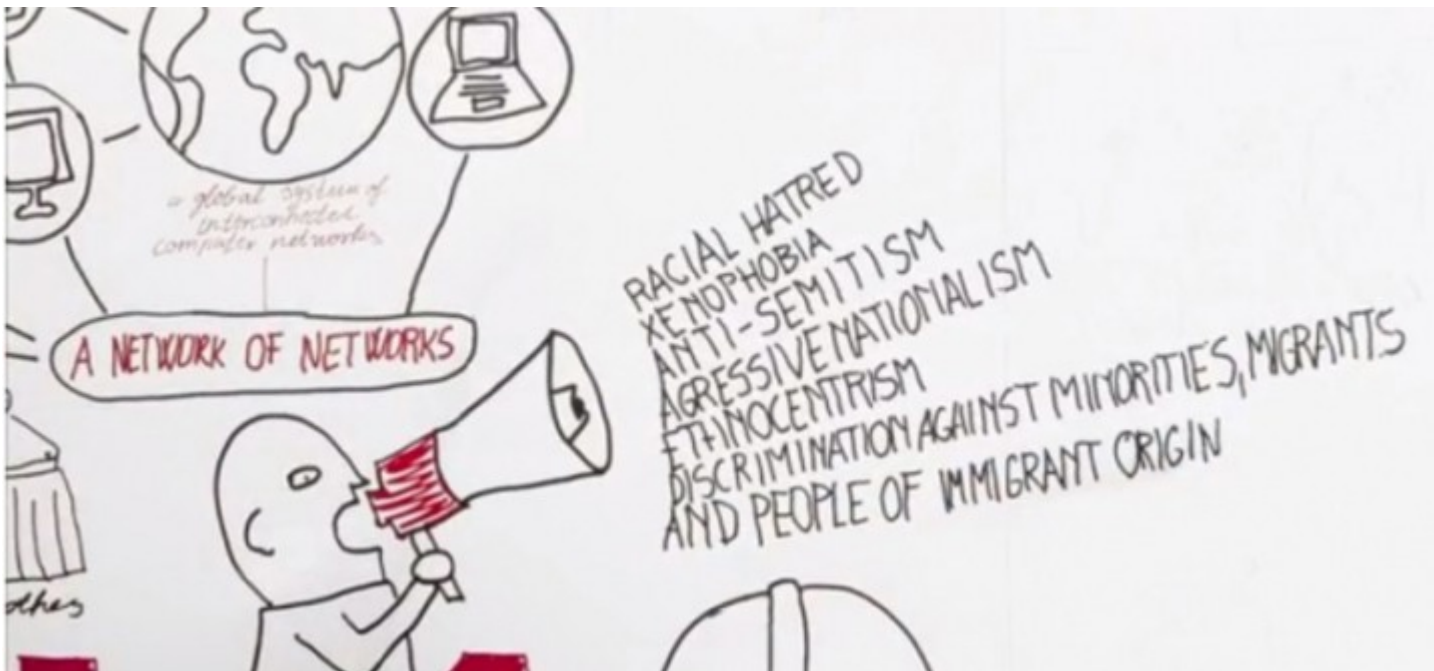


Arguments against some hate messages (III) Ideological Warfare

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In the ideological warfare that takes place in the social networks the most serious aspect is the assumption with glee by proponents of “social order” of hate messages, dedicated to stigmatize and dehumanize people of different opinions, either due to their sex, sexual option, religion or origin. The majority of these messages are centred on immigrants. **Immigration is the battlefield which will decide the destiny of Europe.**

In this third input, I will modestly express my arguments against some of these messages related to immigration and islamophobia. I must warn you that a true refutation would require the use of data and sources, that exceed the object of this input.

No, the muslim immigrants are not coming to conquer us and impose the *Sharia*. The muslims, like all migrants flee from war, insecurity, persecution, or, simply, search for a better life with a greater dignity. There is a message circulating that assures us that as their presence in our society increases, they will demand that we respect their practices that are contrary to a free society and to dignity for women, first in their community, and then impose them on the whole of society. This is the thesis of Houellebecq in *Submission*. In this message, percentages of muslims in European countries are given that do not correspond to reality and least of all to the policies that are said to have been imposed.

Yes, the conservative interpretation that dominates in the most moderate expression of Islam, enters into conflict with the dignity of women, a concept not so far from national catholicism (a term used in Spain to compare the National Socialism of the nazis with the oppressive catholicism of the Franco regime). Imposition is not the solution. The red line is Human Rights and the rules of democratic harmony. The *hiyab* is acceptable even for civil servants. The *burkini* is acceptable if that is the way muslim women enjoy the beach and swimming pools. The *burka* or the *nikab*, are not acceptable, because they nullify the personality of women and create distrust in their relationship in the public sphere. Ablation is

must be penally prosecuted because it is an attack against the dignity of girl minors. It must be punished penally in the same way as any form of enforced marriage.

No, In Islam there is no central religious authority like the papacy. No religious or moral authority of this belief exists to give directives to all muslims to invade Europe.

Yes, there does exist a branch of Islam, a concentrated but minority sector, that wants to destroy the open European society. Its latest source is the governing wahabism in Saudi Arabia (our ally and commercial partner) and its manifestations go from Al Qaeda to the Islamic State, passing through a proliferation of spontaneous cells and solitary wolves who periodically commit terrorist actions. But as shown in the fight against the IRA or ETA, there are no shortcuts against terrorism. The violation of the rights of terrorists feeds a bloody spiral. The only answer is constant, measured and professional police action and the work of integration in our societies, to demonstrate to the muslims that their religion is not incompatible with democracy.

Yes, religious liberty presupposes rights for other confessions, not just for catholics. A consequence of this is, for example, *halal* menus in prisons, hospitals, colleges. How can you be scandalized in a country in which the bishops select the teachers of catholicism who are paid by the State or in which religious images receive military honours and police medals?

Yes, most *macho* crimes are committed by foreigners. But no, the media should not indicate the origin of the offenders as a relevant data in these informations because that would stigmatize their communities.

No, we have not managed to integrate the second and third generation. However much they talk and behave like us, they continue to be the moor, the nigger, the south american sweated labourer.

No, the immigrants are not a danger for our welfare state. The young immigrants make less usage of our social resources. They increase the level of contributions to social security. With a higher rate of immigration, GDP increases.

Yes, we have a problem with immigration:

- Because there is an immense disparity between Europe and Africa, of wealth, security and well-being.
- Because the origin of this disparity is due to slavery, first and colonialism, afterwards.
- Because our demography is declining and the South is growing.
- Because cultures are not easy to integrate.
- Because we have forgotten that yesterday we were emigrants.
- Because we only allow those who come to arrive as illegal persons, and we push them to margination and delinquency.

Yes, we have a great opportunity with immigration:

- Because it is the only way to rejuvenate Europe.
- Because we need the mixture, intermarriage, both to revitalize our culture, but even from a genetic point of view.
- Because it allows a rebalancing of the wealth between countries and regions and makes the world safer.

Yes, in a global world in which merchandise and capital circulate freely, emigration is a right, that must be regulated:

- As opposed to illegality, we must facilitate asylum and create pathways of legal immigration, centres for requesting asylum, there where refugees are concentrated;

investment in training in the countries of origin, with opportunities for emigration for those trained in all levels (professional, technical, university training).

- No, there is no solution in buying tyrants and satraps for them to retain those who flee from horror or search for a better life. Placing ourselves in their hands is allowing them to regulate the migratory flow.
- Share the migratory flows between regions and countries when occasional episodes occur, as a manifestation of national and European solidarity.
- Invest in integration, not allow ghettos to appear, prosecute discrimination, establish rules of positive discrimination, favour diversity.
- Demand respect for national laws and values, but create organisms for composition and mediation that can achieve early warning of potential conflicts.

I am ending with a verse I read in 1970 inscribed on a desk in the Law Faculty of the Madrid Complutense University. The verses were written by Chicho Sánchez Ferlosio, although there they appeared attributed to Miguel Hernández.

*They say the fatherland is
a rifle and a banner.
My fatherland are my brothers
who are farming the land.*

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