Supreme Court Coup Demolishes Rights: Mass resistance can stop them!

By Melinda Butterfield

On June 24, the U.S. Supreme Court by 6 to 3 overturned the right to abortion established almost 50 years ago in the Roe v. Wade decision. Over half the states had abortion bans ready to enact or will soon.

Based on the precedent set by this ruling, the court also threw into doubt the future of same-sex marriage, bodily autonomy for transgender, nonbinary and gender-nonconforming people, the right to contraception, and the right to love who you want, free of laws banning queer and interracial relationships.

The theft of a fundamental, popular right from women and other people who can become pregnant—more than half the population—garnered the most attention. But in the last two weeks of June the court unleashed an avalanche of reactionary decisions repealing the rights of workers and oppressed people:

• Police are no longer required to inform suspects of their Miranda rights against self-incrimination;
• Two major blows against the separation of church and state, allowing government funding for religious schools and school staff to lead prayer in public schools;
• Undermined the sovereignty of Indigenous nations established in treaties with the U.S. government;
• Severely limited federal agencies’ authority to regulating corporate polluters, effectively gutting the federal government’s ability to mount any response to climate change;
• In a “shadow docket” case, the court upheld the right of right-wing state governments to gerrymander voting districts to minimize Black and Brown voters;
• Additional rulings supporting police brutality, limiting the rights of prisoners to challenge their convictions and immigrants to challenge their detention; and more.

The coup enacted by the unelected, appointed-for-life Supreme Court is sweeping. It is no exaggeration to say these decisions taken together have completely upended the social and political landscape of everyday life in the U.S. Each ruling was crafted to have a domino effect which will have consequences we cannot fully know at this time.

By Struggle-La Lucha
New York bureau

On Pride Sunday, June 26, many thousands flooded the streets of lower Manhattan for the 4th annual Queer Liberation March. The theme of this year’s march was “For Trans and BIPOC Freedom, Reproductive Justice and Bodily Autonomy.” Coming just two days after the reactionary Supreme Court ruling overturning the right to abortion, the marchers were angry and determined to smash the mounting attacks on queer peoples’ and all peoples’ rights.

Contingents celebrated the legacy of the Stonewall Rebellion against police repression that launched the modern lesbian, gay, bi, trans, queer and two-spirit movement; remembered the lives of trans women of color stolen by violence; and demanded liberation for Palestine.

Supporters of the Socialist Unity Party carried a banner that read “Stonewall means fight back!” and signs that said “Abolish the Supreme Court” and “Nazis and TERFs say get back, we say fight back!” Activists who distributed hundreds of copies of Struggle-La Lucha newspaper reported an enthusiastic response from the mostly young marchers.

Queer Liberation Marchers vow to fight back

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Apostion bans = war on the poor: Baltimore Pride March, June 25.

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Juneteenth and labor
Juneteenth and ILWU: All workers win when slavery ends

By Lallan Schoenstein

Holding signs and chanting “Black Lives Matter, honor Juneteenth as a workers’ holiday!”, the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) and several other organizations rallied at the waterfront in Seattle on Monday, June 20, the first workday after the June 19 commemoration.

Gabriel Prawl, a leader of the ILWU West Coast Juneteenth Commemoration, spoke at the rally. He is past president of ILWU Local 52 and president of the Seattle chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute.

Prawl used the occasion to talk about the significance of the day:

“We get together on the 4th of July to celebrate liberation from British rule. But that wasn’t the case for Black people. Sadly, they were not even recognized as humans in 1776 when this country declared its independence. Freedom was far from an equally applied standard for everyone.”

Now after over 150 years, African Americans have a good reason to celebrate. Juneteenth is a yearly celebration of the liberation of enslaved Black people. Juneteenth is short for June 19th and a commemoration of the day in 1865 when General Gordon Granger led Union troops into the city of Galveston, Texas, to assume control of the state and free the enslaved Black people.

“Look around you, this is what the Union troops looked like.

“The big question here is, why should labor fight white supremacy? The answer is because it’s in our class interest. To not do so allows the ruling class and others to divide us, the working class, by race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, religion and so forth.”

On Juneteenth Gabriel Prawl said: This history is in the book ‘Mobilizing in Our Own Name, Million Worker March’ by Clarence Thomas, retired secretary treasurer of ILWU local 10.

“The closer rank and file workers get to the public the more support the public will give to organized labor. Such dose communication will make it apparent to those outside our ranks of labor that a community of interests lies between them. Every effort to split the of labor to and split the public, the majority of whom are workers themselves, to keep workers from their organized brothers and sisters must fail.”

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Guide to the U.S./NATO proxy war in Ukraine

On Feb. 24, the anti-fascist Donetsk and Lugansk People’s Republics, together with the Russian Federation, launched a military action with the goal of “demilitarization and denazification” of the U.S./NATO coup regime in Kiev. The Guide provides links to reports and analysis that give an understanding of the U.S./NATO proxy war in Ukraine.


Illegitimate Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) West Coast Juneteenth Commemoration in Seattle, June 20.

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**After Roe: From rage to revolution**

By Melinda Butterfield

As the parent of two young African American women, I’m outraged that their futures have been put in jeopardy by the attack on reproductive rights and civil rights.

As a trans woman, I’m outraged that my very right to exist, obtain medical treatment and participate in society is threatened by armed fascist gangs and capitalist politicians alike.

No doubt you are outraged as well. Let your rage radicalize you. But more, let it revolutionize you.

Join the Socialist Unity Party or another organization dedicated to fighting to end the capitalist system of oppression. We are stronger when we work together to build resistance.

Together our work is more effective and far-reaching, and we have the confidence that comes with knowing that we have each other’s backs.

The billionaires, the coup-makers in the Supreme Court and state houses, the police and Pentagon overlords, and their Nazi agents have shown us their true faces. Their plans for further attacks. Their need to gut the Indian Child Welfare Act that puts them up for adoption.

The Democrats cling to the trap of the filibuster and much more. We must not let them off the hook!

The states’ legislative offensive is in deep crisis. The Democrats are opportunistically using abortion rights to raise money for the midterm elections. We must not let them off the hook!

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**Hollow U.S. democracy crumbles**

The institutions of U.S. capitalism have always been a source of hope for poor and working people – at best, capable of granting crumbs that are always in danger of being swept away.

But by itself it is not enough. The struggle for union rights. This work must continue and grow.

The Supreme Court coup moves in tandem with legislation and executive orders that state governments aimed at Black voting rights, immigrants, trans people and the rest of the community to reassert their power, freedom, freedom of information and the ability of teachers to share any scrap of truth about real U.S. history.

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Already the court has announced plans for further attacks. Its next docket will include a case arguing that states should have control over the results of federal elections, which could allow state governments to decide the 2024 presidential election. Another threatens to gut the Indian Child Welfare Act that could lead to the removal of children of color.

The Democrats have already signaled that they are a show meant to give the appearance that they are taking the fight to the Supreme Court. But by itself it is not enough. The struggle for union rights. This work must continue and grow.

We must raise demands that address the most urgent life-and-death needs of millions, like a rollback on food and fuel prices, an end to rent-gouging, a minimum wage of $25 or more, and wage increases that keep up with inflation.

The fightback must be international in scope, building solidarity with the people of the world struggling to throw off U.S. imperialism’s military, economic and political domination.

It must be a movement led by the working class, oppressed communities, the poor and disenfranchised, whose very ability to exist often now hangs by the slenderest thread.

We must build a movement toward socialism to defeat the capitalists’ movement toward fascism.

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The Social Evolution of Humanity

Marx and Engels were right! by Bob McCubbin

This study of the evolution of humanity focuses on human social/sexual relations and, in particular, the changing social status of women. It offers a selection of scientific evidence that updates and augments the viewpoint expressed in Frederick Engels’ masterful work, ‘Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State.’

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By Stephen Millies

Since May 2, 1,000 workers have been on strike against CNH Industrial in Racine, Wisconsin, and Burlington, Iowa. These members of the United Auto Workers are up against Italy’s richest family, the Agnelli who control Fiat.

With sales last year of $31 billion, CNH had profits of $1.1 billion. But instead of genuine bargaining, the CEO of CNH, Scott Wine, has offered wage increases that are below the rate of inflation.

That’s demanding a wage cut from the UAW members while Wine pulls down a $9.2 million yearly salary. He also got a $22 million signing bonus.

The CNH contract stands for “Case” and “New Holland.” Both J.I. Case, based in Racine, and New Holland, which started out in New Holland, Pennsylvania, were among the best-known makers of construction and farm equipment.

Corporate wheeling and dealing — which at times included J.I. Case being owned by Tenneco and Ford buying New Holland — finally resulted in CNH Industrial being formed in 2012. With headquarters in Britain, the Agnelli-controlled outfit has 67 factories around the world.

All this financial skullduggery hasn’t been any good for workers. Case’s now closed lakefront plant in Racine used to employ more than 3,000 workers. Its current plant in Mount Pleasant, near Racine, employs around 500.

While the ownership has changed, being anti-labor is part of CNH’s DNA. J.I. Case President Leon Clausen tried to break UAW Local 180 during a 444-day strike that lasted from December 1965 until March 1967. Clausen said then “that when these men have been out long enough and their families have gotten hungry enough, the strike will end.” Seventy-five years later, CNH CEO Wine has hired strikebreakers to steal the jobs of the women and men on the picket lines.

But the strikers belonging to Local 807 in Burlington and Local 180 in Racine refuse to surrender despite having their medical and dental health insurance cut off.

CNH is also fighting workers at its tractor plant in Basil doch, Britain. The British union Unite has a series of one-day strikes lasting until August to force the company to negotiate.

This writer remembers the president of UAW Local 180 writing a check to bail out strikers during the 1977 Racine teachers’ strike. That’s the solidarity that the CNH strikers need today.

Both Locals 180 and 807 are collecting nonperishable food and personal items for the strikers and their families. Checks and gift cards can be mailed to the following addresses: UAW Local 180, 3323 Kearney Ave. Racine, WI 53403.

( Please write checks to “UAW Local 180”)

UAW Local 807, P.O. Box 1094, Burlington, Iowa 52603

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Victory to the workers! The writer is a retired member of the American Train Dispatchers Association.

What was behind Nixon’s downfall?

By Stephen Millies

Fifty years ago, the offices of the Democratic Party’s National Committee were burglarized on June 17, 1972. The crime at the Watergate complex led to President Richard Nixon’s resignation on Aug. 8, 1974.

The Watergate scandal’s anniversary is occurring during the congressional hearings into Trump’s attempted coup on Jan. 6, 2021. The fascist insurrection inside the Capitol, which was tolerated for hours by the police, was tempted coup on Jan. 6, 2021. The Watergate hearings led to President Richard Nixon’s resignation.

The Watergate scandal described the Watergate scandal as a struggle to “defend democracy and the rule of law.” What democracy was there in the Black colony of Washington, D.C., where people couldn’t elect their own mayor until 1972?

The U.S. capital has more people than Vermont or Wyoming, and almost as many as Alaska or North Dakota. Yet D.C. is still denied statehood because two more Black senators would be elected.

Since the Watergate era, U.S. capitalism’s “rule of law” has increased the number of prisoners five-fold. Over 10 million people are locked up, the majority of whom are Black, Indigenous or Latinx.

The plumbers

Millions of people viewed the hearings of the Senate Watergate Committee in May 1973. They were appalled and sometimes amused by the partial revelation of Nixon’s crimes.

The White House “plumbers” were exposed. This gang of ex-FBI and maybe not so ex-CIA agents were supposed to stop the leaks of information about Nixon’s crimes. Its leader was long-time CIA operative E. Howard Hunt.

Before committing the Watergate burglary, the plumbers’ target was former Pentagon analyst Daniel Ellsberg, the “Plumbers’” to the media, who exposed the lies U.S. presidents had told about the Vietnam War.

The Nixon Administration went to court trying to prevent the Washington Post and New York Times from publishing some of them. Ellsberg faced a long prison sentence, but his charges were dropped after the plumbers’ burglary of his psychiatrist was discovered.

Fifty years later, Julian Assange is again a British jail facing extradition to the United States for exposing the truth about U.S. war crimes in Afghanistan and Iraq.

None of the Watergate committee’s work on U.S. war crimina
er-Senator Sam Ervin of North Carolina was the committee’s chair. The media’s crush on the segregationist
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er—who was running for president as a virtual Klansman.

Nixon and the FBI targeted the Black Panther Party for extermination. At least 25 Panthers were murdered, including Fred Hampton and Mark Clark on Dec. 4, 1969. The FBI’s COINTELPRO program sought to wreck all progressive movements and organizations.

The movement had much harder to get rid of the corporations’ dependence on Black labor. Black workers were key to winning the 1970 postal workers strike. Before Nixon tried to break with federal troops.

On July 4, 1973, two Black workers—Larry Carter and Isaac Shorter—turned off the power at Chrysler’s Jefferson Avenue assembly plant in Detroit. The result was the first big sitdown strike in 26 years.

Fifty years ago, a quarter of U.S. auto and steel workers were Black. They helped lead a record number of 6,000 strikes in 1973.

This strike wave followed the expiration of Nixon’s wage and price controls, which were imposed in 1971. The simultaneous abolition of the gold standard made the U.S. paper dollar world money.

This was Nixon’s greatest gift to Wall Street. It allows the U.S. to roll up huge trade deficits every year. The cheap shoes, clothing and other consumer goods bought by a working class that’s only 10% unionized has allowed capitalists to keep wages low. Instead of buying U.S. goods with dollars, capitalist governments have financed the huge Pentagon war budget.

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As NATO warlords gather in Madrid: Defend Donetsk from Ukraine terror attacks

By Melinda Butterfield

U.S. President Joe Biden and other heads of state of the NATO war alliance met in Madrid, Spain, from June 28–30 to plan the next phase of their proxy war against the Donbass republics and the Russian Federation. Meanwhile, their Ukrainian agents are raining terror daily on civilians in towns and villages in the Donets and Lugansk People’s Republics (DPR and LPR).

The Ukrainian regime is on a rampage, especially attacking civilians in Donetsk, capital of the DPR. Residential areas of the city that have been untouched since the worst days of 2014–2015 are now being targeted daily by NATO-supplied weapons. People in the city report a desperate situation.

“Thank you to NATO for the gifts,” activist and long-time Donetsk resident Katya A. wrote on June 15. “Now there are no safe areas left in the city. Every time you leave your house, it’s Russian roulette. You never know where the next shell will land. You can’t be sure you’ll make it home or not be left disabled.”

Since early June, daily attacks on civilian targets in the capital have steadily intensified. By mid-month, the city was under the heaviest attack since Ukraine’s war on Donbass began in 2014.

Apartment buildings, hospitals, schools and public transit have been hit. Shopping areas have been especially targeted by the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

On June 13, the Donetsk News Agency (DAN) reported, “Three people have been killed and another four have been wounded in Ukrainian gunmen’s strike at Donetsk’s Budjonnovsky district, the DPR Territorial Defense Headquarters reported.”

The Ukrainian special forces targeted the Maisky market, a major shopping venue in Donetsk visited by thousands of residents daily for essential supplies. The victims included an 11-year-old girl and her mother.

Earlier in the day, four civilians were wounded in the Kiyevsky district.

300 strikes in three hours

“Ukrainian gunmen fired more than 300 heavy artillery projectiles including MLRS [Multiple Launch Rocket System] missiles at Donetsk within two hours, the Joint Center for Control and Coordination (JCC) reported on Monday.”

“The DPR capital has never come under such massive strikes in terms of fire amount, density and duration over the whole period of the armed conflict,” the report said. “Nearly 300 MLRS missiles and artillery projectiles were fired in two hours.”

“The heaviest strikes were delivered at the Kulybheyevsky, Kiyevsky and Voroshilovsky districts in the west, north and center of the city. The enemy shelled them with BM-21 Grad and Uragan multiple rocket launchers and 152mm and 155mm artillery,” DAN reported.

Two days later – on June 15 – President Biden announced $1 billion in additional military aid to Ukraine on top of $54 billion in aid already allocated this year, “a package that includes shipments of additional howitzers, ammunition and coastal defense systems,” according to CNN. NATO has promised to speed up the delivery of weapons to Ukraine.

“The enemy has literally crossed all the lines using prohibited methods of warfare, shooting at Donetsk’s residential and central areas and delivering fire at other DPR towns and settlements,” DPR head Denis Pushilin said. “In this connection, an understanding has been reached that the allies, in the first place the Russian Federation, will use all necessary additional forces.”

DPR Commissioner for Human Rights Daria Morozova said: “At the moment, any provocations can be expected from Ukrainian militants and troops to the west as a ‘victim of Russia.’”

“Ukraine’s attacks on Donbass civilians have gone mostly unreported in the U.S. corporate media. Donetsk residents scolded when they learned German media claimed the attacks were somehow caused by Donetsk ally Russia. Germany, like the U.S., has covered up Ukrainian war crimes for the past eight years.”

Five medical facilities in Donetsk were hit on June 13, including a maternity hospital. All the patients and staff were evacuated to the basement – with one exception. “A baby was born prematurely and could not be disconnected from the ventilator,” Katya A. reported on her Telegram channel. “The head of department was there (with the infant) the whole time. Both survived, no one was hurt, although the blast blew out all the windows in the intensive care unit.”

Earlier, Western media raised a hue and cry over an alleged Russian attack on a maternity hospital in the city of Mariupol before its liberation from Ukrainian neo-Nazis. The claim was refuted by Mariupol residents, including a patient of the hospital who had been portrayed in the West as a “victim of Russia.”

These same media, however, had nothing to say about Ukraine’s attacks on pregnant women, new parents and infants in Donetsk.

Stop U.S.–NATO weapons!

During the week of June 13–19, Ukrainian attacks killed at least 12 and wounded 93 residents of Donetsk, Mayor Alexey Kulemzin said. Daily attacks on Donetsk and the nearby cities of Makeevka and Gorlovka mostly come from the Ukrainian-occupied town of Avdiivka and surrounding villages to the west of the capital. The area is heavily fortified and defended by the most battle-hardened, ideologically neo-Nazi forces in the service of the Ukrainian regime and Western imperialism.

The strategy of allied anti-fascist forces — the People’s Militias of Donetsk and Lugansk and the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation — has been to steadily liberate surrounding areas, encircling the Avdiivka area. Since the point of the Special Operation to liberate the occupied areas of the DPR and LPR, the allied forces have been advancing with care to avoid unnecessary civilian casualties.

At the same time, as more and more territory is freed from Ukrainian control and the occupation forces retreat, more troops and weaponry are concentrated in Avdiivka for attacks on civilians in and near the capital.

Another reason for serious concern is the infusion of higher-range missiles and artillery from NATO. While 95% of the LPR has now been liberated from Ukrainian troops, attacks on frontline areas like Kirovsk continue. And the new powerful weaponry from the West could allow the Zelensky regime to again target the capital of Lugansk.

Mass protests were held in Madrid, across Europe and around the world during the NATO Summit. It is urgent for anti-war and anti-fascist forces to expose Ukraine’s ongoing terrorist attacks on Donetsk and demand: No more NATO weapons to Ukraine!
Violencia colonial

Por Berta Joubert-Ceci

Buenos días audiencia, la violencia en general, ha aumentado mundialmente a causa de los conflictos y la inestabilidad provocada por las medidas contra el Covid. Pero aquí hay otra violencia que sigue en aumento, los asesinatos de jóvenes de la “primera línea” que fueron detenidos numerosos durante años por su resistencia. El año con más muertes violentas fue el 2015 con cerca de 2 mil homicidios. Pero para el tercer mes de este año, ya se han cometido 1, 500. Estamos perdiendo a toda una generación, porque la mayoría son jóvenes. Es de esperar. Gracias a la política de privatización de la educación, impulsa por EUA, miles de jóvenes no pueden ni soñar con una educación. La única oportunidad para salir de la pobreza son las drogas, que en una isla donde no se cultiva ni coca, llega gracias a los agentes estadounidenses que vigilan nuestras fronteras aéreas y marítimas. Recientemente el gobernador Pierluisi fue condenado a hospicio, a meniguar a Washington. Esta vez pidiendo que se restituyera el programa policial inútil “Operación Resistencia Caribeña” para disque combatir las drogas. Porque solo saben de represión y violencia contra la juventud. Pero el verdadero programa que se necesita es el de la “Resistencia Caribeña” para librar a las cadeñas coloniales.

Por nuestra juventud, y por todas y todos, tenemos que sacar el invasor gringo. ¡Que Viva Puerto Rico libre! 

COLOMBIA:
Entre la alegría de la victoria y el enorme desafío de un devenir difícil pero no imposible

Por Carlos Aznárez

El estallido de euforia que se desató en Colombia y en toda la Patria Grande con el cierre de la fórmula Gustavo Petro y Francia Márquez, habla por sí solo de cuántas décadas de luchas de todo tipo y sus consecuencia de hombres y mujeres golpeados, torturados, encarcelados y asesinados, han precedido tal acontecimiento.

El pueblo colombiano combinó en más de medio siglo todas las formas de combate posible contra la oligarquía y sus sostenedores, las fuerzas militares y represivas: desde las movilizaciones masivas, los paros nacionales activos, las pueblos insurreccionales y las distintas experiencias de liberación. Pero también pasó por contiendas electorales, algunas de ellas producto de acuerdos de paz para silenciar las armas, que terminaron en verdadero genocidio como fue la experiencia de la Unión Patriótica en los años 80, que dejó un saldo de miles de dirigentes y luchadores y luchadoras asesinados.

Varios años después, los Acuerdos de Paz en La Habana entre las FARC y el gobierno derechista de Juan Manuel Santos volvieron a crear expectativas que terminaron en más dolor, ya que todos los acuerdos se convirtieron en papel mojado y tracción por parte del gobierno colombiano, y dio pie al comienzo de otro genocidio de ex guerrilleros y numerosos líderes y líderes sociales.

Por último, llegó el momento de probar la táctica de la insurrección masiva que significó el paro nacional activo de los años 2020-21, protagonizado por miles y miles de pobladores, campesinos, estudiantes, trabajadores, con una enorme y muy significativa presencia juvenil. Fue la hora de comenzar a decirle “basta” a un uribismo nacional y profundamente intimo ligado al gobierno de Iván Duque. Así, hubo que contar decenas de asesinados y desaparecidos. Pero no se detuvo, duró hasta la pasada semana en que fueron detenidos numerosos jóvenes de la “primera línea”. Están claro entonces cual es el acuculado histórico que genera por estas horas esta explosión de júbilo popular. Una parte importante de la población cansada de guerra interna, pero capacidades acuculadas supurados con el imperialismo yanqui, que viene tutelando a todos los gobernadores colombianos, hay sido liberados.

Ahora nace una esperanza, no solo por la figura de Petro, que ya mostró lo que sabe hacer bien pero también sus debilidades cuando le tocó ser alcalde de Bogotá, sino por la presencia de esa luchadora imponente que es Francia Márquez, feminista, antirracista y anti patriarcal como pocas. Y para más méritos, su presencia sube al gobierno a los siempre ninguneados, los que tanto mal le han hecho a ese pueblo que espera cambios profundos. Es difícil imaginar que el uribismo se quede quieto y admita diálogos, pero en cambio es necesario que con todas las masas y hombres y mujeres asesinados por esa fuerza criminal, se haga justicia, que no se mire a un costado.

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A esto hay que sumar las cárcel del narcotráfico que hasta el presente han sido colocados en sus cargos, a presidentes, diputados y senadores por doquier. Por último, entre las grandes situaciones a enfrentar está una economía que hace agua por donde se la mire, y un nivel de dependencia con el FMI y otros ámbitos similares, producto de los acuerdos de libre comercio con USA realizados en el pasado gobierno.

Con estas instancias desfavorables y otros muchos deberá lidiar Petro, quien en su discurso festejando la victoria, llamó con cierta ingenuidad a reconciliarse con todos los que tanto mal le han hecho a ese pueblo que espera cambios profundos. Es difícil imaginar que el uribismo se quede quieto y admita diálogos, pero en cambio es necesario que con todas las masas y hombres y mujeres asesinados por esa fuerza criminal, se haga justicia, que no se mire a un costado.

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Finalmente, ojalá que el pueblo colombiano no abandone ni las calles ni las plazas donde ahora festeja el triunfo, ese y no otro, será el factor fundamental para que esta alegría positiva de hoy no se frustre. Es necesario, por Colombia y por Nuestroamérica.

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