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The fall of Sebastián Piñera as Chile's star moment

To the long record of the Chilean president and his link with the scandal of the Pandora Papers is added a context of deep political isolation, which explains the progress of the constitutional accusation against him.

The recent approval of the constitutional accusation by the Chamber of Deputies of Chile against Sebastián Piñera, after what was revealed in the *Pandora Papers* where the president of Chile is mentioned for selling his share of the mining company Dominga in the British Virgin Islands, with the condition that there were no regulatory changes for its installation in the country, not only is it an international scandal, but it adds to a real record of the president.



Sebastián Piñera. Photo: Patricio Alarcón

A [record](#) full of conflicts of interest, negotiated and crimes, which begin in 1982 with the fraud against the Bank of Talca, then through the cascades case, sparks case, Lan Cargo collusion, Penta case, SQM case, triangulations in CHV, Forwards with Bancorp, Milicogate, company in Panama, self-loans to evade taxes, bribes in LAN, Exalmar case, bribes from fishing people, among others(1).

Una larga lista de acciones ilícitas de parte de Sebastián Piñera, que no solo no están a la altura de un presidente de un país, sino de cualquier ciudadano honesto, como la gran mayoría, que no buscan saltarse la fila, robar o estafar a nadie, al no tener tal niveles de ambición, como sí tiene Piñera, el cual tiene una fortuna que alcanza actualmente los 2.8 mil millones de dólares.

En consecuencia, Piñera se ha convertido en un símbolo del especulador sin escrúpulos, acaparador, magnate y abusador, dentro de un modelo económico neoliberal que favorece la concentración brutal de los ingresos y el endeudamiento extremo de las personas, el cual con la revuelta social del 2019 quedó en evidencia para los millones de personas que optaron por un cambio profundo en el país, luego de aprobar la redacción de una nueva constitución.



As if that were not enough, Piñera showed his worst face for the revolt, not only for continuing to enrich himself, but by declaring war on an entire country mobilized in 2019, building the idea of an internal enemy, in the style of the worst dictatorial and authoritarian experiences, where the curfew and human rights violations during that period, it will remain one of the most tragic episodes in the history of the country.

For the same reason, although it seems paradoxical, the pandemic was a lifeline for his government, after the first constitutional accusation and the gigantic drop in his [approval](#) as president, reaching 4.6% (2), since it allowed him to divert attention with the health policies implemented and the fear of people to get infected, which he obviously took advantage of to install a curfew for all of 2020 and much of 2021.

Surely Sebastián Piñera will believe that he will be able to get out of this new constitutional accusation, like the first of 2019, thus being able to end his term, but he should not be so confident, since once he stops being president, the billions of dollars he has will not be enough, since he will be completely alone politically, both left and right.

The cost of governing for himself, will pass the bill one day, whether in Chile or in some other country, as happened to Pinochet in London in 1998, only he will have no one to defend him, unlike the dictator. His extremely individualistic, opportunistic, clumsy figure without basic social skills, make him move away from conservative and progressive sectors, since he is seen as an unreliable character, without clear convictions and who is able to sell even his own mother in order to look good and get out of the way.



Sebastián Piñera was once asked, what book has marked him in his life, and named Stefan Zweig's Star Moment of Humanity, which shows different key characters in history (Cicero, Handel, Tolstoy, Scott, Lenin, Wilson, Vasco Nuñez de Balboa), possibly idealizing that he will also be remembered as a great governor of Chile.

Unfortunately for Sebastián Piñera, he will be remembered, even if he believes otherwise, but not for his successes, but for his bad government and resounding political fall, which has served as a trigger for an entire country to rise up to demand a dignified treatment and ask for more and better democracy.

Notes:

1: <https://www.latercera.com/opinion/noticia/columna-de-daniel-matamala-prontuario/CJOVRMHMGNCLFPHSFFGRMOKERQ/>

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