



## **Barack Obama, Accident or Opportunity?**

Barack Obama, a democratic African-American has been elected the president of the United States of America. Governments, organization and institutions of the planet are holding their breath- with curiosity- for the possible changes in politics and international relations that the new gringo government will offer.

Is it possible that we should wait for true changes from this new government or must we sadly wait to see if Obama will be suitable to lubricate a society crossing a deep crisis on its way to a global financial collapse? The elected democratic government was brought into power for the pure necessity of change which is felt by the same society that clearly sees their contradictions and errors. Is this an incidental accident or an opportunity?

The arising economic crisis in the United States shows the true face of capitalism and the real intentions of American politics: accumulation and speculation of capital, an invasive war attitude that will not hesitate to invade any community, politics that will buy out governments or install military bases in far off territories or a form of politics that will maintain an immoral economic block against Cuba; all to preserve their imperial domain. The gringo politics, whether democratic or republican, have not hesitated to conduct massive or selected violations of human rights, such as intervening in sovereign nation's activities, sign unequal economic treaties and to refrain from accepting any compromise to end the destruction and save mother earth.

Our multicolored America, that of the river Bravo in the south asks if the Obama administration will be an opportunity for change in the relations with the gringo nation. This question is of utmost importance for the reformist and inclusive tendencies of southern governments that have broken the neoliberal model and proposed the regional political and economic integration.

The course of our relations with the United States and our America greatly depend on the Obama administration, but the relations also fall on the shoulders of the South American integration. Eduardo Galeano wrote: "whichever multinational corporation operates with deep coherence and sentiment of the unity that unites all the islands that comprise Latin America, torn by many borders and lack of communication wonder what integrations could truly happen between countries that do not wish to be integrated inside themselves? Each country suffers from deep fractures within itself, acute unresolved social divisions and tensions between their vastly marginalized deserts and their urban oases. The drama is reproduced on a regional scale".

If Obama provokes a deep change or maintains the imperialistic character of the gringo politics, the relations with our American cannot continue depending on the volunteerism and convenience of the multinationals and corporations that orientate themselves to the path of the North American society. One cannot wait kneeling for their liberties.

The warning given by Galeano is that "the open veins of Latin America are bleeding: Bolívar has already affirmed, with prophetic accuracy, that the United States seems destined to plague America with miseries in the name of liberty. It seems that General Motors and IBM have not had the

courtesy to raise, instead of us, the flags of unity and emancipation that has been lost in the fight...”

If the Obama administration is one of opportunity, the future will also depend on our multicolored America.