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"No One Looks Out for Us"

To philosophy what belongs to philosophy. "Nobody looks out for us", say the inmates in a program about the life of prison guards. In Portugal? Yes, in Portugal, right under our noses. It is a field for enough, because António Costa ends up being too right, and sometimes that is not what is asked of him as a political task.

It is hell, first it was with the priests, then it was with the madhouse. The only thing missing is the prison to fulfill, in this society, *Goffman's design...*

If mental stigma worries a lot of people, shame worries a lot more, these are just two ingredients that indict the mental health of the Portuguese and their connection to the status and opportunism of certain agents, which another, perhaps the social scientist, would say is only, and only, a fight for survival. Here is the broth of sin, of ignominy, of tragedy more than Greek tragedy...

Yes, perhaps it's the fault of the members of parliament in general, not so much the fault of the government only, that is, the culture, which has to change, because there is, first of all in Portugal, great economic inequality and everything depends a little on education, although this is not readily liquid for all societies, for all nations, for example, what there is in Angola and Mozambique, is not the same type of social problems that we face in this rectangle of ours, where things are more refined. Here, then, is the starkness of racism, of domination, of economic dependence on the state, on the one hand, in all its social apparatus ("geringonça"). The further north, the more refined, that is the word that could explain how cultural difference is treated...

So the Portuguese don't need to apologize for colonization, that would be to deny reality, and even philosophically, the Portuguese expansion is defensible, even if not on all its points of view. A developing cousin, a cultural solipsism, a polyhedron of emotions and feelings drawn back and forth on the canvas of the social through the social history of our country...

Si m, maybe it is the government's fault. For not putting the brakes on our country to global Americanization, or at least taking advantage of the good things, the good ideas, the good examples. Because we are treading on American soil, or at least English, it seems. In the face of this, I thought, "I'm screwed, I'm from Chega"...LOL...

Because the representation of government in the social fabric, has to do with the adherence faze to what is desired and what is desirable (to do), we can put the problem like this. And why don't they make Chega extinct? Because, in a certain sense, they have good proposals, at least they show commitment, as in France, because the common Portuguese think this way too, whether white or black, rich or poor...

Here, then, in parade, the various political parties seen through the hand (and foot) of a social scientist. It didn't need to be this way, but there is in me a little bit of social worker and heroism, which I clearly assume, because I have to see with those who suffer the most, even if it is not for more than a coin and a cigarette. It is at the local level that everything is solved and put into perspective, the local that sustains the global, when the global is just an American party... Between Marx and Tocqueville.

After all, after everything is cleared up, Rui Costa gives a lesson in modesty and competence (as does Schmidt) to many presidents throughout Europe... Next year, dare I ask, will it be the same, in other words, the same result? If Aursnes plays, maybe so...

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