

Image(s), Inter/National Law(s), Political Rhetoric and Democratic Education for Human Right's needs: (Study case: Portugal 1933-2016)

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Abstract

Human Rights international social situation has a "double" life: the real and the imaginary created by "image(s)" that need to be known. Although all statistics and problems denounced, Human Rights around the world are being violated and there are serious and worried situations affecting millions of human beings beside the "images"/information published. So, there is a hard work that should be object of an effective intervention through the Democratic Education, not only by the "authorities" (political, social or communicational) but by everyone in its social, professional and citizenship responsibility. It's true that there are several interests justifying the hide of the real Human Rights problems, however it's a question of protection and prevent the suffer and, in some cases the death, of human beings. Illusory political rhetoric and governments public position; the Social Media manipulation, based on wrong research/information or aiming generate an imaginary reality; the religion, tradition, culture and social conditioned behaviors justified by the need of violence; the individual and/or social group afraid of denounce their own, or other, fundamental and human rights violation; the national and the international mechanisms insufficiency and/or failure; and all other possible reasons enounced, ruled out the knowing, understanding and action to help the victims and prevent the growing of the violence. The history showed that the best "weapon" to "fight" against this reality is the Democratic Education for Human Rights giving information and responsibility to everyone: citizens, families, political and social actors, as well as, the International Organizations in their important role of prevent, protect and denounce the reality(ies) around the world developing programs adapted to the real demands. Mostly there is no need of more rules or laws, unless the effective application of the existing. Portugal, a study case: It is proved by a scientific research concerning Human Rights: from 1933, when the Estado Novo regime was implemented by the Constitution of Portuguese Republic, by António de Oliveira Salazar who was the chief of State during almost 40 years. In fact, there were false image(s) generated by the political rhetoric and the "rights" recognized by the Supreme Law, the Constitution, invalidated by other national laws (as the police of "spirit" that worked to chase and punish all who made, "think" or act against the Salazar ideas or instructions, violating the fundamental Portuguese rights). The regime was developed based in an image constructed by Salazar rhetoric (internal and international) of peace, social, human liberty and respect, despite a completely different reality: violence and rights violation (millions of human beings persecuted, tortured, death, prisoners, mainly without judicial indictment). After 1974 and Democracy implantation, the changing was not made based in the Education for Human Rights, as well as, there was a "Social Psychology" heritage, and persisted movements (governmental and other) who had hidden serious problems. However, the EU and UN Reports were a great instrument to denounce violations that society did not (want) recognize and public structures were trying to ignore. Concerning the action of the Social Media, there was manipulation aiming a "protection" of some influent politic, economic and cultural national "actors". However, in the last decade there was a concerted work to control and accuse the real situations, creating instruments to develop an effective democratic education, according the detailed and effective demands, acting to implement the prevention, promotion and protection of Human Rights in Portugal. This work should be continuous as it is never finished, not only in this country but all over the world, so this research aims to implement the Human Rights as a common action and responsibility of everyone, everywhere although the "paper" each one would represent, all over the world. This is an audacious mission, but from all to all Human Beings!

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