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“ Politics must be measured, above all, by its ability to improve people's lives. El Salvador moves forward because governing is to serve, not to ideologize.



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The Process of Political Rotting of the Salvadoran Opposition



The recent internal elections of opposition parties have laid bare, with overwhelming clarity, the reality of their structures: zero operational capacity, a profound scarcity of strategic vision, and, above all, the absolute lack of cadres suitable to assume public responsibilities. Added to this is a chronic disunity that not only fragmentates the opposition block as a whole, but corrodes the viscera of each of its factions.

This spectacle of decadence is not accidental; it responds to the natural process of decomposition prior to the definitive extinction of these political expressions. For decades, ARENA, the FMLN, and their satellites managed to survive by exploiting the educational, civic, and political deficiencies to which they subjected the population. However, history has reached an inflection point. We are witnessing the intersection between a citizenry whose level of consciousness and discernment grows day by day, and an opposition that sinks into a spiral of ignorance and clumsiness with each election that presents itself.



It is shameful to observe how these historic parties have been reduced to picking up the bagasse and gleaning candidates at the last minute. Regardless of academic credentials, moral solvency, or background, their sole aim has been to fill boxes on the ballots to justify their existence. The level of debate has fallen so low that internal processes ended up splattered with scandals of love disputes and sterile bickerings, configuring the most embarrassing electoral event ever starred in by a political force in the democratic history of our country.

The rot is in plain sight of everyone, and the diagnosis is irreversible. Nothing remains except to allow nature to do its work and for this organic process of decomposition to reach its end. It is time for the actors who caused so much harm to the homeland to return to the earth, buried in the deepest depths of historical oblivion, so that they never again become an obstacle or a threat to the well-being of future generations of El Salvador.

Nayib Bukele: A Leader Immune to Opposition Fallacies



El Salvador, in the last seven years, became the ideal place to write a new narrative of political and socio-cultural leadership, because Nayib Bukele repeatedly and ascendingly conquered the most privileged position in public opinion surveys, both globally and locally: the average approval rating of his administration, in the Gallup and Cid-Gallup polls over the last seven years, is higher than 90%, which is to say: 9 out of 10 Salvadorans approve of his management and



leadership. And one must have an obtuse and precarious mind—or a perverse one—to deduce, by tampering with data from rigged polls lacking all credibility, that: “the fact that the president has a 90% approval rating among the population does not mean that those 90% are going to vote for him.”

The ascending leadership of Nayib Bukele is an unprecedented historical event in the country, and in the world, due to the level of acceptance obtained after having inherited one of the most dangerous countries in the world and with an institutional framework founded on corruption, impunity, and defense of the perpetrators. This leads the various social sciences to construct a new narrative of leadership—from the perspective of the victims and the invisibilized—that integrates the everyday reality of the leader, of flesh and blood, with the historical context of the country in which inherited conditions are being dismantled so that they have nothing to do with the conditions to be inherited by future generations.

The thing is, Nayib Bukele, the political leader who is the product of the silent accumulation of forces by a population plunged into disappointment, disillusionment, and disenchantment—forged over thirty years of a two-party system lacking real democracy—was the one who gave meaning and content to the notion of “a developed country in which the public is better than the private,” for the benefit of the vast majority of Salvadorans: those millions of body-less shadows who—denationalized, murdered, or extorted—were turned into victims of crime, corruption, impunity, and social inequality, the latter being the fundamental cause of all the above.

Nayib Bukele, without a doubt, is not only the symbolic benchmark of 21st-century political leadership that opens up to close the political-economic precariousness of the 20th century, but is also the figure who, by force of his commitment to the interests of the population, conquered the surveys and conquered hearts—including the surveys of professional opponents, for whom putting on an “academic face” is not enough to lend credibility to their data when, in the media that covertly support them, they are trying to distort the data and conclusions by inventing “sleeping monsters” that, in reality, only breathe and inhabit the deteriorated imaginary of their deep and overwhelming social resentment, their sophisms and poorly crafted ironies, and their pathetic intentions to have “the past happen again” in order to recover the privileges they lost.

With Nayib Bukele, the political-social equation of democratic governability in the country was solved, since, with the leadership factor, the president's commitment to the interests of the people is equal to the trust the population has in him.



The 2027 Elections: Chronicle of an Announced Victory

El Salvador enters the prelude to 2027 with an evident paradox: we live in a stability that, for the "purists" of democratic political theory, is not necessarily synonymous with democratic normality. For these "purists" (sincere or self-interested), it is a stability built on the "centralization of power," "the erosion of checks and balances," and the "substitution" of deliberation with narrative; but the reality and results of the current way of governing in El Salvador crash right into their faces! And in the midst of that scenario, the recent announcements of new presidential candidacies from ARENA and the FMLN not only reveal tactical moves (with dwarf political minds), but also reveal the depth of the political crisis that both parties have dragged along for years.



Because let's be clear: these candidacies do not emerge from a real renewal, but from the need to survive. They are attempts to reanimate structures that lost their capacity to represent the country that exists today. This is not a moral judgment; it is a political analysis. When a party announces a candidacy without having rebuilt its historical purpose, what it is announcing is not a project: it is a symptom.

arena and the fmln (in lowercase) arrive at this electoral cycle as forces that have not yet resolved their internal fracture nor their disconnection with the citizenry. Their new presidential figures —beyond their individual merits, if any— carry the weight of structures that have failed to explain why they should govern again. And in politics, when the "what for" is not explained, the "who" loses relevance.

Meanwhile, officialism operates from a position of strategic advantage: it controls the agenda, it controls the language, and it controls the rhythm. In a country where politics has become an exercise in managing legitimacy, whoever dominates the narrative dominates the field. That is why the announcements by ARENA and the FMLN do not generate real political impact: they generate noise, but they do not generate meaning.



The challenge toward 2027 is not merely electoral. It is systemic. The country needs an opposition that functions, not out of nostalgia, but for institutional health. It needs parties capable of articulating an alternative that is not reactionary, but proposal-oriented.

The new candidacies are a reminder that the Salvadoran political system is in transition. But transition does not guarantee evolution. What is at stake is not just who competes. It is what country we want to exist after the ballot boxes close. And today, an overwhelming majority of people consider that the current course of the country is the correct one. As simple as that, and as clear as that.

Not-So-Upright Money of Humanist Legal Aid -SJH-

For years, many organizations that proclaimed themselves defenders of human rights built their image on the idea that they represented ethics and values, and that others had to answer to them. Today, that discourse is beginning to crack, not because of questions from the Government, but because of accusations launched among themselves. Activists and former collaborators have begun to denounce privileges, disputes over resources, and a lack of transparency. It is no longer about ideological differences, but rather allegations about the handling of money—a considerably less altruistic terrain. The most recent case is that of an organization with more acronyms than members: the SJH (Socorro Jurídico Humanitario), publicly confronted by two lawyers who denounced alleged anomalies.



NGO denies defending people linked to gangs, drug traffickers, or human trafficking

The NGO Humanitarian Legal Aid rejected the accusations made during an interview broadcast on Pedro César Peraza Fuentes' YouTube channel.



These episodes confirm something that was never a secret: many of these organizations live, to a large extent, off international financing. That support can come from naive donors who buy into the discourse or from actors with political interests, such as the Soros Plus Network. What is worrying for their donors is that recent disputes over money have sown serious doubts about the destination of those resources and about the accountability of those who for years set themselves up as judges with the right to pontificate on such delicate matters.

The underlying question turns out to be inevitable. If financing depends on keeping alive a narrative of permanent crisis and systematic human rights violations, then no incentives exist to recognize progress or modify the discourse, but quite the opposite. Internal struggles, mutual accusations, and the deterioration of their credibility make that hypothesis gain more and more strength.

The greatest irony is that those who for years claimed a monopoly on moral authority today appear confronted over causes far less noble than those they claim to champion. When supposed defenders of human rights end up accusing one another over the handling of money, the masks fall, laying bare that behind their grandiloquent speeches, what exists are vulgar ambitions, power quotas, and disputes over lucrative resources.

Keiko Fujimori and a Hopeful Speech for the Republic of Peru

At the inauguration, the new president of Peru, Keiko Fujimori, sent an energetic message with great character that opens hopes for transcendental changes for a Peru devastated by growing violence and a declining economy.

A speech that promises to fight against insecurity and for the reactivation of the economy, giving economic predictability to Peru with the challenge of stabilizing a country that has had eight Presidents in a decade—which represents her greatest challenge—in addition to reinforcing the fight against delinquency and organized crime.



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Peru, a society struck by political instability that seeks through Fujimori to achieve stability, working for the unity of Peru and its reconciliation, also highlights her announcement to raise the amount of the universal pension for older adults and the minimum wage as part of an economic reactivation; although her win was by a narrow margin, her challenge is to achieve unity to avoid that political instability where politics and the economy also go hand in hand.

Keiko affirmed that she receives a country in crisis, economic and with a high rate of violence; she promised to increase social aid and strengthen education, also becoming the first woman to reach the presidency by direct vote in her fourth attempt.

A ceremony that featured prominent leaders from the region such as Milei of Argentina, President Kast of Chile, President Noboa of Ecuador, and others, consolidating a strong alliance for joint work that favors the region; as she said in her speech: "I assume command with the firmness needed to govern, but also with the sensitivity needed to listen." We hope that the good diplomatic relations that have always been held with Peru, today with the new government of Keiko Fujimori, will be strengthened more and more as true partners for development.

Worth mentioning is the commitment delegated to her officials to convert State policies into results for its citizens, inviting them to work with firmness, with a sense of urgency, because societies do not expect explanations, but rather results. Likewise, to get people to trust government institutions and generate that lost trust, forming for this purpose a cabinet of high experiential and academic caliber.

Where Loyalty Dwells, There Is No Room for Treason

There is a popular proverb that expresses: "Where loyalty dwells, treason has no space." If a heart is grateful, there is no room for complaint; if a mind is rational, it has no room for fantasy; if in life there is loyalty, never, regardless of the circumstances, will there be room for disloyalty. He who is grateful for what he has and is given always seeks a way to respect, serve, and offer of himself what he can give.

**"Blindness to betrayal',
only strengthens
the traitor".**

The same thing happens in social and political life, when a Nation project like ours has been forged—one that has allowed the pacification of the territory, better access to public health, an educational system heading toward excellence; there cannot be disloyalty when one disagrees on a specific point. Because a single aspect in disagreement does not tear down all the aspects in common.



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In such a manner, one must learn in life to be grateful and to seek new and better ways to put at the service of others the qualities that have been given and developed within us; that is the most ideal way to thank life and the society where one has grown up. Any project, of whatever nature, must not allow unnecessary breaking points and much less the leak of means for achievements.



Likewise, it is worth remembering that loyalty is defined and strengthened in adversity, in the complexity of existence and the pursuit of goals, which implies that it is precisely in the face of difficulties that loyalty must be offered as a means of strengthening and compacting what is protected; since, as a result of this, the pillars of every project are cemented—even more so if it is like ours, a Nation project.

Therefore, loyalty implies being captive to principles and ideals that govern life and projects; only then does one cease to be property and become the essence of what has been forged and maintained. Whenever you find yourself in the presence of an opportunity to excel above the collective project, do not forget that while your own identity remains—for it is what makes you special—it is only when fused together that we can grow as a single humanity.

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