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The ''soft'' coup d'état cooked up by imperialism and the right wing in Colombia



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The coups d'état in Latin America are the result of strategic decisions by US imperialism to defend its economic and geopolitical interests on the continent, and those of the bourgeoisie and the oligarchy.

Generally, coups d'état have been carried out with bloodshed, invasion of troops, bombing of government headquarters (La Moneda, Chile, 1973), decree of a state of siege, repression of the opposition, disappearances (it is estimated that 30,000 disappeared during the dictatorship in Argentina) and executions.

Like this This was how the coups d'état (1950-1980) against the democratically elected presidents who decided to make a sovereign and independent economic policy. The common denominator One of the coups d'état has been the struggle against communism. To this one Corruption, the loss of "freedom" and the mismanagement of the economy, among others.

That It happened to Jacobo Arbenz in Guatemala, who was overthrown in 1954 by a coup d'état orchestrated by the U.S. and the transnational United Fruit Company in the face of his decision to make Guatemala, a country that lived in in economic backwardness and dependence, a nation economically self-sufficiency and push for a democratic agrarian reform in favor of of the dispossessed peasants, which clashed with the interests of the peasants. national agricultural oligopolies and Yankee transnationals. In Brazil when a military dictatorship was imposed (1964 - 1985) with the overthrow of President João Goulart. The coup against Goulart was sustained by a media campaign and dirty war that consisted of selling the public the image that his government was inefficient, corrupt and infiltrated by communists. In Chile against Salvador Allende, where a macabre alliance between the U.S. and the Chilean bourgeoisie, gave the military coup led by fascist General Augusto Pinochet, bombed the Mint and assassinated its president on 11 September. September 1973, imposing a military dictatorship that lasted 17 years. And so on, through the so-called Condor Plan, imposed a political-military strategy of the CIA and the oligarchies of the continent to carry out coups d'état and impose dictatorships in Uruguay (1973 to 1985) and Argentina (1976 to 1983), just to mention these examples of violent coups d'état.

To Unlike "hard and violent" blows, for more than a few years now For two decades, the modality of the "soft" coup against governments elected at the ballot box by the vote of the people and with a anti-neoliberal, environmentalist and peace agenda with social justice with the objective of changing the role of the State and putting it at the service of the the neediest classes. The "soft" or legal coup is set and prepared in advance and its execution is given through judicial frame-ups based on false accusations of corruption or violation of legal norms that are alleged to be committed by governments targeted by the coup d'état.

Is the case of Colombia today, where its government is under constant threat and the "soft" coup d'état siege, driven by sectors extremists of the oligarchy, in alliance with big capital, drug trafficking mafias, far-right parties (Centro Democratic) and large mass disinformation media. Argue those who are promoting the coup d'état, that in Colombia there is a rupture of the legal system because the government has violated norms Legal. By doing so, they are intended to justify the removal from office or Arrest of the President. The coup, as we know, is preceded by a long campaign of dirty war, news and false accusations from the mainstream media, and whose purpose is to delegitimizing the president and his cabinet, creating a bad image on it, and thus gain the support of public opinion.

One Once again, an atmosphere of instability and chaos has been created marches and uprising of the security forces against the government) generating unrest in public opinion against the government, They resort to the argument that we are dealing with an illegitimate government. "rupture of the constitutional thread," to bring the president before the impeachment and be able to remove him from office or imprison him. Is that's when the coup d'état takes place. Here they have been gestating it since Gustavo Petro won the presidential election in June 2022, elected by more than 11 million votes.

Is still alive in the memory of millions of citizens of the continent, how they carried out the (legal) coup d'état against Evo Morales in the 2019, where the OAS with Luis Almagro played a role as an agent of the interests of the coup wing of the extreme right and as a pawn of the U.S. imperialism. Once Evo was forced to abandon the In the country, Senate President Jeanine Áñez took office. The coup against a president was legitimately consummated elected by majority. The same fate befell Pedro Castillo, president which they overthrew with a legal set-up, accusing him of a self-coup, that he was going to violate the Constitutional provision that empowers the president to dissolve Congress in exceptional cases; then they impeach him, remove him from power, imprisons and imposes Vice President Dina Boluarte in power.

Other presidents who have been victims of lawfare or legal coup in the continent are, in order: Manuel Zelaya, president of the Honduras, overthrown and expelled from the country by the Armed Forces, (2009); Fernando Lugo, President of Paraguay Impeached

in Trial politician (2012); Dilma Rousseff, President of Brazil, accused of the "Crime of responsibility in the make-up of the accounts prosecutors", impeached (2016) by Congress with the help of his vice-president Michael Termer, a neoliberal extremist who took office as president.

How Logically, the U.S. has always been behind all the coups of State without exception on the continent. Imperialism claims to, In addition, the guardianship of national sovereignty has exercised a power and Unquestioned influence over all oligarchic governments liberals and conservatives, since the 1950s, after the assassination of the popular leader Jorge Eliécer Gaitán on April 9, 1948, at the point of that has military bases throughout the national territory without the slightest minimal opposition from the lackey rulers that Colombia has had.

In In this sense, it is naïve, to say the least, to believe that the Department of The state or the UN will help the current government to defend itself against the coup is underway. Even less so, when President Gustavo Petro has laid out a clear stance on the case of the genocide of the committed by the Zionist State of Israel, the main ally of U.S. imperialism in the Middle East.

By On the other hand, it is questionable that organizations that claim to be grassroots in Colombia, decide to ask the OAS for help in helping the Gustavo Petro's government against the coup plotters, when we know that the The OAS has been an instrument of the policy of interference and domination imperialist system on the continent, led by an agent in the service of the Luis Almagro, who personally conspired with the oligarchies and right-wing bourgeoisie to legitimize coups d'état as happened in Bolivia with President Evo Morales or in the United States. Peru with President Pedro Castillo.

Nobody in Colombia there is the slightest doubt that the legal coup is coming from the Attorney General's Office and the Attorney General's Office, trenches of the coup-plotting extreme right, through its two highs representatives, Margarita Cabello and Francisco Barbosa, Uribism and the mafia and criminal extreme right that has governed Colombia. Hence the collusion of the coup forces with the Supreme Court of Justice not to process the election again Prosecutor, when the term of the unpunished and concealing Prosecutor has expired Álvaro Uribe, Francisco Barbosa; who intends to leave in He replaced Deputy

Prosecutor Martha Mancera, who was more questioned than he was. denounced for covering up crimes and doing favors for the mafia of the drug trafficking. There is no doubt about the role of the U.S. in the coup. when it became known that Prosecutor Barbosa had recently been in U.S. reporting to the State Department on its management and proposing Deputy Prosecutor Mancera as head of the Prosecutor's Office.

The the people, the primary constituent, is the only political subject that can confront and stop the right-wing coup in Colombia. It's at the same time people to whom we must appeal, to their capacity to mobilize, resistance and struggle to confront the right-wing forces that seek to strike a blow and prevent democratic change in the country. They're still burning the embers of the social explosion that the country experienced between April 1990 and 1999. 2021 to July 2022. Of a National Strike Against Policies neoliberal policies and the regressive tax reform of the government of the President of Uribista, Iván Duque, to a national movement that He resisted the neoliberal onslaught in the streets and put the brakes on the reforms of the last government of the oligarchy. It was the citizenships protesting in the most diverse, creative and combative ways those that stopped the starving government, an ally of the drug traffickers and Iván Duque, at the cost of hundreds of lives and disappeared. Only the people save the people, it was sung overwhelmingly in Those years of crowds in the streets fighting from the first and resisting the regime's brutal repression.

The fruits and the political accumulation of this vast protest movement and extraparliamentary popular struggle, he knew how to channel them and collect the present of the Colombian people, it is to that movement of millions of people. citizens who owe and are due to this political subject irreplaceable and unique in the history of popular conquests, to which we must appeal in order to stop the neoliberal coup forces and farright that prevent change in Colombia.

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