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The Battle for Truth

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For my brother and colleague

Orlando Bahamondes "Caballito"

Who left this world a few days ago, taking his nobility and kindness, but leaving us infinite samples of his conviction,

his passion and his fighting spirit

for a better world.

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The recent visit to Chile caused me deep discomfort when I observed – as in no other country – the impact of transculturation and the uncritical acceptance of Western truth as the only evidence to interpret international facts. Although it must be admitted that this phenomenon occurs all over the world, it manifests superior incidence in Our America considered by Washington as its backyard.

For a few months now, I have reaffirmed the conviction that the great battles of the twenty-first century will not occur in the territory of the countries to be occupied but in the human brain, a true "territory" to be conquered by the powerful to impose their truth and reason.

The United States and Europe are being defeated by China and Russia in the economic, financial, technological, political, ideological, ethical and even war fields with the possession by both of hypersonic missiles that the West does not have, which has changed the equation in terms of strategic military balance.

In this framework, the only mechanisms left to the West to maintain its planetary hegemony are the monopoly of the issuance of dollars and the maintenance of that currency as fundamental for global trade. Likewise, the dominance it exercises through its almost absolute control of the cultural-media-communicational apparatus must be considered. This is where the main battles of the present and the future will take place.

Since the process of de-dollarization of the world economy has already begun, extends and becomes irreversible, it seems that it will be in the cultural-media space where the "mother of all battles" will be fought. Therefore, at the present time, the form and instruments we use to inform ourselves take on a supreme value.

Thus, if we do not take note of the reality and depth of this combat and the understanding that we must face it as such, the enemy (in this case it is not valid to speak of an adversary) will maintain its dominance because we will not be prepared to face this decisive battle. Therefore, it is a task of the first order to build our truth and believe in it.

When information issued by the media enemy is uncritically transmitted, the intermediary who does so becomes a blind propagandist of a "truth" that is usually false and that is actually mendacious and deceiving.

For example, in my personal case, the last time I heard and watched CNN was on April 11, 2002, the day of the coup d'état against President Hugo Chávez. At that moment I became aware that CNN was lying with total and absolute impudence. I have never seen or heard her again. I have done the same with other media at the service of the empire or the local right. Even so, I do not consider myself an uninformed person, precisely because

those media do not report. On the contrary, they are the fathers of post-truth and "fake news".

Those who say that it is necessary to know what the enemy thinks, I ask them, besides becoming bitter, distressed and discouraged, what do they do with this false information, apart from relaying it to their 500 best friends, becoming propagandists for them? Sometimes it is necessary to resort to imperial means (I do it myself), but only to reinforce an idea that lays bare its contradictions and/or aberrations.

The uncritical transmission of rumors, gossip, anonymous opinions or authors who do not show their face, transforms into accomplices those who consciously or unconsciously reproduce the lies constructed -most of the time- in the think tanks associated with global power.

Hence the importance of not believing in the "information" emanating from the enemy whenever it leads to accepting the false truths it constructs. This has begun to be particularly ruthless when facts concerning Russia's military operation in Ukraine are revealed. The lie is no longer subtle, on the contrary, today it is greedy, vulgar, unscrupulous and malignant.

Only in recent days, fake news transmitted by the imperial media has accumulated. It is so grotesque that it is even some of them who lay bare the lie that others transmit. Let's look at some examples:



[Ukrainian military claims to have killed the head of the Russian Black Sea Fleet](#)

1. Kiev announced with "great fanfare" that the Chief Admiral of the Russian Black Sea Fleet and his staff had been killed following a missile and drone attack by the Ukrainian armed forces. The news "flooded" the Western media. The next day, Admiral

Victor Sokolov appeared at a televised meeting with the Russian defense minister. Total silence.

2. In the same attack, Ukraine reported that it had severely damaged the Russian amphibious assault ship Minsk causing 62 casualties. The problem is that even though the Minsk suffered certain breakdowns, that day it was undergoing repairs in the dry dock. No ship in any country in the world is full of sailors and officers when it is in that situation. Total silence.
3. A few weeks ago, with carnivalesque rumble, the transnational media of "communication", reported that a Russian missile had hit a market in a town of Donetsk. As if a magic wand had been moved, a chorus of accusations began against Russia, for such an "inhumane action". However, an investigation by none other than the New York Times (evidently already mounted in the US election campaign) has been commissioned to prove that the projectile was Ukrainian. Total silence.
4. Another Russian vessel, the large landing ship Olenegorsky Gorniyak was hit on August 4 with a Ukrainian drone and was "seriously damaged and adrift" according to the report of the press service of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. The ship was repaired and rejoined the Black Sea Fleet on 7 September. It is difficult to assume that a "seriously damaged and drifting" ship can be repaired in less than a month.
5. Don't waste time searching for information about the vessel. You will only find on the internet the Ukrainian action of August 4. Afterward, the ship disappeared from Western media. His photo sailing and docking in the port of Sevastopol, home of the Russian Black Sea Fleet will not be seen in any Western media. Total silence.
6. The missile that hit a grain factory in Poland last November and was reported to be of Russian origin, was actually Ukrainian, according to Polish experts. At the time, it was irresponsibly reported that a NATO country (Poland) had been attacked by Russia and that this could trigger World War III. Faced with this important clarification made a few days ago, the response has been total silence.
7. In something that has become widespread, the Ukrainian regime's news services report that Russian missiles and drones are shot down in their entirety during each attack. But it has reached the absurdity of reporting the collapse of a greater number of drones than those that were actually used. The last straw is that they say that they did not cause any damage, while reporting deaths, injuries and destroyed buildings. If anyone has doubts, I recommend that after the Russian attacks on the military infrastructure and the

command and concentration centers of troops in Ukraine, review the NASA fire maps that can be viewed for free on the internet. You will be able to draw your own conclusions.



[Ukraine bombs Russian ship and submarine in Crimea](#)

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In the same way, we have the imperative to think for ourselves, to be convinced of what we believe in and thus, to build our truth and transmit it. Only in this way will we be able to play a leading role in this battle that will be hard, difficult and protracted. But if we are armed with our truth, the truth of the majority, there will be no doubt that we will succeed.

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