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- Mario Vargas Llosa, Premio Nobel de Literatura

This translates to: Venezuela has been engaged in these last 15 years in going back closer to the most pathetic examples of economic, political and social failures such as Cuba and North Korea, the last exponents of “real socialism” in the world.

Human nature is bound to idealistic tendencies. As we are susceptible to emotions and critical thought, it is only natural that we want viable solutions implanted that favour everyone. Marx wanted nothing else but to implement a regime where everyone would be equal not only in society but regarding monetary gains as well. This is all extraordinary in theory, but there is one thing that wasn’t taken into account: that of human beings suffering from an innate characteristic of greed and egoism. Socialistic tendencies never work. Access to money is not a right; it’s a privilege one has to work hard in order to obtain it. Chavez was nothing more than a charismatic leader that engulfed Venezuela in this notion that money should not be an issue. The people of Venezuela were suffering under years of political and economic crisis and Chavez took advantage of these hard-working citizens and tried to rob them of their savings. Now that Chavez is gone there is no need to uphold his horrendous way of leading the country. We need to find innovative ways to fix the beautiful country we inhabit; and rid it of its atrocious legacy that Chavez left behind.

Insecurity is an inherent problem facing all of Latin America today. However, the clear solution is to implement a working protection on society. This implies cleaning up the police and the military, which are extremely corrupt and often partners in crime with narco-terrorists. This is a viable solution that will surely diminish crime rates dramatically. Another solution is adhering to the root of the cause, and addressing the youth themselves. This would be a preventive and pre-emptive measure aiming to secure children from a young age in order for them not to be seduced by a life of crime. Making sure that the youth is in school instead of on the streets accomplishes this.

Venezuela isn’t a stranger to economic crises. One in particular led to Chavez being elected so it’s clear that they induce dire consequences. We have to revoke all of Chavez’ decisions and just let markets do their jobs. They should sell whatever goods the population needs without them being price-bound. Another tangible solution is to implement stronger forms of protectionism. If we favour local producers, we will be keeping the money inside the country. We have also become a nanny state, a welfare state. We need to stop encouraging our citizens to sit at home and not go out and seek for job opportunities. We need to put an end to the huge strain in our country’s economy and let the people work for their money, for a change. We have to put people to work and create job opportunities for the citizens. And finally, we have to stop having the state control everything and let people and industries deal with their own problems. We need to implement more economic liberties and reduce the government’s interference in this area.

Finally, social division is inevitable but in order to diminish this phenomenon, we need to put together a government of national unity that is instigating all-democratic political parties. We need to make a commitment to good governance instead of ideologies and sectarian interests. Put aside our own personal agendas in favour of leading this country with the purest and most noble intentions we can muster. We have to unify ourselves under a comprehensible government that takes responsibility for it’s citizens.