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War as an investment and central issue of the dispute for the White House



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The American political landscape is conditioned by next year's presidential election. While the US is considered the only power capable of forcing peace, in the internal electoral struggle they point towards a dynamic of war; to the escalation of the open conflict in Ukraine and the deepening of the latent conflict in East Asia.

At the head of the great empire is the pale figure of a senile president, whom the media would have delighted in if he ruled in Russia, China or North Korea. Joe Biden's second-in-command, Kamala Harris demonstrated her incompetence, as did the trio handling the Ukrainian dossier: Secretary of State Anthony Blinken, National Security Adviser Jack Sullivan and Deputy Secretary of State Victoria Nuland.

Things are no better in the Republican camp, where Donald Trump imposes his candidacy, despite his age and his problems with justice: six simultaneous trials and 93 civil and criminal charges on top.

To make matters worse, those who run the government are immersed in the internal war of the establishment, with the crossing of judicial actions to put the opposing candidate in jail, criminalizing each other, convinced that if they lose the elections they will be judged, and therefore they cannot lose them. The alert is on: added to the recession, that pressure could turn the scenario of an open war with Russia into the great survival resource for the Biden administration.

Anything goes in the fight for the White House chair. President Biden this week became the first sitting U.S. president to join a picket line. In Wayne, Michigan, he expressed support for autoworkers striking against the three largest automakers: Ford, General Motors and Stellantis.

"The truth is that you, the union, saved the auto industry in 2008 and even earlier. You made many sacrifices and had to give up many things. And businesses were in trouble. But now they are doing incredibly well. And you know what? You should also do incredibly well. It is a simple proposal. It's just about being fair. Stand firm, because you deserve the significant increase you need, just like the other benefits," he said.

The "Democratic" Senator Bob Menendez, fervent conspirator against the governments of Venezuela and Cuba -among others, of course-, pleaded not guilty to charges of accepting bribes from three New Jersey businessmen, while more than half of the Democratic senators – including Cory Booker, the youngest, from New Jersey – intensified the calls for his resignation so that he would not influence the elections.

Federal prosecutors in Manhattan last week charged Menendez, 69, and his wife, Nadine, with corruption for accepting gold bars and hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash in exchange for the senator using their influence to help Egypt's government and interfere in police investigations into businessmen. It's the third time the senator has been investigated by federal prosecutors, but he was never convicted, and that's not surprising.

Cuba is included in the list of countries sponsoring terrorism drawn up every year by the United States government, a list encouraged by Bob Menéndez. Although the list was imposed in the government of Donald Trump, Joseph Biden has maintained it until today, knowing that it implies serious obstacles to trade and access to finance, in addition to tightening the already suffocating sanctions regime that Washington imposes on Cubans (and Venezuelans).

The problem seems to be endogenous terrorism. Last Sunday, September, the security cameras of the Cuban embassy in Washington captured a man dressed in black who stopped on the sidewalk; He set fire to two bottles of fuel and threw them over the security gate of the diplomatic mission. Molotov cocktails hit the window of the building. Nor is it the first time such an act has occurred.

Two weeks earlier, the young congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, of Puerto Rican descent, pointed out [against corruption in her country](#) and accused Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito of having ruled against Argentina -in the case of vulture funds- for personal interests, in favor of Paul Singer, who paid for him, among other things, A fishing trip of about 200 thousand dollars.

He added that Singer, who won \$2.400 billion in that trial, "did business with the Court at least ten times and the legal press and media concealed his involvement." Coralario: The federal prosecutor of the Southern District of New York, Preet Bharara, known for combating financial fraud on Wall Street and who backed Argentina in its legal fight against vulture funds, was dismissed by the government of Donald Trump after having resisted submitting his resignation.

"We have [extraordinary corruption](#) and wholesale buying of members of the Supreme Court. I'm also laughed at what we just heard from the Republican side: 'Why do we want to talk about this?' Because women lost the right to decide, because indigenous communities lost rights, because minorities lost rights, because workers throughout the country lost rights because of this level of corruption."

Killing memory

Power in the United States bets on collective blindness and therefore attempts to open the eyes of memory are dangerous. The most debated issues are the failed imperial recovery of the US – the failure of the various strategies promoted by Trump and Joe Biden – internal fractures increase, and the discussion between sunset, supremacy or transnationalization and contemporary imperial indefiniteness continues.

There are no prefixed paths and the resolutions of the dialectical contradictions have to do with changing correlations of forces, leaving in the way the theories of hegemonic succession (China would replace the US, as before it displaced the United Kingdom) and the cases of alter-imperialism of the United Kingdom and France, as well as the variants of co-imperialism that Australia embodies. Canada or Israel.

Let Trumpist journalist Tucker Carlson summarize the situation: "We have already lost control of the world, now we are going to lose control and world dominance of the dollar,

and when that happens we will have poverty at the level of the Great Depression. We are already at war with Russia, we finance and arm its enemies, but we can go to a direct war, we could make a 'Gulf of Tonkin' in Poland (the false incident fabricated to justify intervention in Vietnam) and say 'the Russians did it'."

No job, no hope?

U.S. spending is shrinking as the economy slows, according to data from the Commerce Department's latest report. On the other hand, officials of the Federal Reserve (in the central channel) estimate that until 2025 the objective of inflation falling to 2% will not be achieved.

Wall Street bankers, investors and economists have been debating whether a recession is looming for months, but for most Americans, the relentless economic pain typical of recession has already knocked on their doorstep.

The Federal Reserve raised interest rates to control inflation. This caused companies to focus more on profitability than growth, which translated into spending cuts and downsizing. Since then there have been tens of thousands of layoffs.

The impact of the layoffs, which are currently concentrated on white-collar workers, will reverberate throughout the economy through a large decline in global spending. Consumer spending accounts for about two-thirds of economic output.

For many Americans, it's not the first time they've been laid off and left without pay or health insurance. Companies cut their headcount following the onset of the covid pandemic in 2020, when businesses closed and Americans stayed home. But the pandemic does not seem to be to blame: almost 50 million people also left their jobs during the two years following the start of the pandemic. And now there is no hot job market.

Richard Blumenthal, a Democratic senator, launched a speech explaining to citizens that, "in Ukraine, your money is worth it." "The Russian army has been halved. Their strength has been reduced by 50% without the loss of a single American soldier and with less than 3% of our military budget. It's a bargain in military terms," he said.

"Ukraine could not have survived without the United States and our allies," the senator put in his mouth the words that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky told him. But in the race for the 2024 presidential election, cutting off military aid could be lethal for Ukraine and could jeopardize the war network of tanks, ammunition, planes and artillery that reaches the front.

For Blumenthal there is no doubt that it is profitable for the US to help Ukraine: "Even Americans who have no particular interest in the freedom and independence of

democracies around the world should be satisfied that we are getting our money's worth in our investment in Ukraine."

Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, the United States has allocated 1.300 billion dollars to Ukraine, including civilian and military assistance (much of it destined to its own military industry), without concern – Democrats or Republicans – for its citizens without jobs, without homes, almost without a future. Is war an investment?

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