170 million "NO's" to Europe

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The anchorman of the italian tv transmission "Ballaro" said that "for two days Berlusconi remained silent about the results of the elections": considering his regretful and sorrowful expression, one should think that no Waterloo was ever worst than that.

Fortunately, every now and then someone went back to the real numbers of the elections, otherwise people would believe that the Pdl (Berlusconi's party) had been defeated - and Ballarò is not the only example of this kind. After the elections, the Left is behaving in the same way as before them: everything is focused on Berlusconi, they are always talking about him. With their talks, they 'create' the problems of Berlusconi, his bitterness, his defeats. And they want to make the citizens believe that - beyond the dark horizon against which Berlusconi is walking - there is a precipice into which he is inevitably going to fall.

Unfortunately, the men of the Pdl and the people who are closer to Berlusconi keep falling in the trap of answering to these void talks. The best rule, in fact, is not to answer at all. The entourage of Berlusconi is supposed to be proficient and expert in Media and Communication, but they always fall into this trap. Common people are puzzled by this, since they are wise enough to understand that it is a mistake to follow the Left along this path of distorting reality.

But there is another mistake which was made by everybody, both on the Right and the Left: comparing the results of the European elections with those of the political ones. This mistake is linked to the very scarce value that politicians and journalists ascribe to the European Union: they believe that the electors are as indifferent to it as they are.

There was no objective analysis of the results of the European elections; only if you relate them to the "European Union" factor, you can understand the way people voted and why.

In the 27 countries of the European Union just an average 43% went to vote. In democracy this is a real defeat: it means that more than 170 million people, belonging to different nations, speaking different languages, with different customs, ideas and religions, all made the same decision and behaved in the same way - and they were not advised nor forced to do so by anybody.

Therefore, the governors of Europe will rule over 170 million of people that do not agree nor consent with them: this is enough to make us fear for the democratic future of Europe. And if you think that a german minister proposed to fine those who do not go to vote, you can understand towards what kind of democracy we are heading. This is the most important thing: 170 million of people said 'no' to Europe, using the only weapon they had: not going to vote.

People, in fact, were never allowed to express a negative opinion abut the project of unification of the European states; therefore those who do not agree did not go to vote, or voted for the euro-skeptical Parties. These Parties paradoxically live *inside* the European Parliament with the purpose of *eliminating* it, or to circumscribe the damages that it can do. They are the Greens in the scandinavian countries, the Right wing or the Nationalists in France, Austria, Poland and in other countries of the post-communist East.

No commentator noticed that one of the main reasons of the growth of euro-skeptical Parties in all Europe is the increase of hostility against a sovra-national government. Not even Berlusconi, who is enthusiast about Europe, understood that the votes that he did not get are not the votes of the *abstentionist*, but of the *european* abstentionists.

After the defeat of the Labour party in Great Britain, nobody noticed that the main reason for that was the betrayal of the citizen's trust made by Blair and then by Brown. They both promised to hold a referendum about Europe, but the Brown Government, pretending to ignore this promise, simply ratified the Lisbon Treaty with the same silent arrogance of all other european governments.

In the last years, the powerless european citizens were reduced to mere spectators of very grave decisions such as the abolition of the borders between countries, or the unbelievable enlargement of the European Union to the countries of the post-communist East (something about which nobody ever thought, at the beginning). And finally there is the creation of a Constitution-Treaty that is almost completely unknown to the people that will have the duty to obey to it and to apply it.

For a long time we also saw the inactivity of the European Central Bank, which pretended not to know about the financial crimes that were committed in the whole world, and thus was unable to react and defend itself.

The continuous call in favor of immigration, the call to overcome the differences between the nations and to head towards the complete free-trade exchange of capitals and goods, finally showed us which is the real and ultimate goal of the European unification: they want Europe to become a copy of America, they want it to be completely merged with America. Obama is so sure about this unity, that he visited the two most important countries of Europe in the days of the elections, something that no other head of State would dare to do.

Both in Germany and in France Obama regardlessly reminded that the Americans liberated Europe, and that America is expecting a fast admission of Turkey in the European Union, so that the European borders will coincide with the NATO's borders.

Amid this lack of interest towards Europe, the most embarrassing thing is that *the Left has no role to play anymore*. No people and no individual can wish their own death; nor they want to commit suicide. Therefore the Left would have one only chance to stay on the side of the People: to fight against the European Union.

But since the Left has fully embraced the cause of the European Union, now it cannot fight against the very things that it is supposed to fight: against the capitalistic liberalism, against the High Finance and Banker's rule, against the technology that makes laborers unnecessary. There is a problem concerning democracy: 170 million of non-voters; and no democracy can exist if there is no opposition.

The Left is better think rapidly about what it is going to do. We are on its side.

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