultural ones. These theses have triumphed throughout Europe, giving rise to extremist parties, especially on the right, because Europe has become more conservative and with a greater rejection towards the left.

There have also been parties that define themselves as progressive liberals. This definition is eliminating the social engineering that identifies the left with progressivism, which is nothing else than the majority live better.

The bipartisanship is in the short term like most of the big companies and their politicians have no sense of the state or responsibility for the future.

It is said that the new parties are populist, but democracy is populist because the rulers are elected by the majority, a majority whose main characteristics are ignorance and selfishness. Precisely, populism has been the cause of the creation of the welfare state and macro-state that have led us to decline. The current generations of young people are living worse than their parents; vices, selfishness and greed are the main social motivations; and both the one and the other reflect a declining social model.

Politicians do not represent the general interest, but they do not



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represent the governed either. The decline of bipartisanship is related to popular mobilization against the establishment. In 2011, the Spanish Social Movement of 15-M coined the sentence "they do not represent us" which has been translated into numerous languages and is one of the most influential sentences of this century. In 2018, the French created the Movement of yellow vests to complain about taxes. It has spread throughout the world and, undoubtedly, has had a great influence on the bipartisanship lost the majority in the European elections of 2019.

The bipartisanship is harmful and if the new extremist parties serve to open the door to the creation of new parties that defend the general interest or to change the traditional ones, they will have been useful.

Perhaps the results of these European Elections will help the right and the left to self-criticize for the first time in their history.

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