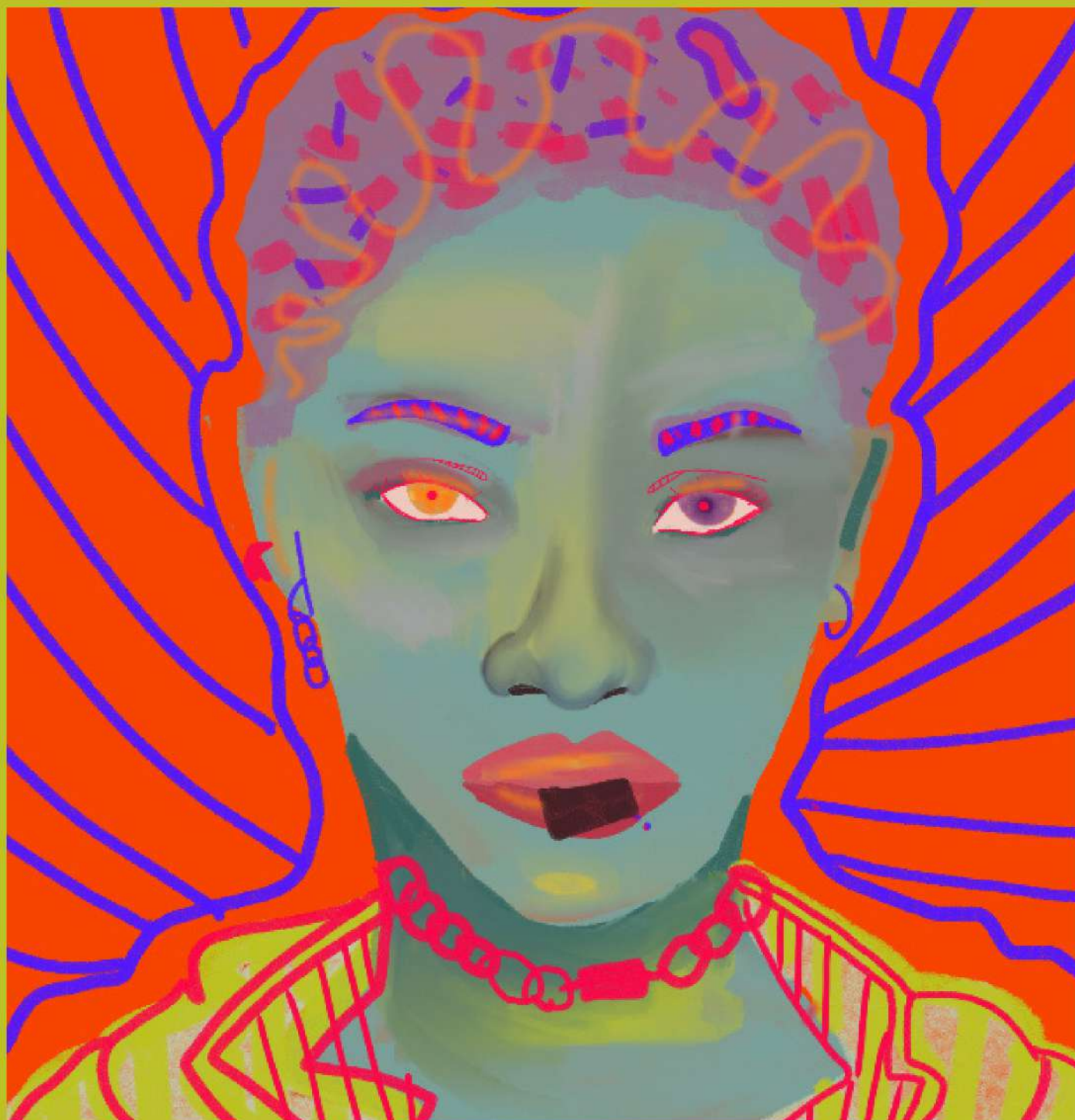


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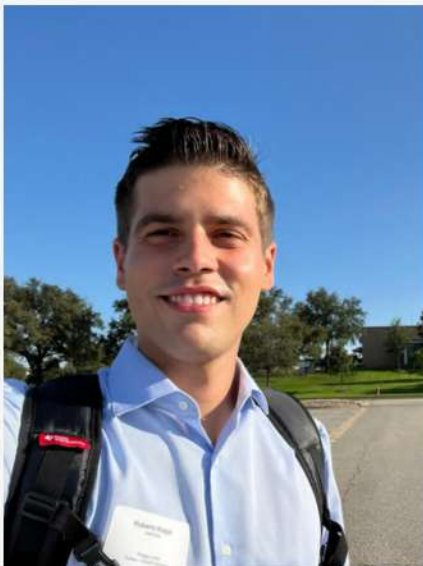
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IRANIAN WOMEN PROTEST AGAINST MORALITY POLICE - Ciara Ellis

Twenty-two-year-old Mahsa Amini was arrested by Iran's morality police for allegedly wearing her hijab too loose. She fell into a coma soon after while in their custody and died in a hospital three days later. The police say she fell ill, but her family claims this is false and the cause of her coma was police brutality in the form of several blows to the head. Since this horrific incident, anger and protests have risen up all over the country, with their target not only being the morality police, but the Iranian government itself.

"Gasht-e-Ershad," known as the morality police in Iran, serves to enforce the Islamic dress code in public places. Most of these social regulations used in Iran are based on an interpretation of Islamic Sharia law, a large set of rules guiding Muslims to live an ethical life (Jain). While these rules pertain to the modesty of both men and women, the morality police are known to target women for violations of these modesty standards (Goebel).

According to Nicole Goebel, most of the rules that the government enforces are up to interpretation, and the dress code that the morality police are meant to enforce is even more subjective. What is considered inappropriate clothing is not set in stone. This means that the women who abide by these dress codes have a bit more freedom to decide what they feel is appropriate, but it also means the morality police have more room to accuse a woman of violating the dress code even slightly, like what happened to Mahsa.

The subjectivity of the dress code has always been reflected in the history of Iran. As was explained by professor Roxane Farmanfarmaian, "back in 1936, the shah's father banned veils as something very un-modern. And, in fact, police beat women who wore them at that time. And then, you know, 40 years later, it went through a complete reversal. And the cleric that led the revolution, Khomeini, mandated that the Islamic dress code was now required" (qtd. in Summers). The nature of the dress code depends heavily on the government at the time. One can only imagine the stress that would put on the women of Iran.

Farmanfarmaian also commented on the police brutality that the enforcement of these dress codes has implied in the past; she mentions how if a reformist party controls the government, the dress code rules are more lenient. Then, women face fines and violence in the form of up to 74 lashes or the technically illegal punishments of beatings, stabbings, and acid.

There has been building tension against the government recently. Brutality exercised by the morality police is only the tip of the iceberg. The abuse the government inflicts on the people has been known to extend far beyond the enforcement of dress codes. The government has been known to violate the human rights of the people in seven main areas;

they have violated the respect for the integrity of the individual, respect for civil freedoms, their right to participate in the political processes, their workers' rights, and the government has been known for corruption, discrimination, and finally a lack of effort to investigate or improve in any of these areas of violation. Some common examples of these violations include: politically motivated killings, abductions, torture, denial of fair public trial, privacy violations, no freedom of expression, limiting access to the internet, organ harvesting, human trafficking, little punishment for the sexual exploitation of children, as well as sexism, anti-semitism, homophobia, and many other forms of discrimination and prejudice (Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor).

The protests that have arisen ever since the spark incident, the death of Mahsa Amini, have spread to nearly 40 cities. People have taken to the streets, young girls and women taking off and burning their hijabs, many chanting "death to the dictator." The reaction of the government and its police forces have demonstrated just how necessary the protests are: "Police have aggressively dispersed protesters - tear gas, batons and by some accounts, with live fire" (Kenyon).

These protests have reached international news sources and social media platforms, despite the authorities' restrictions on internet access, and the movement has gained worldwide support. At the U.N., Joe Biden, president of the United States of America, commented on the protests, saying the USA stands with the "brave women of Iran" (Kenyon).

There have been many occasions in other countries, France for example, where people have tried to prevent women from using their hijabs in public as a way to supposedly release them from oppression. When in reality, it's another example of people telling women what they should and should not wear. It should be noted that these protests in Iran are not against the hijab. They are against the government and the abuse it is inflicting on the citizens. The enforced dress codes are only a fraction of the issue.

TRUSS RESIGNS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AFTER FAILED ECONOMIC REFORM THAT CAUSED A FINANCIAL COLLAPSE AND DEVALUATION OF THE POUND STERLING.

Owen Santa Cruz

Mary Elizabeth Truss, British politician, resigned her position as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and Leader of the Conservative Party after a financial and political crisis. This crisis caused a revolt in her own Conservative party, causing her to vacate. Truss became the shortest serving prime minister in the history of Britain, with only 45 days in office.

Liz Truss was born on July 26, 1975, in Oxford, England. Truss was a hardworking and strong-willed student, she attended Merton College and was the president of Oxford University Liberal Democrats. In 1996, she joined the Conservative Party, she was then elected as the MP for South West Norfolk in 2010. She also was the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Childcare

and Education from 2012 to 2014, and was appointed Secretary of State for the Environment. She received many titles and became known in the government. Boris Johnson, former Primer Minister of the United Kingdom, promoted Truss to Foreign Secretary in the 2021 cabinet reshuffle. While having this position in the government, Truss led negotiations on the Northern Ireland Protocol, co-chaired the EU-UK Partnership Council, and was involved in the United Kingdom's response to the illegal Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Truss then campaigned for Prime Minister, her ideology was demonstrating Britain's full potential post-Brexit by cutting taxes and having a high-growth economy. After defeating Rishi Sunak in the election, she was appointed prime minister by Queen Elizabeth II, two days prior to her death. According to Truss, she entered office during a "time of great economic and international instability" and her vision had the purpose of correcting this. Due to her inability to follow through with her vision, and all the criticism she received, which caused her to lose self-confidence, she resigned. Her popularity dropped, making her one of the least popular UK Prime Ministers. Her failed mandate led to financial instability, the pound sterling fell rapidly, it lost 3% against the US dollar and 0.75% against the euro. On September 26, 2022, the sterling reached its all-time low against the dollar. On October 3rd, 2022, Kwasi Kwarteng reversed this plan and the sterling pound began to rise again. Then on October 25, 2022, the position of prime minister was finally restored by British politician Rishi Sunak, and the sterling pound reached its highest level since mid-September. Liz Truss was the last Prime Minister to ever be appointed by Queen Elizabeth II, her impetuousness and impulsiveness led to her downfall.

EUROPE PREPARES FOR A ROUGH WINTER WITHOUT RUSSIAN GAS AND PRICES FOR ENERGY, INFLUENCING HIGH INFLATION

Ryan SC

The war between Russia and Ukraine has been going on for eight years. As the war continues, Europe begins to face more consequences like gas disparity, price increases for energy, and high inflation.

Russia has cut off its gas from Europe due to the ongoing war: "The gas supply from Russia to Germany from the Nord Stream 1 pipeline has already been drastically cut back" (Europe prepares for a winter without Russian gas). The cut off of gas supplies from Russia can impact more than just a few countries; it can impact the whole world. It is still unclear why Russia has done this: "Many believe Russian President Vladimir Putin is using



energy supplies as a strategic weapon to put pressure on nations that have applied sanctions against Moscow for its invasion of Ukraine" (Europe prepares for a winter without Russian gas). While this has most likely been done as a war tactic, whatever led Russia to this decision isn't what we must be discussing. What we must be discussing is the consequences it could have on the world and especially Europe during winter as well as solutions to decrease the negative impact.

Ever since Russia cut off its gas supply to Europe, energy prices have been higher than ever: "The cut in supply has pushed the price of gas, and electricity, through the roof given that is what many power stations run on." (Europe prepares for a winter without Russian gas) This impact is seen as well on a global scale: Fatih Birol, executive director of the International Energy Agency, wrote last month, "The world is experiencing the first truly global energy crisis in history". (Europe prepares for a winter without Russian gas).

The most difficult time to obtain energy will be during the winter as it is when it will be needed the most. The side effects of Russia's decision have already emerged in people's lives: "Energy prices are so exorbitant that we already cut off the hot water from the city pipeline and installed our own hot water boiler," said Juons Ratings, who lives in the city of Rezekne, near the Russian border (Europe prepares for a winter without Russian gas). Energy is needed for food, heaters, warm water, etc. When an aspect so crucial of humans' day to day lives is suddenly affected, the consequences are endless both in what is affected and how much.

The increase of energy prices is influencing high inflation on a global scale. The war in Ukraine is part of it: "The war in Ukraine has created energy supply disruptions, impacting food and electricity prices, as well as consumer sentiment" (Neufeld). When there is a shock of energy prices, it causes a rise in global inflation which means that the prices for all goods increase. It also causes slowing in growth as well as more strict monetary conditions. This crisis could send millions of people into acute food insecurity which could also increase social unrest.

Luckily, some countries have taken initiative on steps to make it better: "Many OECD countries have tapped into their strategic petroleum reserves in response to the crisis" (Neufeld).

Russia's cut off of gas supplies to Europe is an example of the actions taken by powerful countries during wars that can cause worldwide impacts like high inflation, etc. However, some of these consequences are just sped up since they are prolonging issues. Humans tend to overlook future problems until they actually occur, a bad habit that could eventually lead to our extinction. The best thing we can do now is take initiative on how to prevent these global issues, and if they are already occurring, how to fix them.

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DERECHO A LA EUTANASIA

Gabriela Meza

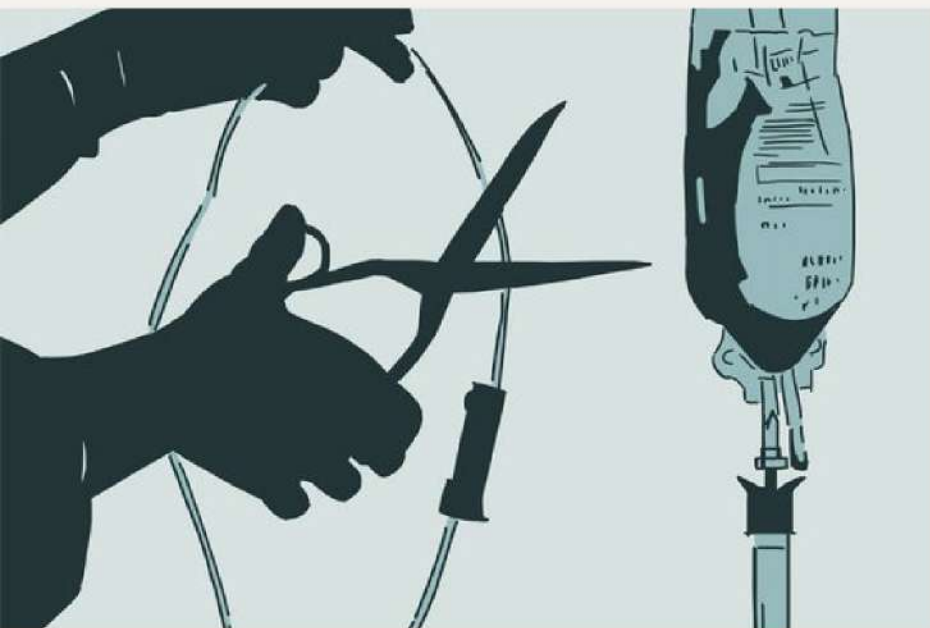
La humanidad tiene el destino de que nadie puede escapar de la muerte, por ende la actitud que se tome ante ella es importante. La vida y la muerte son dos caras de la misma moneda, por lo que el derecho a vivir significa también el derecho a morir con dignidad, y a disponer de la propia vida. La dignidad humana es un derecho fundamental con el que todas las personas nacen hasta su muerte, no es un simple paradigma ético y moral, sino que debe ser protegido y garantizado por el Estado. Todos los países deberían legalizar la eutanasia para que las personas con enfermedades terminales puedan poner fin a su sufrimiento tranquilamente.

La legislación debe modificarse para permitir la eutanasia a cualquier persona que padezca una enfermedad grave que produzca síntomas intolerables.

La búsqueda del placer, según Aristóteles, uno de los filósofos griegos más conocidos,

es la causa de la existencia del hombre. Una vida que no se puede vivir es un castigo más que una bendición. Los pacientes tienen derecho a determinar qué hacer con sus propios cuerpos, qué hacer con sus propias vidas y qué hacer con sus propias dificultades médicas. Su derecho a la vida no debe ser dictado por la ley; más bien, debe ser decidido por el paciente y el médico, libre de presiones políticas.

Las personas que padecen enfermedades mortales ven la muerte como una oportunidad para poner fin a su sufrimiento y encontrar la paz. ¿Por qué el paciente no debería tener la libertad de interrumpir su atención médica si hacerlo le permitiría evitar un sufrimiento insostenible? Debemos considerar los puntos de vista del paciente, la familia del paciente y todas las demás partes involucradas en la decisión. No es nuestra responsabilidad imponerles un sentido externo de moralidad o ética si están mentalmente sanos y quieren avanzar en este camino en lugar de desear un milagro. En cambio, esta alternativa puede ayudarlos a hacer realidad su objetivo. Si un paciente con enfermedad terminal tiene derecho a suspender su tratamiento, ¿por qué no tiene derecho a acortar su vida para escapar de un dolor intolerable? El dolor de esperar la muerte es aterrador e hiriente.



La muerte digna es uno de los temas más discutidos en el ámbito jurídico, el derecho a reconocerla como muerte no implica necesariamente el deseo de morir, sino la autonomía de la voluntad del paciente, su representante legal o familiar para tomar una decisión de continuar o suspender el tratamiento médico que condujo a la extinción de la vida de esa persona. Además de ser éticamente aceptable, permitir que los pacientes terminen con su sufrimiento es crucial para proteger el derecho a la autonomía física y personal. Médicamente seguro, este tratamiento es necesario para aliviar el sufrimiento de millones de personas.

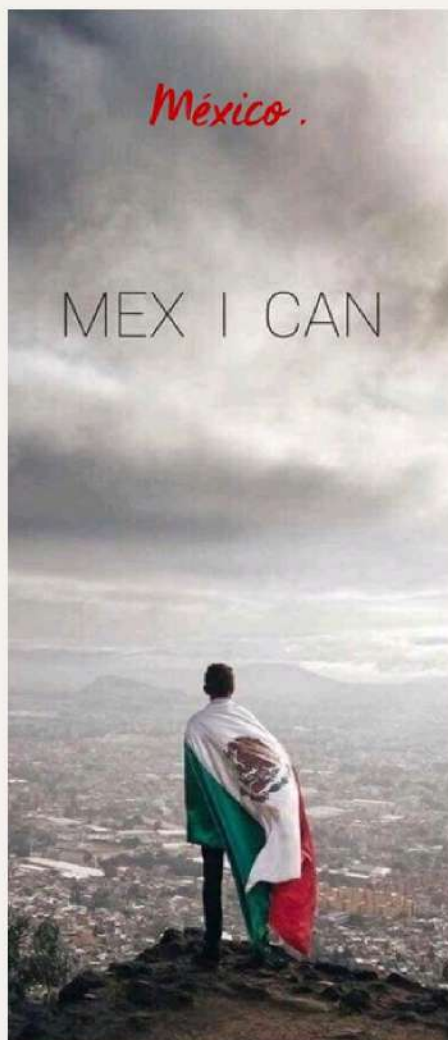
MÉXICO'S MILITARIZATION: DEATH OF A DEMOCRACY?

- Jose Fernando Casas

Within AMLO's administration, there's been a growing concern regarding the military's presence in Mexico and the democratic ideals that the nation was built upon.

AMLO's entrance into the presidency also introduced a "new" authoritarian force: the national guard. Its purpose was to be an all-encompassing government force that would be a lot more generalized than the specialized units before, such as the army or the navy. AMLO first introduced the national guard with the promise that it would dissolve upon 2024, which was the Mexican president's expected retirement from the office as per Mexico's six-year presidential term. However, a new reform has extended the national guard's lifespan another four years, with their supposed dissolution being delayed until 2028 (El Financiero), four years after AMLO's exit from office.

The national guard's introduction was met with skepticism that grew into widespread disapproval, discontent, and general concern from the public. According to many, the development of AMLO's administration closely resembles that of many countries which became completely militarized, which has never ended well. One of the most prominent criticisms is against the national guard's involvement in policing. The podcast "El Café de la Mañana" did a thorough analysis of the situation and announced shocking statistics. Overall, their study shows that police brutality skyrockets when police forces become militarized. Brazil used to have a militarized police force, and when the country decided to separate the military and the police, police brutality deaths went down by 47%.



Not just deaths, but militarized police forces also exhibit a 20-30% increase in torture of arrested citizens. However, the most staggering statistic of all exists within Mexico's own history: when a militarized police force was established during Felipe Calderon's administration, police-induced homicides went up by 300% (El Café de la Mañana).

The evidence is clear: militarized police forces facilitate oppression and violations of human rights.

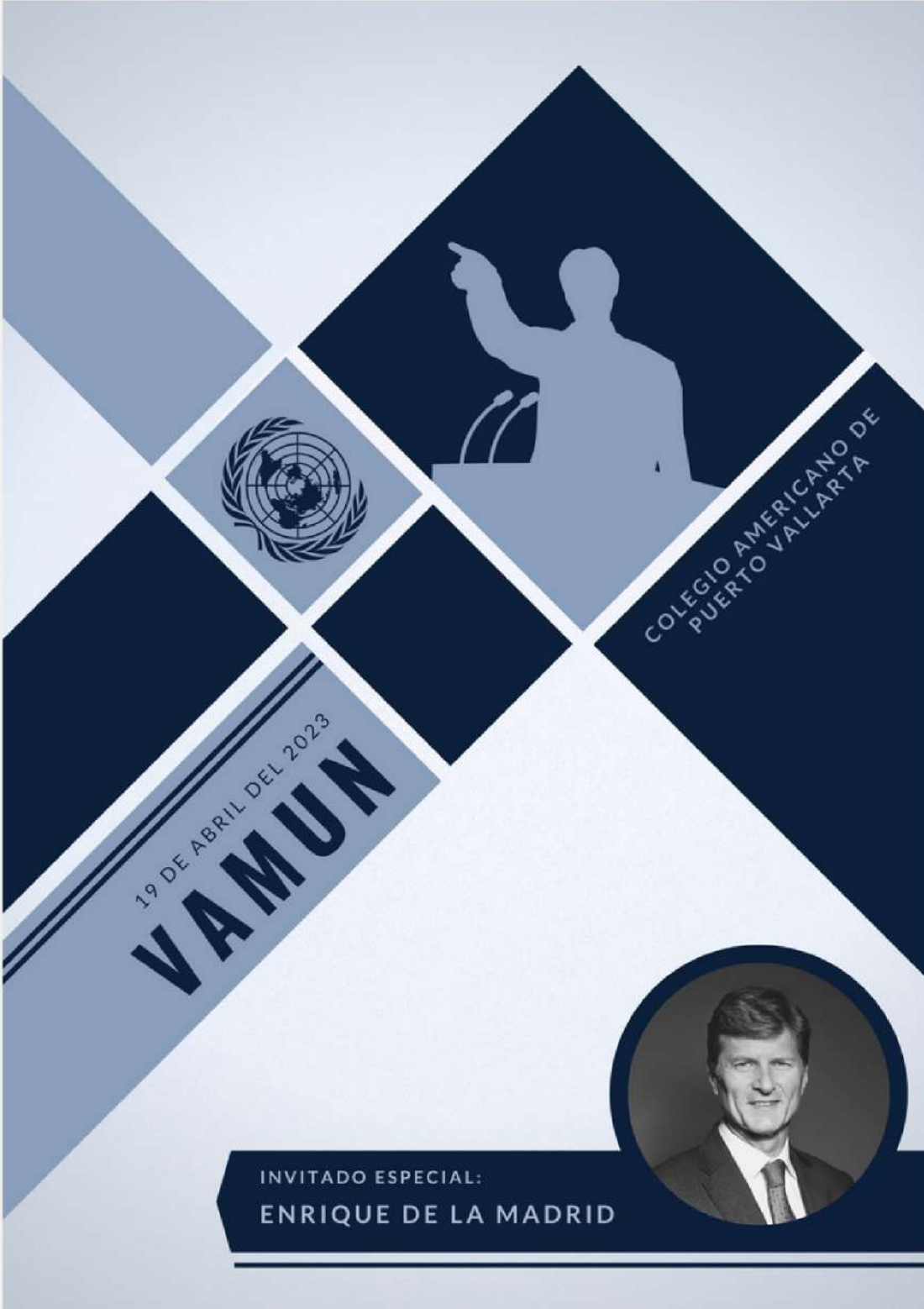
AMLO's successful political campaign that led to him being elected focused on the power of the people and other strong democratic ideals. However, four years into his presidency, many have pointed out that his strategies closely resemble populism, a common strategy used by aspiring dictators to get into and later solidify their position of power. Comparisons have been made between AMLO and many past dictatorships in history, the most prominent of all being Adolf Hitler, who's been regarded as the "precursor of populism in Europe" (El Financiero). Now, hints of the Mexican president wishing to reelect himself, something that is strictly prohibited in the Mexican electoral system, make comparisons like that all the more worrying.

Could the democratic hero lead to the death of a nation's democracy, ideals which Mexico's people have fought tooth and nail for throughout the country's history?



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CIENCIAS

THE TRAPPING ZONE: NEW ECOSYSTEM IN THE MALDIVES

- Josue Villanueva

Finding an oasis of life in the depths of the Indian Ocean was not an easy task; "The Trapping zone", Maldives' newly found ecosystem, was discovered using the latest sonar mapping and submersible technology. This September, scientists discovered a subaquatic ecosystem in the deep ocean of the Maldives archipelago. The researchers from the University of Oxford set in motion the Nekton Maldives Mission which led to locating this ecosystem that they named the "Trapping Zone".

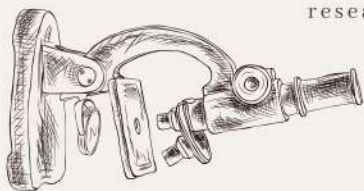
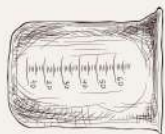
The Nekton Maldives Mission teamed up with the Maldives government to research the Indian Ocean with submersibles, which is a small watercraft designed to operate underwater. They were able to map the seafloor and collect living specimens of an ecosystem 500 meters deep off the coast of the Maldives. Besides the actual discovery of this ecosystem, the way that it was naturally created is what impressed the researchers even more.

First, the submersible found evidence of small organisms called "micro-nekton" which swim independently of the currents (2). The "micro-nekton" are not commonly found in that depth of the ocean as they migrate at night to the surface and by sunrise they are back in the deep. However, as the topography was analyzed, researchers found that the area is

filled with a layer of volcanic and carbonate reefs that cause subsea cliffs and flat areas. This

This unsteady underwater terrain causes the smaller organisms to get trapped inside these areas. Therefore, it causes all the secondary and tertiary consumers that roam in the pelagic (open sea) zone to establish themselves near the Trapping Zone.

Unlike other ecosystems, the Trapping Zone has proven to be a special underwater creation. According to Dr. Alex Rogers, the biology professor at Oxford, "this has all the hallmarks of a distinct new ecosystem" (1). The topography of the Trapping Zone creates the ecosystem, if the reefs didn't trap organisms then there wouldn't be an environment for species to thrive. The biodiversity that is supported by the trapping of these micro-nekton is very assorted. There is a lot of diversity in predators such as the tiger shark, gill sharks, gulper sharks, scalloped hammerhead sharks, silky sharks, dog fish and big school of tunas. This was not the only extraordinary discovery, the Nekton Maldives Mission also discovered data for ancient beach lines and coral reefs which all help the country become more informed with their natural territory. The results of this discovery benefits the scientific community as well as the Maldives government. Mainly, for researchers it opens up an even greater opportunity to help them find this type of ecosystem in other parts of the world by looking at its factors. In addition, it also calls to question how many more patterns of the seas topography can be researched to expand the information of many more ecosystems that may exist in deeper waters (3). Finally, for the Maldives government, it's a great opportunity to help them protect the Trapping Zone into a sustainable environment that will provide a better management of the fishing industry and tourism without it hurting this magnificent new ecosystem.



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LAS CUATRO ESTROFAS

Máximo García

Bien puedo perder la vida,
así en la tierra como en el cielo.
Señor, danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día,
¡Ay... como me gusta el pan!
Yo alguna vez fui panadero,
así como el mundo alguna vez estuvo en calma.

Como fruta sabrosa que nace de lo más alto del
frutal,
donde no llueve o vuelan las aves,
un lugar magnífico que nadie aún ve,
es una pena, brutal, eso es bien sabido.

Pues el infierno y el mar van de mano en mano,
dos lugares escalofrantes,
existentes o nó existentes,
tienen un impacto en la fe y en lo animal.

Su curso y su claro nombre tan resonantes
como el día en que primero escuché
esos tambores al borde de la guerra
con los males de mi cabeza,
dos taladros penetrando mi cabeza,
tratando de causar malestar y deshacerse de mi
fe.

LA MAGIA DEL MAR

Natalie Ríos

El mar salado azota,
la brisa pegando mis cachetes,
nada en este mundo se siente mejor que esta
sensación.

Como fruta sabrosa estás mi mente,
llena de placer, sintiéndome en el presente,
quitando mis problemas con otra gente.

El infierno y el amar al contraste,
me traen el mal,
pero no hay nada que no me pueda sanar.

Su curso y su claro nombre son eternos,
no es algo que no me libera,...
está aquí, es la magia del mar.



FUEGO, OSCURIDAD Y MIEDO

Regina González

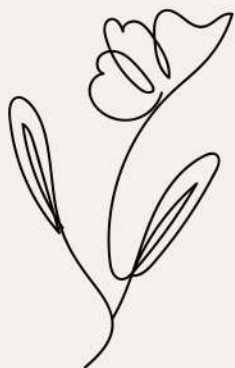
Fuego, oscuridad y miedo,
es lo que viene a la mente al escuchar:
"infierno".
Caracterizado por su maldad,
sin saber realmente lo que es en
realidad,
pues más allá de lo que escuchamos,
y las historias que se han creado,
debe existir alguna verdad,
dentro de toda esta historia.

Paz, bondad y felicidad,
Por otro lado,
esto es lo que la gente piensa al ver el
mar,
caracterizado por sus sonidos,
como si fueran el mundo y sus latidos.

Pues sabemos que existe y es hermoso,
y sin duda un tanto asombroso,
pero más allá de lo que se ve por
fuera,
algo oculta en su barrera.

Uno es imaginario y otro es real,
pero fácilmente sus características
se pueden diferenciar.

Polos opuestos en un mismo mundo,
lugares más allá de lo profundo,
creados por un mismo ser,
para nuestro balance mantener.



THIS MONTH, THE 8TH GRADE CLASS CREATED "NICHOS" BOXES IN HONOR OF THE DIA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION. NICHOS ARE SMALL HAND MADE BOXES THAT ARE CONSTRUCTED BY TIN OR BY PAPER, USED TYPICALLY TO REPRESENT TRADITIONAL MEXICAN ART. EACH ONE HAS A BEAUTIFUL DESIGN MADE WITH VARIOUS SHAPES, PATTERNS AND TECHNIQUES, ALL USING BRIGHT AND CAPTIVATING COLORS!



Polette



Maria



Chloe



Frida

THE HUNT REVIEW

BASHING THE TRUTH IN TODAY'S SOCIAL WORLD

- Alessandro Leone



What is the truth in today's world? Is it truly what someone believes...or rather the gathering of information from around a person's daily life and then choosing their side without truly analyzing what it is they're believing. Thomas Vinterberg is able to encapsulate this very theme in his film *The Hunt*, grabbing the viewer's attention and leaving them hooked on the spot. In this 2012 Danish Drama, Vinterberg, along with actor Mads Mikkelsen, tells the story of a kindergarten teacher whose world collapses after one of his students, who has a crush on him, implies he committed a lewd act in front of her. Mikkelsen's performance and ability to convey emotions merely through his eyes sets him apart from most actors around the world, but the production of the film does not go unnoticed in this case, given its independent 3.45 million dollar budget, the fact it reached the number of audiences it did was no lucky coincidence.

Whenever a film has an audience constantly asking themselves moral questions and doubting their way of thinking, that's when you've come up with a hidden gem, and the case is no different in *The Hunt*. The concepts projected throughout the story are also closely tied to those of philosopher John Searle and his book "The Social Construction of Reality," these being the construction of a reality that is filled with a lie on top of another. The audience will experience this first hand, noticing the protagonist's world crumbles into pieces as the small community around him turns its back on him and collectively perceives him as a child molester. Vinterberg's work explores the fragile nature of what is memory and truth. A lie might be deemed as truth because of a communal social acceptance, and this very idea influences the story because the kindergarten student gets to a point where she does not even know if she lied or not, all of this because of the community around her reaffirming the lie until it's seen as the only truth. *The Hunt*

delivers an amazing set of themes that make a viewer question themselves constantly about the fine line between truths and lies and only being a matter of social acceptance.

Mads Mikkelsen embodies the protagonist of the film superbly, stealing the limelight of every frame in which he appears on screen. Although they would partner again for a future project, Vinterberg and Mikkelsen had not worked together before, however the chemistry between the actor-director was there from the very first meeting. Thomas Vinterberg expressed to his actors deeply that he wanted the emotions to be laid on the audience through facial expressions and to focus on the silence rather than the noise. The reining of these moments that could've been overly dramatized proved effective in giving the giving the performances a level of authenticity that few can achieve. The decision to not wade into melodrama by the director and have subtle but impactful performances, although risky, can be argued to be crucial in the success of this film.

Independent and foreign films are often misinterpreted and overlooked, but directors like Vinterberg are able to bring more films like this to the

big screen because of the subject matter it deals with. Many people don't understand the importance of films, especially the ones that delve into the bones of tricky themes. To have valuable messages laid to people through films is what gives them a new look at life, at least that's what happens to me when I watch a superb film. This movie can certainly keep a viewer hooked because it deals with injustice and the impact it has on an innocent person accused of terrible things. With every minute that goes by, it's hard not to be stressed, scared, and even angry when watching the plot unfold. That's the magic of independent films, and the reason there are not nearly enough of them out there.

The Hunt is an extraordinary film, combining all the elements that make for a memorable and successful project. From engrossing themes that extend way beyond the inside of a movie theater, to intense acting performances that allow foreign films to be cherished. Mads Mikkelsen and Thomas Vinterberg created a film that will be remembered for the rest of time as original, provoking, and gripping. The world needs more stories like this, simply because we live in a world consumed by what society deems to be true, making people often forget that they too have a say and opinion on what is true and what isn't.



FILOSOFIA

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FILOSOFÍA Y ECONOMÍA: UN IMPACTO EN LA SOCIEDAD ACTUAL

La filosofía es el conjunto de reflexiones sobre los conceptos y la esencia del ser humano, la causa y efecto de las cosas, es un amplio panorama de la relación con el universo y el ser. Por otro lado, la economía es la ciencia que estudia la riqueza, los recursos y la distribución de ellos para satisfacer las necesidades humanas. Desde un punto de vista parece que los conceptos de filosofía y economía no están relacionados de ningún modo, sin embargo, grandes economistas como Karl Marx y Adam Smith han dividido sus estudios en ambas disciplinas.

Adam Smith no era un apologista acrítico del capitalismo, él quería entender cómo el capitalismo podía ser beneficioso y bueno para la sociedad. Se convirtió en un filósofo académico y una de sus publicaciones fue el libro "La riqueza de las naciones", el cual sostiene que la división del trabajo en las nuevas industrias manufactureras y la innovación tecnológica aumentarán la productividad al tiempo que reducen los precios, aumentan los salarios y, como resultado, aumentan la riqueza nacional en general. Smith tenía gran optimismo hacia el capitalismo de consumo, el capitalismo no solo debe satisfacer nuestras necesidades materiales básicas, sino también inspirarnos a comprar artículos de interés. Planteó que el fin del capitalismo debe ser ganar dinero vendiendo bienes y servicios que brindan verdadera satisfacción al consumidor. Uno de los principales puntos de Smith era el cómo tratar a las personas adineradas, destacó que el dinero no les importaba, sino lo que les concede ante la sociedad, honor y respeto.

Sabía que la causa de los problemas en el mundo económico no son los impuestos ni el desempleo, era la falta de educación al consumidor. El trabajo de Smith está lleno de ideas de cómo los valores humanos podrían tener relación con las necesidades de los negocios. Smith tuvo gran influencia en el mundo económico, sus preocupaciones iban mucho más allá del dinero, quería comprender dicho sistema, ya que su mayor ambición era lograr que las naciones y las personas fueran más felices. Sin embargo, Smith no era el único que consideraba que el capitalismo debía reformarse. Uno de los mayores exponentes de la filosofía alemana es Karl Marx, una de las mayores ideas de Marx es que el trabajo puede ser una de nuestras fuentes de nuestras mayores alegrías, pero para ser un trabajo pleno, señala que los trabajadores necesitan verse a sí mismos en el objeto que han creado.

No obstante, es muy raro ver esta ideología en el mundo actual, el problema de la actualidad es que la mayoría de los trabajos son especializados. Con las especializaciones los rendimientos de las empresas son más eficientes , pero engancha a muchos trabajadores hacer un solo proyecto poco a poco eliminando contribuciones genuinas a las necesidades reales de la humanidad. Marx remarca que el ser humano necesita desconectar estos tres puntos: lo que hacen en el día, quiénes realmente son y qué son capaces de aportar a la existencia humana.

El capitalismo descrito por Marx trata a los humanos como objetos, primeramente obliga a la producción de bienes y en el momento que dejan de ser útiles o cometen un error son desechados, remarcando que el trabajo de hoy en día no te garantiza ninguna seguridad a futuro y que el capitalismo es inestable. Inevitablemente, las personas no quieren ser desechadas o inútiles, razón por la cual Marx está a favor del comunismo, ya que uno de los ideales de este pensamiento es que siempre tendrás un lugar al cual pertenecer. Marx también estaba en contra del capitalismo por la "acumulación primitiva" un término que describe cómo los capitalistas ven las ganancias como una recompensa por las nuevas habilidades y el talento tecnológico, pero al final la "ganancia" es simplemente robo. El filósofo alemán menciona que las personas deberían de ver el término "desempleado" como libertad, ya que escapan de la esclavitud del capitalismo y sus excesos, las ganancias de las empresas deberían estar divididas equitativamente para todos los elementos que trabajen en ella. Los capitalistas descritos por Marx, roban el talento y trabajo duro del personal, las palabras "beneficio" y "ganancias" son el término agradable para la explotación. Marx realmente quería hacer un cambio a la comunidad, como lo menciona en una de sus frases más conocidas "Los filósofos hasta ahora sólo han interpretado el mundo de varias maneras. Sin embargo, el objetivo es cambiarlo." (Tesis sobre Feuerbach)

En la actualidad ambos pensamientos están plasmados en la vida real, las dos formas diferentes de gobierno, el comunismo y el capitalismo. En mi perspectiva estoy de acuerdo con Smith, el capitalismo tiene mejores beneficios que el comunismo. Ambos filósofos buscaban el bienestar social y la justicia, la economía nació de la filosofía y es demostrado al momento en el que el ser humano le da un valor establecido por la sociedad al dinero y los bienes materiales, porque al final nada tiene realmente el valor más que la vida. El pensamiento de Aristóteles vuelve a salir nuevamente en las ideologías de Smith y Marx, ambos puntos remarcaban la búsqueda de la felicidad y el proceso para encontrarla, haciendo cuestionar a los lectores si realmente tenía razón Aristóteles sobre el propósito final del ser humano.



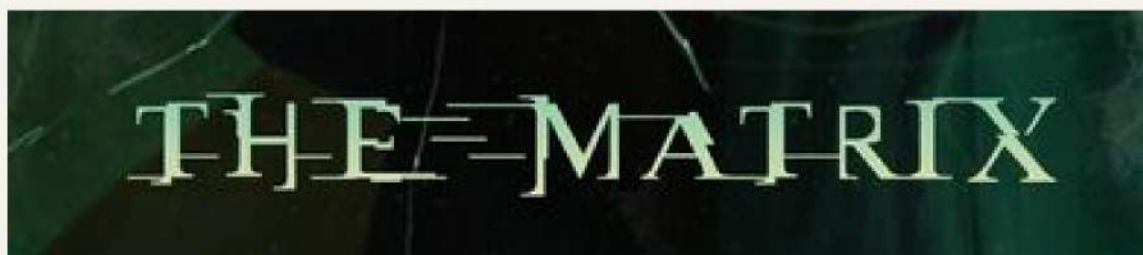
LA MATRIX

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Tras haber visto la película de Matrix del año 1999, de las hermanas Wachowski, se puede apreciar como este filme se relaciona y plantea directamente varios puntos filosóficos. Siendo uno de estos su relación a la filosofía de Descartes, que se basa alrededor del existencialismo "pienso, luego existo". Descartes recurre varias veces sobre la pregunta de ¿cómo saber si lo que está pasando es real o no? O ¿es real o estoy soñando?, la cinta se relaciona directamente con esto, ya que la idea central es cómo los humanos viven en una simulación creada por máquinas mientras ellos están dormidos. El personaje principal Neo llega a hacerse la misma pregunta en la que menciona no saber si está despierto o está soñando. Creando así en el guion un dilema existencialista relacionado con Sartre y sobre la libertad humana.

Más adelante se le da la oportunidad de escoger una pastilla, de las cuales uno lo despierta al mundo real y la otra lo mantiene en la simulación, es en esta escena en la que se hace un planteamiento que en economía le denominan "El costo de las oportunidades", ¿cuánto y qué perdemos al dejar de tomar una decisión?. Siguiendo con Matrix, después de ser despertado de esta simulación, entra en el filme el segundo planteamiento filosófico, la caverna de Platón. Tras ser liberado de la simulación por un grupo de individuos que busca liberar a la población de ese "sueño", le permite a Neo observar el panorama completo en el cual nada de lo que había vivido hasta ese momento de su vida había sido real, se podría decir que se desató de la caverna y ahora es capaz de admirar la imagen completa, confirmando así la existencia de dos mundos, el sensible y el de las ideas, justo como lo plantea Platón. La película usa los puntos filosóficos de Descartes para plantear la unión de mente y cuerpo con lo real, las ideas de Sartre para el dilema existencialista y la caverna de Platón.



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Llevé a cabo la creación de este dibujo usando un Apple Pencil y la app Procreate, la realización se logró al apagar todo color en mi dispositivo e iluminar de esta manera. Al final, y luego del trabajo sin activar el cromatismo, descubrí lo que había obtenido y retoqué el reverso, que resalta los colores de la figura humana central y detallé su cara.

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