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Faced with the electoral result in the US: Trump's departure is a victory, but Biden is not the future

Biden has not given any sign that he is going to abandon the imperialist policy to begin to respect the sovereignty of the peoples.

After learning the result of the presidential elections in the United States, we celebrate Trump's defeat, but Biden's victory is not a cause for joy. Although the aggressive and crude Trump becomes a bad memory of history, and this is celebrated in the streets of the country, it cannot be forgotten that the two presidential candidates are part of the privileged who express themselves in both variants: Democrat and republican, who belong to the same "party of power" that governs for the plutocracy, even though there are slight differences in domestic politics and international action.

The Democratic Party, with Obama and Biden as vice president, maintained the neoliberal orientation in the North American economy that caused so many difficulties for workers and the poor population; it rescued the big banks and the big car companies with multimillion-dollar aid at the cost of increasing the country's public deficit, and it fought the great recession of 2008 by sending its consequences to the rest of the world. His great achievement, Obamacare, while expanding health care to a portion of the population, did not stop insurance company premiums from rising and the plan was not even completed.

The Obama and Biden administrations gestured toward Cuba, but did not close the sinister Guantanamo prison; signed the 5 + 1 agreement with Iran, but continued the military intervention in Afghanistan and Iraq, started the war against Syria and the aggression against Libya that destroyed the country, and financed and supported the Maidan coup in Ukraine that led to the extreme right to power. He supported the military coup in Thailand and compromised with the sinister General Al-Sisi who carried out the military coup in Egypt. He also maintained the NSA's worldwide spy program, created by Bush in 2008 and denounced by Snowden. And in its relationship with Russia and China, the government of Democrats Obama and Biden followed the purposes of the Pentagon, reinforcing NATO forces on the Russian borders and formulating its "turn to Asia" that involved the transfer of a good part of their military troops to the seas near China for their containment and harassment plan.





It is not surprising that after the years of the grotesque Trump, many American citizens celebrate his march, but Biden is a mirage: he is the politician who, together with Bush, supported the war against Iraq in 2003, although he later rectified by the obvious failure and the massacre that caused hundreds of thousands of deaths. The neoliberalism of Republicans and Democrats has wreaked havoc in his country and although there are differences of degree in his political proposals, Biden will not solve the problems of North American workers: there are millions who survive with miserable wages; the nation's food banks warn that food insecurity affects more than 50 million people in the United States and 40 million Americans cannot pay their water bill.

Trump's defeat is, without a doubt, a severe blow to the postmodern fascism that promoted his presidency and that today configures a sinister international with the Trump, Bolsonaro, Modi, Netanyahu, Orbán, Kaczyński, Erdogan, Al-Sisi, Duterte, all they are nationalist, xenophobic, racism-prone leaders of the new extreme right that has been strengthened by the crisis and that now, losing its main reference in the world, is weakened.

Now the United States should push for a new foreign policy. Biden announces the return to the nuclear agreement with Iran, but he is going to maintain the economic sanctions; he will continue to support Israel, even if he makes some gesture towards the Palestinians. Biden must decide whether to return the American embassy to Tel-Aviv; if it limits the aggressiveness of Arabia in the infamous war in Yemen, if it ends the military intervention in Syria and the illegal bases it maintains in the country; he will have to decide whether to negotiate a short- and medium-range missile agreement with Moscow to replace the INF that Trump abandoned; he has to urgently decide whether the United States accepts Russia's proposal to unconditionally extend START III, which expires in February 2021 and is the only remaining nuclear disarmament treaty.

Trump's departure is a victory, but Biden is not the future: he has not given any sign that his Administration is going to abandon the imperialist policy or open a stage of respect for the sovereignty of the peoples, of cooperation and of peace.

