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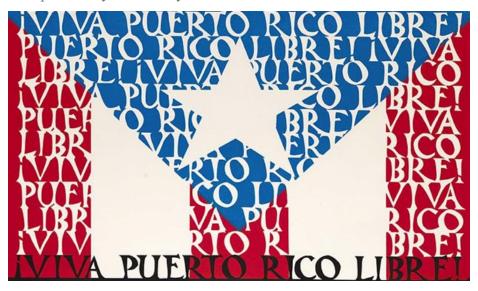
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## Puerto Rico: The Essential Independence

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In Puerto Rico, we independentistas have the duty to protect the lives of all Puerto Ricans because we recognize that we are a people and we know that our life as a people is in danger. This had already been warned to us by the master of all Puerto Ricans Don Pedro Albizu Campos and he also told us what our flag was and who his enemy was. Today all Puerto Ricans recognize it and lift it up when misfortune hits us hardest. It was already installed in our spirit as a people that we are the ones called, before anyone else, to give each other a hand to get up and help us. From 1898 to the present that capability has been there, but intervened by the invasion of the U.S. government.



Puerto Rico Long Struggle for Independence

Now that the dawn of freedom on our soil is looming, we face doubt and hopelessness. Hence, there have been those who ask to postpone or hide it. Today, as at the beginning of the last century, the best only ask for the opportunity to govern to mitigate the damage caused by the Junta of imperial plunder as those US governors were before whom we expelled them into oblivion. Maybe that was our mistake, forgetting. Forget the massacres, the dispossession of our heritage, the humiliations, the threats, the insolence and even the imprisonment for wanting to present in the legislative chamber a project to proclaim our independence as the distinguished patriot Don Julio Medina González tried to do. That is also the duty of any independentist elected today.

Those who propose to govern the colony well with federal funds should think twice because the powers that are not elected are not going to sit idly by. I have explained before, if recent history in Latin America and the world has taught us anything, it is that "progressive" governments and their leaders have all kinds of disappointments with the powers that are not elected, and in some cases, with the elected ones who do not dominate

in the majority. Just brush up on recent international headlines. In our case, the dominance of these unelected powers because they are colonies is double-stitched.



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The independentistas must be clear. No one who comes to power in Puerto Rico without first proclaiming independence will be respected. Not through constitutional status assemblies or by "federal bills," but from the legislative assembly itself. Not only because it is desirable that it be approved in this way, but also to announce to the world our intention. That is what these unelected powers fear and detest most, that our claim is a matter of international domination, because those who supervise that phase of the process would come into play. The main function of an independence government will be to denounce colonialism before the world and demand an immediate process of decolonization. Then the U.S. government would have to prove to its adversaries, and several of its allies, that they do defend the sovereignties of small countries beyond mere boast.

We all know that no one loves and protects Puerto Rico better than Puerto Ricans themselves. That is why independence is essential and it is also an ethical duty to defend, demand and proclaim it. Long live Puerto Rico Free!

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