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“The political responsibility”

There is a deep breach between ethics (the best qualities and the good habits – ethos – of people) and politics (the good administration of the “polis” and the individuals that constitute it).

In the “formal” democracies of the West there is deep breach between the elector people and the micro cosmos of the chosen politicians, on all levels of government (county, provincial, national, international).

In the present historical, economical and social context, the process of the public thing is seen by the present political groups, as the big occasion to grant privileges to particular interests (financing the banks or the war industry) as well as the access to political power is the best instrument to legalize something, which under normal conditions may turn out as robbery (privatization of water, of health, of education, for example) or into abuse of power (compromise of TV channels and mass media)

In this context the “ethics” of political action has been substituted by the “emergency” of the priority interests of solicitors from banks and businessmen until reaching the progressive devaluation and emptiness of the State role and moving away the participation of citizens from the control of the strategical political decisions.

In this context it can be understood how “inappropriate” may have appeared the proposal of the Humanist Party in Italy, when in 1998 presented with more than 60,000 signatures, a proposal for a popular law about “the Political Responsibility”, never discussed by Congress and after 10 years, left aside in the files of parliament.



12 very simple articles constitute the process of evaluation and periodic verification between what was said and what has been done, between what was promised and fulfilled (from presentation of election program, until acts performed in the different ambits, the difficulties, the obstacles, etc.)

A procedure of “transparency” that shows, step by step the actions, the efforts, the coherences fulfilled, or the contrary, the lies, the treasons, the absences of the elected politician.

The “Political responsibility” places in the centre the role of the elector and the control of the elector; it gives back to the sovereignty of the people the decisions taken by the group in power, it represents a step in the direction of transformation of formal democracies into real democracies.

And all this under the light of an information that fully uses the available technological potential to take quick vision of the options and to be able to choose with full conscience.

All this is intolerable for somebody who is in a hurry to decide the destiny of the world on top of the heads of people.

In conclusion

Politics without Ethics takes us to dictatorship of the particular interests formally disguised as democracy.

Ethics without clear rules of responsibility between those who choose and those who are chosen takes us to declarations of principles with the exclusion of fundamental decisions that threaten our life.

Ethics in the political action means, to begin with, political Responsibility Laws and participation in the decisions.

Note: For whom may be interested I leave the text of the law and the web where it can be downloaded www.partitoumanista.org