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Millions of Non-profit Associations are changing the world and have created a structure capable of substituting politicians and the public sector.

During the first half of 20th century, the two world wars, along with the 1929 crash, made evident that democracy was a dangerous and criminal system. In the second half of 20th century we became aware of the generalized corruption, tax havens, etc.

The politic reaction to the 1st World War was creating the UN to guarantee peace. It is often said that the Industrial Age ended at the same time as the 2nd World War, in 1945 and that, in that same year, the creation of UN symbolises the beginning of the Information Age, an issue that is questionable, as we will see in this essay.

Apart from this establishment's reaction, there were other reactions in 1950s which have come up to the present days, specifically the following:

> 1. Cultural, so-called counterculture.

> 2. Social, emergence of the constitution of non-profit organizations that follow the establishment's rules.

> 3. Popular, groups which are not officially constituted (according to the system's rules).

COUNTERCULTURE

("The Way to Change the World" part one extract, 2014).

Numerous authors of the 19th and 20th century, stated that the organization of societies western was unfair and therefore unsustainable. In this respect, usually stressed the work of Oswald Spengler's "Decline of the West" which was published in 1918 and in 1923. For many the title symbolizes the situation of western civilization During the 19th century, the three masters of suspicion: Marx, Freud and Nietzsche, criticized "a way of understanding the world that reaches our days "(Wikipedia, May 23, 2013), ie, the conceptual basis of the social organization and our lives.

The major reaction against the established order was made with the counterculture of the 1950 and its popular extension during the 1960s that gave to the emergence of alternative lives, the rejection of wars, Ecology, sexual liberation, equality of women, and so on. In fact, consolidating some basis for a new awareness that currently spoken in all parts, but with a different understanding of it.

The counterculture also meant discredited ideologies and socioeconomic policies for intellectuals who claimed his death, as before had cornered the philosophical-religious ideologies. During the industrial era replaced the mythical-religious philosophy for the scientific view, while vision is created the socioeconomic and political dogmas that the current Information Age being eliminated, being popularly extending reaction to the Great International Crisis of 2008.

SOCIAL REACTION

("The Way to Change the World" part two extract, 2016).

With the general perception that the system doesn't work, a more or less organised opposition and new structures are growing. From the opposition we can outline the following groups:

1.- Anarchists. They pretend a society without public sector, governments, laws and rules. This group appears in the last 1700s and it develops along 19th century.

2.- Anti-system: Even though most of these groups are anti-system in one way or the other, those usually denominated us such, are the ones that pretend to destroy the system without proposing a new one or suggesting other systems which have been already proved to be decadent, generally pro-state systems. They are usually anti-capitalism and anti-globalization groups.

3.- Groups that look for alternative options to the business sector. Outstanding among them is the World Social Forum (WSF), born in 2001, and its regional branches in America, Europe and Asia. They look for alternative options to capitalism and suggest that goods and services production should come from social organizations. They promote what they call social economy. It is worth pointing out that the European Union settles that its economic system is a social market economy. The WSF legitimizes these organizations' benefits, because their workers are their owners.

4.- Fair trade. "*The **Fair Trade** (also called **equitable trade**) is an alternative way of trading promoted by several non-governmental organizations, the United Nations and social movements (as pacific and ecological movements) that want a voluntary and fair relationship between producers and consumers*". (Wikipedia 2nd February 2016). The producers are usually cooperative companies (further on, this kind of companies will be commented in this document). Fair trade is related to the former group (WSF).

5.- Most people assert that governments do not represent the general interests, but just the economic interests of a minority, beginning with their own members. This belief is the main reason for the system's loss of legitimacy and credibility. This group's mobilization becomes outstanding in the media since the Great International Crisis in 2008.

> *"Oligarchic practices and corruption". "We attend not only the legitimacy's erosion, but also the erosion of leadership structure, credibility and authority". "Parliamentary democracy crisis". (*Nadia Urbinati, 22nd April 2013 La Republica.)

6.- Social movements, virtual platforms and communities that promote the complaints towards the system and its change. The Spanish 15M has internationally stood out. A group of people used it as a platform to create a political party (PODEMOS) and other convergent political parties used it to nominate a candidate for municipal and regional governments, as those who currently govern the two cities with the largest number of inhabitants (Madrid and Barcelona) and some regional communities. Is it by chance that Madrid and Barcelona have women as mayors when the former ones were men? We have to make a difference between the 15M movement, which was apolitical, and these political parties which have socialist/communist and anti-system ideas. They are named "populists".

7.- Intellectuals and "Think Tanks". They are a minority that design some of the bases of a new system, different from what we know until now and which must be sustainable, fair and equitable.

8.- Intergovernmental organizations. They establish agreements, rules and recommendations among governments, in order to eliminate mutual damages and to unify and improve the legislations and practices that exist in the public and private sectors. United Nations and the European Union are the most influential. Thus, they interfere with governmental activities to increase globalization, establishing the Different World Order.

9.- Governments. The government authorities accept the intergovernmental organizations' agreements, although they usually break them. Some of them contribute with innovative approaches for system's change, interfering with the self and else's governments' activities, to increase globalization and to establish the Different World Order. Intergovernmental organizations have the advantage and the disadvantage of not being democratic: The advantage of being able to isolate from populism and from electoral tyranny so they can make unpopular decisions, and the disadvantage of not having democratic legitimacy and being under the governments' power.

10.- Social activists. They are making important changes in the system from the non- profit organizations of the social sector. They are a few entrepreneurs who are supported by an increasing community of funders and volunteers. "It is estimated that the number of NPOs that are operating in the US is more than 1.500.000 (datum from 2011). Russia has got 277.000 NPOs (datum from 2007). India is estimated to have 2.000.000 NPOs (datum from 20009)". (Wikipedia). The Union of International Associations has got 69.00 International Associations registered in 300 countries and territories; approximately 1.200 organizations are added each year. In 21st century, the massive signature collecting systems to object government's decisions or to press governments to adopt certain decisions are standing out. The same as the intergovernmental organizations, these platforms infer in governments' activities increasing globalization and establishing the Different World Order.

11.- Super wealthy. The wealthiest person in the world during these last decades (Bill Gates), has created an alliance (The Giving Pledge) where numerous billonaires have pledged to donate the main part of their fortunes to the social sector, so their progeny will not inherit their whole fortunes. These fortunes could contribute to the change of the system, helping the social sector, which is creating the Different World Order.

SYSTEM CHANGE

The current government systems (dictatorship, democracy, communism) were created by the ruling minority to benefit from the ones who are ruled; therefore, they can all be denominated as "abusocracies". The governments and the international bodies represent the establishment's interests. This situation is reflected in the popular phrase:

They don't represent us!

Therefore, it is essential to build a new system with, at least, the following features:

1. Not be designed by the rulers or the establishment.

2. Make the most out of what is already there.

3. Centralise just what it must be centralised, for example, the global environment, new human rights and some aspects of the social justice.

Where to start from?

The social revolution began seven decades ago, by means of three related and necessary lines.

1. The prevailing systems' undermining. Incompetence and corruption are the main industrial systems' (authoritarisms, communism, democracy) features, and its awareness undermines these systems. The abovementioned reactions also undermine the current system, including petitions with signature collection for substantial issues or that question the political power. The thought of "the system is the problem" is spreading. The public power creates the problems. It hides them and avoids getting them resolved. Petitions signed by more than 200 million people have created a culture of defense of human rights and opposition toward politicians.

2. Emerging system strengthening. The social sector keeps growing and has already over 3.5 million non-profit organizations (NPOs). Whilst the public sector was created by the rulers to increase their abuse over the ruled, the social sector organisations are freely created and freely supported because they defend legitimate collective interests which, often, benefit all of us. This is the reason for its success. At the end of 19th century, the public sector didn't reach 9% of the PIB, a century later the social sector had already exceeded that percentage. The Nobel Peace Price 2017 has been awarded to a campaign accomplished by a net of more than 300 NPOs against war, admitting that politicians are the problem and the solution is in the social sector. Most of the UN's achievements have been promoted by the social sector. The global warming awareness and the actions taken are due to the mobilisations of thousands of scientists achieved by the social sector. Unlike the public sector, the social sector is in touch with the people's realities. The social sector identifies problems and works to resolve them, but the public sector doesn't allow it. Countries are opaque in this lack of cooperation between these two sectors. The European Union has difficult requirements to fulfill for the NPOs to take part in its bodies, therefore, their representation is minimal and rather opaque. The alternative media, including social networks, must disclose the social sector's recognition as an alternative structure to the public sector.

3. Making the transition to a new system. The social sector has created a new structure capable of assuming all the politicians' functions and those of the public sector. Now that this alternative structure already exists, the social revolution must head for the replacement of politicians with the social system's NPOs, in all countries and in international bodies, such as UN and the European Union.

Once the NPOs have replaced the rulers, the social sector will create a new system, very different from the current one, and the Social Revolution of a majority, against the ruling minority that has been taking advantage of it for the ten thousand years of human being history, will be completed.

I have founded the International Association to Change the World to impel this change of system. We are all part of the problem, but now with this Project, we can be part of the solution.

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