

AFGHANISTAN AND NATIONAL SECURITY

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In the future president Barack Obama will probably regret his decision of sending another thirty thousand soldiers to Afghanistan, thus tripling the number that existed in the beginning of his administration. It was not a surprise, because this was the wish of the establishment and of most of the American people. But it showed that a president who raised such hopes - and who is being firm in defending his universal healthcare project - in the end had not enough strength and courage to change the present concept of national security and, therefore, to better serve his countrys real interests. Had he the vision of a statesman, he would notice that there is a basic misconception regarding this problem- that American national security is weakened rather than strengthened when the United States support corrupt governments that oppose projects of formation of a national State in Middle East countries. He would be aware that, in order to fight Al-Qaeda terrorism and have commercial access to the oil produced in the region, the best solution is not to support local puppets, but to reach an agreement with groups, today usually Islamic ones, as the Taliban, and not to oppose their projects of formation of a national and capitalist State.

The Islamic movements inspired by the 1979 Iranian Revolution are nationalist movements that intend to establish Nation-states worthy of that name. They use religion to achieve legitimacy and unity, in much the same way as todays developed

countries, starting with England, made use of religion to legitimate their national revolutions. They fight regimes such as the one that was set up by the USA in Afghanistan (and also in Somalia), about which the newspaper *O Estado de S. Paulo* (Dec. 3, 2009) states in its editorial: "Hamid Karzai runs what is considered as the worlds second most corrupt government (the first one would be that of Somalia). Afghans are continuously extorted - it is not surprising that they tolerate or are sympathetic to the Taliban".

Historical misunderstandings are sometimes tragic for the people. The United States are still dominated by the "military-industrial complex" that President Dwight D. Eisenhower denounced in his farewell address in January, 1961. This is why they dont understand that the time of the imperialist geopolitics that was practiced a 100 or even 50 years ago is over. Its costs are higher than its benefits. We are living in a time of globalization and democracy. From a political point of view, globalization means that the surface of the Earth is now covered by sovereign Nation-states and that none of them may refuse to sell at market price the goods it produces. There is no need, therefore, to control world sources of raw material. At international level, democracy means that there is today a political surveillance in order to enforce those principles.

The Taliban is interested in the national independence of its country. The United States are interested in fighting Al-Qaeda terrorism. For both of them, the best thing would be to reach an agreement that would entail the Talibans commitme nt to not provide shelter for Al-Qaeda, and also involving actions in Pakistan. That way, the United States would be best serving their national security and being more faithful to democratic principles than by attempting to win a military victory over a people, with the support of a local government based on drug trafficking and in the interests of warlords.