

## Anxiety and fear

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The surprising and unexpected result of the US election, with the victory of Donald Trump, shook the whole world and aggravated the uncertainty of many countries that have very close ties or are dependent on commercial, economic, political and migratory relations with that nation. And it's no wonder. The statements and threats made by Trump in his speeches and interviews during the political campaign were full of proposals that, if carried out, will create serious problems for Mexico and other governments in Latin America and the world.

Expelling 11 million Mexicans from the United States, with the consequent reduction of remittance income; building a wall along the border and cancelling or modifying the Free Trade Agreement, among other measures, would create serious problems for Mexico in assimilating these decisions, as well as further complicating the country's current unemployment and lack of opportunities. This is in addition to the political and social crisis we are facing as well as the growing inequality, marginalization and poverty that increasingly threaten Mexico's stability and peace. As such, despite efforts made by politicians and the major beneficiaries of these conditions, there is little room for optimism or for a superficial and indifferent approach this crisis which heralds a storm.

We could face an even greater dilemma which would result in handing over even more control of the country's natural resources, subjugation to the most shameless economic policy designed to favour American interests and the wholesale loss of sovereignty and autonomy of decisions of a government which ought, above all, to be free and democratic. The questions would be: are the authorities and groups which hold power preparing to assimilate or resist such eventualities? Or will they continue following the misguided strategy of manipulating the media and public opinion with the message that pessimism should not spread and that Mexico is prepared to collaborate with the new government of its northern neighbour, although in real life they simply try to justify or conceal what is happening? These are questions that must be analysed.

Around the rest of the world, in addition to the initial impact on the media, where there is plenty of speculation, and on the stock exchanges, governments and right-wing groups feel empowered by Trump's election and are pushing for similar change through the upcoming elections in several countries. In France, Marine Le Pen, presidential candidate for the far-right National Front Party, declared that Trump's victory is "the emergence of a new world", and that the same thing can happen there in the elections in spring 2017.

Meanwhile, Geert Wilders, leader of the Dutch Freedom Party, another far-right party, said that the Trump's election is a sign of hope for his aspirations, and proclaimed that a new order was born last week. He went on to say that a new revolution had been generated and that we are witnessing an uprising of peoples on both sides of the Atlantic. Wilders, who sports a blonde hairstyle very like

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Donald Trump's, attended several of Trump's campaign events in recent months. In Hungary, Prime Minister Viktor Orban, also a conservative, stated that it was a vindication of his struggle and his goals.

In Austria, Heinz Christian Strache, leader of the Freedom Party and a strong candidate to win the election on 4 December, said: "The left and the corrupt system, who see themselves as superior, have been punished and have been dealt blow after blow from voters who have forced them to vacate several positions of responsibility." Although France's Le Pen is the leader of the most prominent far-right group in Europe, all those of the radical right are now seeing their possibilities grow, as are many more around the world and in the politics of their countries.

We Mexicans must seriously, responsibly and deeply prepare ourselves to face the difficult times that will be result from Trump's election win the last week. And political, business and trade union organizations must begin serious discussions about the unpredictable consequences and make the necessary adjustments to their strategies if things do get worse, as we can expect.