

We, Colombians, do not know peace.

The Spanish colonization found in America a society of indigenous tribes with a class system in which they violently established feudalism. With the aim of looting gold, silver and precious stones to send to the crown, they grabbed land, enslaving and displacing the indigenous people who inhabited it. Such was the magnitude of the horror that the natives died because they could not stand the diseases that had just arrived from Spain, nor the cruelty to subject them to work without rest. Others fled to terrain that was difficult to access and survive. The indigenous labor force decreased, so blacks were brought from Africa into slavery.

The so-called independence did not favor slaves, nor the poor, who swelled the ranks of the armies for the battles, in which thousands lost their lives. It only favoured descendants of Spaniards and those related or economically linked to them. This is the origin of the current power elite, which perpetuated rurality, feudalism, slavery, social, economic and political exclusion to this day. This elite that studies in the US and Europe does not identify or feel empathy with the compatriots whom it has impoverished. He never agreed to carry out an agrarian reform. Nor in the current Congress.

State violence against civilians and laws that have criminalized protest, the lack of spaces for free political participation and land grabbing created a structure that excluded the peasantry, which was forced to colonize territories without state presence or infrastructure, thus giving rise to the strength of the guerrillas that later expanded throughout the territory, being they the power and the law in their extensive areas. Where once again, the young people were forced to participate in the constant confrontations, with the military army also made up of peasants.

During the nineteenth century, Colombia was immersed in ten wars with neighboring countries and civil wars between centralists and federalists. The ambition of the leaders formed two political parties that saw war as a means to conquer power and retain it, to the exclusion of the other party. Both parties recruited the youth of the excluded class, making them kill each other, to defend the interests of the recruiting party.

During the 20th century, young people and children were recruited for three wars: The Thousand Days War, Violence and Armed Conflict. After the Peace Agreement signed with the FARC EP, the war is ongoing with the guerrillas: ELN, La Segunda Marquetalia, the dissidents who call themselves the FARC's Major Secretariat, with the paramilitarism called Clan Del Golfo, all are struggles for territorial power, which includes drug trafficking, illegal mining, arms trafficking, control of seaports and smuggling. Migrant smuggling between Darien and Panama, Venezuela and Colombia. The Total Peace proposed by President Gustavo Petro is an ambitious project, which brought hope to those who suffer the war on their skin, day by day, but has strong opponents.

Unlike the wars mentioned above, which were held in areas far from the cities, disguised and promoted by the media of power, drug traffickers and paramilitarism did bring the horror of war to Bogotá, Medellín and Cali in the eighties and nineties. Until then, war had come to the cities in the form of generalized institutional corruption, currency devaluation, unemployment, fear of mobilization for the territory, insecurity, aggressive state policies, corrupt police

and violent, apparent democracy in fraudulent elections and null services of the State.

The oligarchic elite, so hermetic to prevent the excluded class from participating in the government, fell in love with the money of drug traffickers, they merged and their evolution has permeated all the institutions of power that today prevent the government elected by the excluded majorities from making structural changes. The recurrence of war has brought the habit of pardons, amnesties and peace agreements, which the State has always partially or totally failed to comply with. The current constitution was born in the peace agreement with the M19 and has also been violated. The FARC EP is still waiting for the implementation of the signed peace agreement. After the signing, the government of Iván Duque suffered entrapments, persecution, threats of extradition and investigations. The Colombian justice system or that of other countries has proven that they were drug traffickers.

The State's determination to portray the conflict in Colombia as a war on drugs favored a stigmatizing narrative about certain populations that have been criminalized and politically annulled with the repression device called "the war on drugs and terrorism," both crimes prosecuted by the United States

In international courts, the Colombian State has been accused of perfidy, assassinations, massacres, state persecution of human rights defenders, extrajudicial killings. He has been convicted on several occasions for serious human rights violations. Convicted of the extermination of the political party The Patriotic Union, recognized as political genocide.

The indemnities are paid with the nation's money. They are paid by Colombian citizens, not by politicians or military who break the law.

The wars in Colombia have taken place within the framework of United States interests, with the Thousand Days War, Panama separated from Colombia and the United States built the Canal. With the Cold War, internal policies were adopted, aimed at avoiding giving room to communism by fighting against the internal enemy. The fight against drug trafficking had corresponded to the National Police with the support of the DEA and since the eighties the United States has involved the military forces in that task.

The U.S. has created the School of the Americas, in which the United States military trained the military in warfare and counterinsurgency techniques. Now replaced by the Institute for Hemispheric Security Cooperation. He also created Plan Condor and Plan Colombia with which they contributed human and technical resources to the war. Israel has also supplied weapons and training.

The policies of the war on drugs and terrorism have led to drug traffickers being extradited to the United States to be tried, convicted, their assets expropriated and must pay large sums of money in fines and bail. Lawyers must also be authorized by the United States and pay taxes there. In addition, guerrilla leaders have been extradited, who are serving life sentences in the United States for belonging to a terrorist group in Colombia.

Multinationals exploit resources with laws to favor them, to the detriment of the country and its nationals.

An obvious example is the banana company Chiquita Brands, which violently appropriated the land, in which it built for the company, a seaport, a railway network and planted bananas enslaving peasants, whom it paid with vouchers to buy in the company's stores, for the protest they carried out the historic massacre of the banana plantations. which received state support. They murdered thousands of Colombians and were never convicted.

On the other hand, the United States recently condemned Chiquita Brands because in Colombia it supported paramilitarism with money and money.

importation of weapons on their ships. The company will have to make a millionaire payment to the United States. Some victims of Colombian paramilitarism later joined the process, but the U.S. lawyer will earn more than the victims who will receive €400 per dead relative, if they meet the requirements.

The U.S. has exploited oil ports in perpetuity with 0 royalties. Wells and pipelines guarded by the US military. In addition, the US has at least 8 military bases in Colombian territory.

Approximately five million Colombians live outside the country, remittances represent 3% of GDP in dollars and 13.6% of current external income.

War zones were stalled. Some black communities still live in stilts, indigenous people in rustic houses, without services, roads or infrastructure for a health system, or education. The young people trained and with military experience have been hired to fight in the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Yemen and Ukraine has fought against Russia, contingents of 250 Colombians. Twelve Colombians were captured in the assassination of the president of Haiti. Colombians also murdered prosecutors and judges in Guatemala.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has hired Colombians for a private army that guarantees the security of Gulf oil companies by protecting pipelines and political interests.

Blackwater, a private security company in the United States now known as Academi, opened an office in Bogotá in 2009 to hire bodyguards and mercenaries.

Condemned to isolation, barbarism and misery, the poor women of Colombia have given birth to children to nourish all the armies, both legal and illegal, in the world.