Summit or Abyss of the Americas?

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In addition to the petty money of almost 2,000 million dollars the United States will offer to private investment in Central America to supposedly curb migration, what else will be discussed at the Summit of the Americas that begins today in Los Angeles.

About Democracy?

Which one, the example the United States gave the world during the assault on Capitol Hill on January 6th, 2021 when Trump's hosts once again questioned, through violence, the veracity of the electoral processes in that country or on the excluded "dictators" who govern today, according to them, in countries like Cuba, Venezuela or Nicaragua?

The American double standard in this last aspect is no secret to anyone.

According to the French press agency AFP for the United States: "Dictators are bad, except, well, when they are not so bad" and proof of this double standard is Biden's next visit to Saudi Arabia where he is expected to meet with the de facto leader, Crown Prince Mohamed bin Salman, who according to U.S. intelligence services, in 2018, orchestrated the murder and dismemberment of a prominent dissident, Jamal Khashoggi, a U.S. resident and columnist for The Washington Post.

During his presidential campaign, Biden said that this crime turned Saudi Arabia into a 'pariah', so in recent days he has had no choice but to clarify that the United States continues to respect human rights, although the latter, for the empire, do not mean anything other than being able to lower, with the mid-term elections in November, the inflated prices of fuel.

Historical is imperial opportunism in this sense. It’s worth remembering that, in 1939, President Franklin Roosevelt commented that Nicaraguan dictator Anastasio Somoza "may be a son of a bitch, but he is our son of a bitch."

Unforgettable is also the support and advice of the United States to the leaders of the criminal right-wing dictatorships in Latin America during the Cold War, a time when anyone who admired the Cuban revolution literally disappeared from the South American map.

According to Robert Guttman, professor of international relations at Johns Hopkins University, quoted by AFP, the inconsistency of the United States boils down to 'cynical' self-interest.

'The conclusion -adds the specialist- is that we need oil and we support the people who have the oil. For the natural resources we need, we bend our ideals, and in an election campaign the president is everywhere.'

About health cooperation?

How can the country talk about the subject that, with a million dead from the coronavirus pandemic, shamelessly defames the altruism of doctors of an island that, despite denying even oxygen to save its patients, has managed to virtually eradicate the virus. Will Los Angeles talk about the miracle of the Cuban vaccines that have saved and are saving thousands of lives in the region?

Migration?

And what can be said about it when the main cause of illegal Cuban emigration is the criminal blockade that the United States has kept against the welfare of a people for more than sixty years. Will the crime of using a pandemic as a weapon of war to subvert the Cuban political system justify the four measures announced at the last minute by the Biden government to mitigate the more than 200 sanctions taken by Trump? With so much hypocrisy, it will be very difficult to avoid ridicule.

Human rights?

The United States could not have chosen a better time to convene a Summit. In that great arms supermarket that is the nation of "opportunities," mass shootings have become daily news. A country where, without being at war, violence with firearms has killed more than 18,000 people so far in 2022 alone, including almost 10,300 suicides, according to the NGO Gun Violence Archive.

As former Vice President Al Gore rightly said, regarding the recent children massacre in Texas, American democracy has been bought by money. And she remains hijacked, as Guttman suggests, by electoral interests: "All you have to think about is Florida 2024 and they (Democrats) need your votes."

In today's Disunited States, democracy is impossible when the foreign policy decisions of the entire nation depend on the pressure and blackmail of a gang of extreme right-wing mafia. In this historical moment there will be no handouts or bribes that will manage, as used to happen in the days of Monroe, to overcome the insuperable abyss that separates them from Our America.

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