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## Interference marks Washington



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The neocolonial habit of imposing policies in line with the interests of minorities

The State Department decided last Monday to participate openly in Mexico's domestic politics. Through a statement signed by Antony Blinken, the US government supported the opposition march that had taken place a day earlier in different squares of the country. The attack against President Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO) focused on questioning a new regulatory plexus related to the electoral system, approved by a majority in the Senate. In the new scheme, sanctioned weeks ago, the legislative majority of the ruling party, the National Regeneration Movement (Morena), dismantled the corporate scaffolding forged around the National Electoral Institute (INE), responsible for

organizing, executing, endorsing and legitimizing scandalous electoral frauds carried out during the last two decades.

Faithful to his Monroist custom of violating the sovereignty of countries Latin Americans, backed the march called by the opposition unified, which claimed the continuity of the INE, whose directors, in addition, enjoy salaries that triple the fees of the Mexican President and administer in an arbitrary manner and without consultation resources derived from the political parties.

The U.S. government document released on Monday, March 27, February complains to Mexico the need to have "a system independent electoral "and "with sufficient resources", exactly the slogans wielded by the United Opposition demonstrators, made up of the three parties that seek to weaken the President, who enjoys unprecedented popularity in the contemporary history of that country. According to all polls, the president's public image is Between 60 and 70% approval, four years after having assumed. The opposition march will have, according to the supporters of the Fourth Transformation (4T), a massive response on March 18, when they take Events for the 85th anniversary of the oil expropriation promoted by the then President Lázaro Cárdenas del Río.

The Mexican president <u>responded</u> to the U.S. government by warning that its authorities "are always interfere in matters that do not belong to them"; Also warning that "we are not a colony, nor a protectorate. We are a free country, independent and sovereign." AMLO takes the opportunity to join who have blamed the ambassador to Peru, Lisa Kenna, a former <u>CIA official</u>, of being responsible for the arrest of Pedro Castillo and the repression that claimed more than 60 lives since Dina Boularte occupied the Presidency: "There [in Peru] the U.S. ambassador is the Advisor to the coup plotters who trampled on freedoms and democracy in that country unjustly removing the President and imprisoning him," He said from the lectern of the National Palace, where he finished by asserting that Such a "bad habit" would come from the American elites. "It's not just the State Department. It is nature, custom, that It comes from centuries in the U.S. government and in the elites of United States." In another part of his <u>morning conference</u>, Dedicated to questioning the trampling of sovereignty, the president He resorted to a rhetorical question: "In the United States, don't you know about the electoral fraud in Mexico?

Another of the organizations that functions as a figurehead of the Washington's interests are the OAS, which also showed solidarity with The opposition: in a statement released by its electoral body – the The same that led to the coup d'état in Bolivia against Evo Morales – He considered that "the Mexican electoral system does not require reforms. to continue

to guarantee the full exercise of the suffrages." To appear neutral and impartial, he endorsed and stood out. —in addition— the professionalism of the members of the INE, those who have They were responsible, according to historians, for making the opening viable. irregular ballot boxes, falsification of records, theft of packages electoral and vote buying. Another of the measures of the current government — in a country where poverty reaches a third of the population — is the salary reduction of the members of the INE, whose exorbitant fees triple that of the President of the Nation.

#### Poor rich people who pay taxes



The convicted Genaro García Luna and former President Felipe Calderón. Photo: Alfredo Estrella, AFP.

The State Department, the INE, the OAS and the unified opposition They share common motivations linked to economic interests that have were regulated by the Morena government. One of the most Tormented minorities is the prohibition of the forgiveness of taxation, which became standard government practice who preceded AMLO. In May 2019 it was reported that, in both Presidential six-year terms prior to the current government, assumed in 2018, around 400,000 million pesos in taxes were forgiven, thanks to a discretionary presidential power benefited, mostly, to the wealthiest companies and individuals of the country.

Another of the measures taken by the current government, which resulted in a Unanimous media challenge corporate, was the prohibition of the outsourcing of personnel by part of the companies, which allowed companies to evade tax and the evasion of the social charges of its employees. The The third reason for the annoyance of the concentrated

groups is the attempt to AMLO's part of renationalizing the energy sector, depriving Foreign companies – Spanish and American – to profit from the generation and distribution of electricity, production hydrocarbon and lithium.

In January 2022, U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm traveled to Mexico City to express the "serious concerns of the Biden-Harris administration regarding potential impact negative of the energy reforms proposed by Mexico on the U.S. private investments." A few months later, the head of the Department of Commerce, Katherine Tai, sent a letter to the Secretary of Economy of Mexico, Tatiana Clouthier, with the aim of Pressuring Mexicans on Rising Regulations imposed by AMLO. In the letter, Tai warns that the guidance arranged by the leader of Morena could "hinder efforts U.S.-Mexico clean energy and environment". Renewing the pressure, the Joe Biden administration sent, in April of last year, a former Secretary of State – John Kerry, Current Special Representative for Environmental Issues – to press from the most legitimized parameter of the problems linked to the climate.

A week before the State Department's opposition offensive on February 21, Genaro García Luna, former boss, was <u>convicted</u> of drug trafficking activities. of the fight against drugs during the presidency of PAN member Felipe Calderón Hinojosa, now imprisoned in Spain. The accusations against García Luna includes protection of Sinaloa cartel controlled by Joaquin Guzmán Loera, alias *El Chapo*, who contributed to the head of the war Against drug trafficking one million dollars a month during the six-year term accompanied his friend and confidant Calderón Hinojosa.

The current leader of the Mexican opposition is Claudio X. González. heir to the local chapter of the multinational Kimberly Clark, which is based in Dallas. Thanks to his contacts with officials The United States have managed to articulate in the same antagonistic logic the three opposition parties: the Democratic Revolutionary Party (PRD), the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI)—both of center-right—and the far-reaching National Action Party (PAN) Right.

The Monday after the mobilization of February 26, when Asked about the previous day's demonstration, AMLO referred to the Opponents as social actors who "do not care about the rather, they want the dominance of a oligarchy, a government of the rich, of the potentates. They don't care The people because that is essentially what democracy means." And He added: "Most have participated in previous governments, have They have been defenders of electoral fraud, they have been part of the corruption in Mexico, have

belonged to the narco-state, which, as it has It was evident with García Luna, he won for two six-year terms".

### Sovereignty versus persecution



U.S. Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar. Photo EFE.

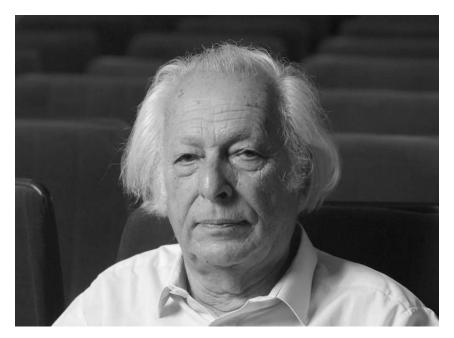
In the last two years, an important sector of the judiciary – in similar to what happened in Argentina – has joined the Opposition conglomerate gathered around suggestions and mandates provided by Washington. In the last week, a member of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation (SCJN), Minister Alberto Pérez Dayan, ruled individually that certain regulations regarding the INE should not be applied to the next elections regional regions of Edomex and Coahuila. As in Argentina, the Justices of the highest court try to restrict the will popular expressed by the Legislative Power. The Legal Secretariat of the The presidency responded to Pérez Dayán that "the rules issued by the Congress of the Union can only be invalidated by the vote of eight ministers, according to the criteria of the SCJN itself."

The measures promoted by the current government are aimed at privileging the public sector and limiting energy concessions granted a decade ago by Enrique Peña Nieto, recovering the public enterprises as vectors of productive development. Another of the Characteristics of the Morenoite government is the social policy based on sustained increases in the minimum wage, the guarantee of pensions for the elderly population, the extension of scholarships for the students and food subsidies. In terms of structuring them, a persistent transfer from the wealthiest sectors to the most vulnerable groups.

AMLO questions neoliberal policies and defines his project as part of a humanist philosophy, framed in the Fourth Transformation Mexican, after the three previous stages: Independence, Reform and the Revolution. That model includes a crusade against political corruption of traditional parties, a reduction in privileges of concentrated groups and a priority ready to Fight poverty ("the poor first, for the good of all"). His International politics has a Latin Americanist emphasis and has promoted to the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), offering asylum to Evo Morales after the 2019 coup and Pedro Castillo, still detained in Peru. He expressed himself on a permanent basis against the blockades of Cuba and Venezuela, and maintained a neutral position on the conflict in Eastern Europe.

While Washington continues with its interventionist policy in the Region – economically, media, diplomatic, legally. some of its congressmen, such as María Elvira Salazar, president of the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee Dedicated to Stoking Demonization of other Latin American leaders. Last week, Salazar, representative of the Republican Party for Florida, denounced the dark links between the government of Alberto Fernández and Xi Jinping, propitiated, as specified, by Vice President Cristina Kirchner. In her message, the former CNN journalist born in Little Havana said that the Casa Rosada was carrying out pacts "with the devil" in the wake of agreements for the joint manufacture of aircraft with China. To be consistent with the Monroe Doctrine, which this year celebrates two centuries of The United States is not going to keep the Arms crossed because you can't have an ally to manufacture and export Chinese military aircraft, and sell them to neighbors."

The brilliant Egyptian economist and intellectual Samir Amin, who died in 2018, suggested the <u>disconnection</u> of any link to geopolitical toxicity, as a prologue to a possible and authentic emancipation. The closer to the United States, further from sovereignty.



Samir Amin.

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