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Chile : Indecencies that shame

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Chile must be one of the countries in the world that owes the most to international solidarity and to the nations and institutions of Human Rights that contributed enormously and exemplarily to the struggle of our people to free us from the [Pinochet dictatorship](#) and recover democracy. Hundreds of thousands of compatriots found asylum abroad, even where political and cultural differences were glaring.



Military Junta and Augusto Pinochet Ugarte, in the Diego Portales building, for a new celebration of the Constitution. In the front row, from left to right: César Mendoza, José Toribio Merino, Augusto Pinochet, Fernando Matthei, and Humberto Gordon.

Indeed, this diaspora caused many problems for the host countries, especially those who were even poorer than us. It is a fact that among those who left our territory there were many who were not necessarily political exiles, just as there are countless cases of those who dedicated themselves to crimes in the most diverse ways. However, we know that many of these situations were faced without stridency so as not to provoke animosity or xenophobic expressions among the host peoples. Thousands of Chileans, in addition, stayed permanently abroad while in those who insisted on returning there were those who even received financing and support for it. Even to grant them resources that could be useful for their labor and family reintegration in Chile.

We have already referred to the enormous contribution made by thousands of immigrants who in recent years have settled throughout our territory, although we must really regret that among them have come criminals, drug traffickers and others who today have our security in check. In agriculture, mining and so many other activities, their contribution has been invaluable and, in general, paid below what Chilean workers receive for the same activities. When the Businessman President invites Venezuelans to come to Chile, he undoubtedly works with the calculation that they could be of great use to the bosses' world that employed them. Although, as we say, many thugs have crept in who are certainly severely disrupting our coexistence.

It is regrettable that it has fallen to a government that declares itself left-wing to confront, now, the decision to militarize our borders to prevent the access of new immigrants, while enacting laws that give more powers to the police to repress offenders, imprison them and expel abroad those it calls illegal immigrants. Authorities greatly pressured by a situation of insecurity that is very exacerbated by the media and in which the political right as well as the economic one see the possibility of destabilizing the democratic regime. In addition to encouraging populisms and caudillos that could perfectly lead to power a new dictator or tyrant like the one we already had.



[Under the Boric government, the militarization of the borders begins:](#) Military deployment on the border of Peru and Bolivia

It is clear that in all these last years our democratic vocation has been very much in doubt and that what prospers most in the population is once again the desire for a strong or authoritarian government. In forgetting, of course, that the "order" imposed by the military and de facto governments will bring us thousands of victims, hundreds of thousands of unemployed, in addition to the transfer abroad of a good part of our natural resources, forests, waters, deposits and practically all of our national companies.

After 17 years of civic-military dictatorship, the number of poor exceeded 40 percent, wage income was well below international standards, and ownership of health and education systems had been dominated by foreign investors and speculators. Those who also became owners of the pension system that, with their AFPs, are responsible for the miserable pensions that today affect more than 80 percent of retirees, unless they have belonged to the Armed Forces and police.

What has been implemented by the post-dictatorship governments has not managed to correct the abysmal social inequality and the scandalous concentration of wealth, scourges

that explain, above all the causes that are falsely imputed, the development of popular unrest, social explosions, criminality itself and the consolidation of drug trafficking.

To this, it is also evident that the dictatorship and the governments that succeeded it are responsible for the high levels of corruption that can be seen today in politics and public institutions, phenomena that also encourage violence, the leniency of the judicial system and the shameless assault on the national treasury and the pockets of consumers consummated by the high military and police officers. as by business collusions. To the extent that today thousands of fraudulent medical licenses are discovered, charged to the public health system, accredited by unscrupulous doctors, while the private entities of the isapres in the midst of the economic crisis continue to assign millionaire profits.



Carabineros now invested with extraordinary powers by the Executive and Parliament to arrest and use their weapons as soon as they feel that their lives are threatened, in what has been called "free trigger". Photo: Hi sashi. CC BY-NC-ND 2.0

The unfortunate thing is that those who govern us and the parties that are supposed to watch over social prosperity fall in love with the fallacies of the right and its media, especially television. Willing to approve laws that are reproached by international human rights organizations and, now, consolidating a constituent system with "experts" and representatives of parties that digitize a new Magna Carta that, in substance, will closely resemble the one inherited from the Dictatorship and weakly patched later. In that the few representatives of the people will exercise their task completely tied by the political agreements already negotiated and agreed by the political leaderships and approved by a National Congress that completely lacks legitimacy and prestige. Behind closed doors, of

course, as everything is done within the democratic order and the rule of law that both rightists and leftists presume.

But the shamelessness is so high that a journalist is recently expelled from a press conference by an officer present for the slip that this outstanding professional had of calling a carabainero "paco", a term that is not very reverent but that has always been the nickname that the people commonly use to refer to the "guardians of order" in our country. Today invested with extraordinary powers by the Executive and Parliament to arrest and use their weapons as soon as they feel that their lives are threatened, in what has been called "free trigger". Whether in the northern desert, Araucanía and the cities in which little by little the authorities consent to put under states of emergency and even resort to the Armed Forces to watch us and point at us with high-caliber weapons that resemble those that the drug cartels installed in all our neighborhoods and towns easily and with impunity introduce through our ports and borders. On the suspicion that they operate with the complicity of many political, police and judicial authorities.

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Easy

Trigger Stone Flower

Composed by Pablo Lescano

They call him easy trigger, for me he murdered
him To that kid from the street that he
crossed on his way He gave it to him macho with his police
badge He carries iron well polenta and permission to kill
They call him federico, I say stowaway
And as Flor de Piedra sings, you are only a button You are a button!

I have never seen a policeman as bitter as you!

Easy trigger!, they shout at you as you pass

Easy trigger!, and nothing more

Easy trigger, you will never pay

Because you are gray, rati of the Federal

Do not forget Cabezas, Bulacio, Bru and Bordón

Alas!, the list is so long that I can not sing today

This happens to anyone, take care of that button
God forbid that in the line the next one is you
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