

The United States: Another Dirty War against the Great Homeland

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The United States is unleashing another dirty war against Latin America and the Caribbean directed at returning this region, which extends from the Rio Grande to Patagonia, back to the times of neo-liberalism, dictatorships, and the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA).

Washington's stratagem is directed at overthrowing progressive governments of the Great Homeland and overturning our own mechanisms for integration and thus recovering domination it lost in recent years in its former backyard. (1)

Among the main purposes of the White House's new, warlike offensive is the U. S. attempt to weaken and break apart the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America (ALBA), the Union of Nations of the South (UNASUR), the Common Market of the South (MERCOSUR), and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC).

Another objective, and one that is little spoken of, is to break up the BRICS nations. They are Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, and the United States views this strong economic bloc of emerging powers as a lethal danger to its influence and sway in the world.

In a battle it didn't choose, Brazil today is the target of every kind of Machiavellian trickery, the purpose of which is to diminish the power of the South American giant, to pull it toward a deep economic and political crisis, and in the process to hinder consolidation of the BRICS nations.

That is precisely what Washington is now doing as that government plots with the corrupt Brazilian rightwing to remove President Dilma Rousseff from power and at the same time prevent the acknowledged leader and former head of state Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva from again taking up the reins of that powerful nation.

Dilma and Lula are constantly attacked by conservative sectors and, farther afield, by de facto powers in Brazil and in Latin America, which also now include parliaments and justice departments which, with the encouragement of the White House, insult both personalities and level all kinds of accusations against them with no basis at all – and do so every day.

The same thing is happening to Venezuela's president, Nicolás Maduro, whom Washington sees as one more obstacle there in the Great Homeland; his removal is necessary for getting rid of the Bolivarian Revolution, and at the same time seriously injuring ALBA, UNASUR, MERCOSUR, and CELAC.

Cuba, historic beacon for Latin America, remains as the object of the economic, commercial, and financial blockade that its nearby northern neighbor has imposed for almost 60 years. And subversive actions are continuing despite the recent re-establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries and despite President Obama's visit to Havana. They are directed at destroying the Caribbean island's Revolution, as has been the case always.

For nations like Ecuador and Bolivia, and their leaders Rafael Correa and Evo Morales, respectively, there is no escaping from open, undeclared war by the United States against Latin America that several analysts are already referring to as a new "Plan Condor" for the region. (2)

Correa just like Morales are other key pieces set for elimination from the complex chessboard that is Our America today. CELAC may have declared Our America to be a zone of peace, but the Pentagon never stops with its aggressions in subjecting the region to cross fire, and to divisions.

For that purpose it uses rightwing and neo-liberal regimes like that of Mauricio Macri, which already has pushed Argentina back by some 20 years. It uses others that with their silence are complicit with Washington in its effort at whatever cost to paralyze the Second Independence of the Great Homeland.

The government of Macri is the model that Washington is betting on for all of Latin America. That would be the Macri of massive lay-offs, of his country's handover to the "buzzard funds," the Macri of the "tarifazos" and constant violations of human rights, liberty of expression and press freedoms. (3)

Likewise, the so-called Pacific Alliance, "Made in the USA" and joined by Chile, Peru, Mexico, and Colombia, is the alternative that North American authorities prefer [for an alliance] over organizations that are regional and our own.

Yet the United States won't easily be able to win the dirty war it has let loose, because winds of solidarity and of unity are still predominating from the Rio Bravo to Patagonia in spite of some political earthquakes jarring progressive political processes.

The course of events will decide about announcing who the true winner will be, and as the popular refrain says: "whoever laughs last, laughs best."

Translator's end notes:

1. The web site [www. patriagrande.com](http://www.patriagrande.com) provides an operational definition for the "Great Homeland" (Patria Grande); adherents are those "who struggle for the unity of the Latin American nation."
2. [Plan Condor](#) (or Operation Condor) was a conspiratorial project of the 1970s and 1980s motivated by anti-communism and undertaken by the intelligence services of the Argentinian, Uruguayan, Brazilian, Chilean, Paraguayan, and Peruvian dictatorships. It ended up killing 50,000 people. U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger promoted Plan Condor, and the U. S Central Intelligence Agency and the U. S. Army's School of the Americas were central to its operation.
3. "[Tarifaz](#)" refers to sharply increased charges for public services imposed on consumers supposedly to match international norms measured in dollars, but done so without consideration of consumers' income level.

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EEUU: Otra guerra sucia contra la Patria Grande

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Estados Unidos desata otra guerra sucia contra Latinoamérica y el Caribe dirigida a hacer retroceder a esta región, que se extiende desde el Río Bravo hasta la Patagonia, a los tiempos del neoliberalismo, las dictaduras, y al Área de Libre Comercio de las Américas (ALCA).

La estratagema de Washington está encaminada a destronar a los gobiernos progresistas de la Patria Grande y derrumbar sus mecanismos autóctonos integradores, para así recuperar el dominio que perdió en los últimos años en su otrora traspatio.

Intentar debilitar y desintegrar a la Alianza Bolivariana para los Pueblos de Nuestra América (ALBA), la Unión de Naciones del Sur (UNASUR), el Mercado Común del Sur (MERCOSUR),

y la Comunidad de Estados Latinoamericanos y Caribeños (CELAC), figura entre los propósitos principales de la nueva ofensiva beligerante de la Casa Blanca.

Otro objetivo a desmembrar, y del que poco se habla, son los BRICS, un poderoso bloque económico internacional de potencias emergentes que integran Brasil, Rusia, India, China y Sudáfrica, y el cual Estados Unidos ve como un peligro letal para su influencia y preponderancia en el mundo.

No por gusto Brasil es blanco hoy de toda una artimaña maquiavélica, cuyo propósito es restarle fuerza al gigante sudamericano, arrastrarlo hacia una profunda crisis económica y política, y de facto limitar la consolidación de los BRICS.

Precisamente es eso lo que está haciendo actualmente Washington, en complot con la derecha corrupta brasileña, para sacar del poder a la presidenta Dilma Rousseff, y evitar al mismo tiempo que el reconocido líder y exmandatario Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva pueda retomar las riendas de esa poderosa nación.

Dilma y Lula son atacados constantemente por los sectores conservadores, además de los poderes fácticos de Brasil y de América Latina, que incluyen también ahora los Parlamentos y la Justicia, y que con el aliento de la Casa Blanca denigran a diario de ambas personalidades, y las acusan de todo sin fundamento alguno.

Similar sucede con el presidente de Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro, otro escollo para Washington en la Patria Grande, y quien es necesario destituir para dar al traste con la Revolución Bolivariana, y a la vez herir de gravedad al ALBA, a la UNASUR, el MERCOSUR, y la CELAC.

Cuba, faro histórico de América Latina, sigue siendo objeto del bloqueo económico, comercial y financiero que le impone su cercano vecino del Norte desde hace casi 60 años, y de acciones subversivas que tienen la intención, como ha sido siempre, de derribar la Revolución en la Isla caribeña, no obstante el restablecimiento reciente de las relaciones diplomáticas entre los dos países, y la visita a La Habana del presidente Barack Obama.

No escapan de la guerra abierta no declarada de Estados Unidos contra Latinoamérica, que varios analistas denominan ya un nuevo "Plan Cóndor" para la región, naciones como Ecuador y Bolivia, y sus dignatarios, Rafael Correa, y Evo Morales, respectivamente.

Tanto Correa como Morales son otras fichas claves a eliminar del complejo tablero de ajedrez que es hoy Nuestra América, declarada Zona de Paz por la CELAC, pero que el Pentágono persiste con sus agresiones en tenerla bajo fuego cruzado, y dividida.

Para ello utiliza a regímenes derechistas y neoliberales como el de Mauricio Macri, que ya ha hecho retroceder a la Argentina unos 20 años, y a otros que con su silencio son cómplices de Washington en su empeño de paralizar a toda costa la Segunda Independencia de la Patria Grande, y su verdadera integración.

El gobierno de Macri, el de los despidos masivos, la entrega de su país a los Fondos Buitres, el de los "tarifazos" y las violaciones constantes de los derechos humanos y las libertades de expresión y de prensa, es el modelo por el cual apuesta Washington para toda Latinoamérica.

Asimismo, la denominada Alianza del Pacífico, "Made in USA", y que conforman Chile, Colombia, Perú y México, es la variante preferida de las autoridades norteamericanas frente a las organizaciones regionales autóctonas.

Empero la guerra sucia desatada por Estados Unidos, no le será fácil ganarla definitivamente porque los vientos de solidaridad y unidad siguen predominando desde el Río Bravo hasta la Patagonia, pese a algunos sismos políticos en los procesos progresistas.

El curso de los acontecimientos se encargará de proclamar el verdadero triunfador, y como reza un refrán popular "quien ríe último ríe mejor".