



PSOE's Communiqué Showing Its True Colors

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Surprisingly, the Spanish Socialist Party (PSOE) is now attempting to put things in order. This a great step forward, seeing as it has been doing quite the opposite for the past four years. However, it is not enough to simply put things back into place, they must be explained and all must be clearly shared with the public. Unfortunately, as usual, nothing is quite as the Socialist party suggests in its pitiful communiqué.

The Constitution of 1978, as all the other ones belonging to the democracies around us, states that no one should suffer discrimination, on the grounds of religious beliefs. However, the Socialists have a unique understanding of this statement; they see lack of discrimination as the systematic elimination of religion from social life, which is something quite different. To the Socialists, freedom of religion only exists inside one's home; what nerve! We refuse to have Zerolo, Bono or Zapatero telling us what we should believe in, but that is not the issue. It is about PSOE's badly concealed attempts to corner any kind of belief or principle that escapes state control - no

matter the kind. So we have one first conclusion; nowadays, the biggest enemy of religious freedom in Spain is the Spanish Socialist Party because it indulges in explicitly denying citizens the legitimacy to express in public their political or moral beliefs.

Let us remember that real democracy is based on the people's rights to present ideas in public, propose projects, or protest against any law considered unjust. One, ten, twenty times; as many as necessary and as long as the law is upheld. It is the guarantee of a democratic society; multiple beliefs and ideas meet in the public arena, they are expressed, discussed, and whatever else is necessary. It is self-evident, isn't it?

Well, it apparently is not. Let us say it clear with a second conclusion: what PSOE proposes is a democratic regression that consists in eliminating any type of moral source in Spanish society except their own. PSOE's determination to corner Christianity has nothing to do with the healthy separation of church and state in a democratic regime. It is about eliminating any source of moral principles alternative to the

leftist ones; it is about erasing from the face of the Earth any cultural, moral, political or ethical opposition beyond their own proposals to the Spanish people. Why are Zapatero, Zerolo and Bono the only ones with the right to express what is right or wrong, fair or unfair? Who do they think they are to determine what can or cannot be said in the public arena, and furthermore, what is or is not "democratic"? What exactly do these people understand about "democracy"?

The reader knows well which way the wind is blowing. Third conclusion: Zapatero has embarked on a project to

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create new Spaniards, in his own image and likeness. For that, he seeks to eliminate any source of moral or cultural legitimacy, which he cannot control or which challenges him. In other words, he seeks an end to religious pluralism in order to establish a civil and socialist one-sided belief. However, when the State attempts to take away its citizens' freedom of speech; we must stop referring to it as a democracy because this falls into another category of rule. So let us put things in their right place; i.e. show your true colors.