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The False Alternative

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In American political debates I was surprised by the habit of running over the contradictor, not letting him speak interrupting him continuously, to the point that the most aggressive ends up imposing himself, although often the most bellicose has fewer ideas and less spark than his opponent. A form of domination that favors the most disrespectful, the most casual, and sometimes the most rude.

In the same way there are those who shout louder, replacing a stentorian voice to the delicacy of the nuances, to the depth of the reasoning, to the fairness of the analysis and to the relevance of the propositions. There is yet another method of hijacking the debate, which is to push the radicality of discourse to unacceptable limits. In France Eric Zemmour goes so far as to declare that whoever does not bear a Christian name that comes directly from the sanctoral is not French. His racism – he has already been condemned a couple of times by the Justice for incitement to racial hatred – is one of his weapons of combat.



Eric Zemmour during a debate on Europe, April 25, 2019 in Paris. Lionel BONAVENTURE / AFP)

In Chile there are those who promote sex discrimination by making their own the tradition of the German Empire claimed by the Nazis: the life of women must be limited to *Kinder, Küche, Kirche*. These things are not invented, the guy is called Kaiser which in German means emperor. So we have a vernacular emperor: the emperor of the cretins.



The kinder, Küche, Kirche alliteration, which translates into English as "children, kitchen, church", also known as the expression "the three K's", is intended to represent the traditional values of women in Germany during the Third Reich.

Contributing her dose of sapphiness, a woman, doctor for more signs, instead of bowing to the will of the emperor by staying with the children in the kitchen and in the church, abounds in nonsense ensuring that whoever has more education – as is supposedly her case – should benefit from the privilege of casting ten votes instead of just one as befits the ignorant. That the world is full of imbeciles with diplomas is a cliché, and it is not disrespectful to the animal kingdom to claim that lambs are not among the most intelligent beasts.

There are those who are surprised by this return to ideas, notions and concepts that underpinned fascism and Nazism, and ended in World War II, a carnage that exterminated almost 70 million human beings.



The truth is that in this applies the old method of the Inquisition that consisted of punishing the heretics by boiling them in a huge cauldron. The first Christian to use the novel technique was Constantine 1st – thirty-fourth Roman emperor – who ordered the murder of his wife, Fausta Flavia Maxima, using her as a bone for soup. Upon entering the tub the water was warm...

In the early 1980s the recipe of neoliberalism seemed a harmless and innocuous infusion, whose stated purpose was to improve productivity and business profitability. Gradually the discourse was transformed into a dogma, in truth revealed, in inevitable punishment without which the world economy would collapse irretrievably. The hollow verbiage of the economists progressively acquired the hue of the divine condemnations of Genesis.



The offensive found the decouescence of "real socialism" on the one hand, and the voluntary acquiescence of social democracy on the other. When the USSR disappeared at the end of December 1991, big capital understood that from then on it was papita p'al parrot. Europe's social democratic governments competed to end the 'welfare state', or 'providence state', as quickly as possible. The political discourse was right-winged to the extent that there was no one who opposed the bellicosity and voracity of capitalism.

From retreat to defeat, and from defeat to catastrophe, social movements, syndicalism, progress and even a so-called 'left' adopted *volens nolens* the jargon, theories and even the liturgy of the single thought that Margaret Thatcher summarized in a definitive sentence: "Society does not exist, there is only the individual". In Chilean that translates: 'Each one for his saint and fuck the rest'.



Thatcher stated in 1987 that "society does not exist. There are individuals, men and women and there are families."

The bitter potion of neoliberalism was administered in Chile under the shelter of rifles and bayonets whose power of conviction was such that in the middle of the dictatorship some 'socialist' representatives made it known that not everything in Pinochet and his regime was bad. In terms of economy, they said, the dictatorship was a glamorous success.

The door was left open...

Those of us who warned of apostasy, intellectual betrayal and betrayal were treated to the fullest ostracism. Described as 'archaic' by the bustling 'renewal', our word was, from then on, the object of anathema.

The evident conversion of the democrats into mere servants of the masters of the model, into administrators of their interests after a pathetic disguise of progressivism, provoked the disenchantment of millions of citizens on the one hand, and on the other the relentless and methodical advance of reactionary thought to which the old 'left' was folding.



There emerged as an irreducible argument that of "It is what there is" and together with it the irrefutable, necessary and inevitable choice of the "Lesser Evil". All this accompanied by the consequent succession of dwarf presidents, former inciters to the coup d'état recycled into demiurges of 'justice as far as possible', catalysts of 'business opportunities', traffickers of various influences, signatories of a false democratic Constitution similar like two drops of water to the one inherited from Jaime Guzmán, perpetrators of the crime against education, of health and consumption, of the forced saving of the immense capital that the masters needed, of the privatization of water, basic wealth and the sea, of the rampant growth of common crime *alter ego* of neck and tie crime, of the cunning influence of drug trafficking in social and political life, from widespread corruption to all institutions without exception.

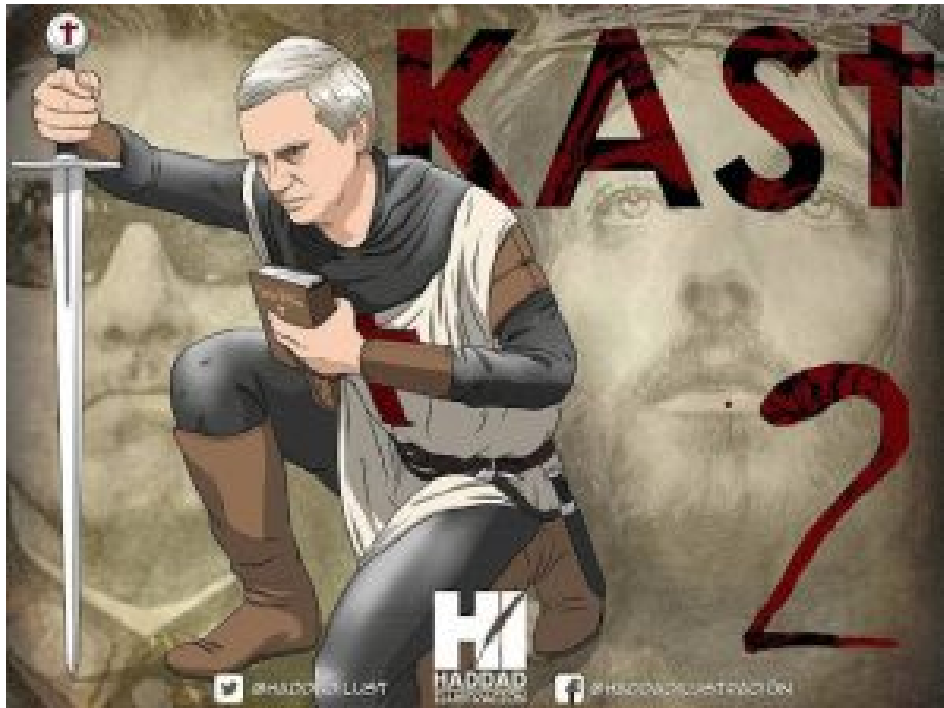
What until now they sell us as the "Lesser Evil". Under these conditions... how can we be surprised by the leveling of political discourse at the level of the sewer?

Then there was October 2019.



There is nothing that radicalizes reactionaries more than the fear of losing their. Kast is the product of that self-generated terror. In front of him the "Lesser Evil" will go away again. Not a real alternative, but more of the same, that formula that the masters of the coso would be (note the simple conditional form of the Indicative) willing to tolerate once again.

It is therefore a false alternative. Far from me the will to assimilate one candidate to the other. Between a return to the caves and the *status quo* there is a radical difference (no pun on words). I cannot, however, adopt the contrived interpretation of a confrontation between diametrically opposed projects. In terms of economy, as always, the model will remain untouched by whoever is chosen.



The recovery of basic wealth, the renationalization of copper, the recovery for Chile of its quality as a democratic Republic, and for the citizens of its inalienable and unassailable Sovereignty are issues that should be dispensed with. Secular, public and free education as an eminent mission of the State, decent health services as an achievable right in a modern country, a system of solidarity welfare in the hands of those who finance it, and public services that are not the table of the skin for the pringaos... they are essential issues hidden behind a brothel screen.

The ideological domination of capitalist dogmatism not only made the venal convertible: it also made simply rational thought and reflection infertile.



As I often discuss with my closest interlocutors, my most ardent desire is to be wrong: all that precedes it is but the product of my inability to adapt to a world for which *there is no Alternative* (Thatcher once again).

However, the result of the 'joy' that did not come, of the "Lesser Evil" and of the rampant acceptance of "It is what there is", seems to indicate that – much to my regret – I have not lost my compass.

This choice, whatever the outcome, solves nothing.

In the midst of the shipwreck, like any wretched man trying to hold on to a saving stake, I thought the Constitutional Convention was the way.

At the moment, unfortunately, that narrow path strewn with traps and obstacles appears obstructed.

I have the pale that only another October 2019 could advance the *schmilblick*...

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