

Donald Trump is not Superman

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Life is stubbornly showing that a country like U.S. cannot be run in the style of a large capitalist enterprise.

Thus starts to understand it, by the force of blows, who thought the opposite, its current billionaire president, Donald Trump.

Over sixty days ago, he took office, and has already faced two serious political setbacks, so deep that they're still floating in the international public opinion.

In the first case, he decided to close the doors of the United States to travelers from six Muslim-majority nations.

Balance? That a sort of wildfire spread across the world to challenge the move.

Even in his own national territory there were demonstrations rejecting it and some turned violent.

Last week, Trump and his men could not repeal the Obamacare health plan (also known as Affordable Care Act).

It was a failure because they bombed it without knowing how to replace it properly.

Since then, the current president had turned it into one of his main banners to gain supporters, especially from the far-right.

Now they believe the time had come to, using the scenario of the House of Representatives dominated by them, remove the aforementioned plan.

But in the face of significant clashes even with their allies in the Capitol building, they withdrew the bill.

That is, an assertive political setback that deeply hit both, President Trump and House Speaker Paul Ryan.

Another concern joins this new exhausting fact: the expensive wall to be built in the US-Mexico border.

AP journalist Alicia A. Caldwell wrote last Saturday that such a huge work “has its own obstacles”.

And she details some:

For example, Trump does not know how he would pay for that huge 30-foot-high wall and with a wonderful view for those who watch it from the north.

Caldwell also writes that Washington will have to contend with an unfavourable geography and “many legal problems”.

Then she takes a look at those obstacles:

Trump vowed that Mexico would pay for the wall, demand that the Mexican government has repeatedly rejected.

The first cost estimate sent to Congress requested \$2.6 billion for the wall.

Nevertheless, an internal report prepared by Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly concluded that a wall for the whole border would cost about \$21 billion.

For his part, Trump assures the cost would be around \$12 billion. Chaos within the bigger chaos?

AP notices that, at this point, it is not defined yet how much money the Congress would approve in that regard.

Nearly 50 percent of the 2000-mile (3200-km) the US-Mexico border is in Texas and marked by the Bravo River.

According to AP, Trump will be forced to deal with treaties maintained by the International Boundary and Water Commission, as well as several environmental regulations that limit certain type of construction areas.

Moreover, almost the whole land on the Texas border is privately held and most of it belongs to

families settled in the area for several generations.

So, observers warn, based on historical experience, that buying their land won't be easy.

Another unfavourable sign for the Trump collection was the following:

After gathering opinions on Trump's debacle in Congress, two AP journalists, Michael Warren and Sudhin Thanawala, wrote on Saturday:

Americans benefited with Obamacare "breathed a sigh of relief" with the failure of the Republican attempt to repeal it.

Even more importantly, what happened with the bill corroborates, so to say, that Donald Trump is not superman.

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