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With this intent, we would like to publish the letter from Mr. Luiz Philippe Bragança informing US President Trump and Senator Marco Rubio about the dire conditions Brazil is currently facing, and how Brazilians can help America to oppose to the growing threats from radical left-wing.

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LETTER TO PRESIDENT TRUMP AND SENATOR MARCO RUBIO

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From: Mr. Luiz Philippe Orleans e Bragança

To: The Honorable President Trump, The Honorable Senator Marco Rubio and US citizens:

It is with concern that this letter is published regarding the unprecedented political challenges that many free nations are facing at this moment in history. The forces that seek to subvert the social and political order are the same in every western democratic country. However, the United States is uniquely positioned to survive this threat, thanks both to the safeguards in its Constitution and the will of its people – who have long understood the risk to their way of life posed by placing too much power in the hands of the State.

Should anyone doubt this danger, history is unequivocal regarding the certainty of the outcome, from Bolshevik Russia to Chavez's Venezuela, the list is long. But even lesser-known examples, such as Brazil, should serve as a stark reminder of the cloaked threats posed by the modern left, and why educated observers throughout the world quietly pray that America rejects their false narrative.

In Brazil, the general elections of October 2018 ushered in a new popular conservative government in opposition to the social, political and economic failure of progressive and socialist policies, and accompanying widespread corruption scandals that dominated Brazilian politics for the previous 30 years. However, the transition to the new political agenda has been challenging – as the government has faced many of the same scandalous and unethical misinformation in Brazil that have been perpetrated by the opposition forces to the Trump government in the USA.

In addition to misinformation the current Brazilian government suffers constant overreach from an activist far-left judiciary bent on impeding the advancement of the duly-elected government's agenda. And, unfortunately, unlike in the USA, Brazil's constitution does not protect the executive or legislative branches from this abuse of power by the judiciary.

Brazil's current body of 11 judicial ministers is predominantly socialist. Most of them were nominated by past left-wing presidents and were formerly active participants in revolutionary Marxist movements. They are openly at odds with the nation's voters and their elected representatives - and wield unchecked power over most aspects of our political process.

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Unchecked, the Brazilian judiciary has abused its power by interpreting laws so broadly as to defy our written constitution. It is clear to some observers that the judiciary is promoting a progressive crusade against conservative policies and protect the litany of government-funded socialist programs, and associated bureaucracies, whose net effect has been the stifling of private sector initiatives, violations of individual liberties of the populace, and the bankrupting of the national treasury.

For example, the judiciary recently began pursuing measures to disallow the candidacy of representatives sponsored by religious groups. It is speculated that future electoral limitations will extend to other conservative groups as well.

Another chilling example of this judicial abuse of power is the recent rash of illegal searches, seizures and arrests conducted by direct order of the judiciary, without cause or due process, against various conservative members of congress, political activists and journalists. The elected government can do little to protect citizens against these actions as the federal police, by law, are required to obey orders from the judiciary even if they have been issued without appropriate checks and balances.

Moreover, Socialists in Congress, have used the cover of the current COVID pandemic to increase restrictions on free speech and to increase state control over information and opinions on social media. Add to this the actions of left-wing governors and mayors who have criminalized any deviation from the daily-shifting regulations regarding lockdowns – and the net result is the rapid destruction of Brazil’s economy and fledgling middleclass. To add insult to injury, the left leaning media is wholeheartedly supporting the false narrative that the resulting pain caused by these measures should be laid at the feet of the current government, much as we see happening in the USA.

All of these actions have been made possible by our constitution and the constitutional changes carried out by the judiciary as well as by Congress over the past 1.5 years. The net result is a dramatic reduction in the current elected government’s capacity to deliver on the agenda for which it was elected. In its place, an anonymous, unelected political force, with few visible or removable agents, has even more power over all things related to the federal government and over the basic rights of Brazilians.

As so many countries have done throughout history, and so many continue to do, we look to the USA and its conscientious citizens with hope. Not in the sense of help or direct intervention, but to set the example for other freedom loving citizens of the world to follow in their own countries. If the agenda of the radical left is rejected, then patriotic Brazilians will have faith that the tide can turn against the extremists’ march towards socialism here as well. If the US somehow sides with the forces of the left in this year’s election, it will deal an extraordinary blow to the hopes and dreams of millions of Brazilians who long for freedom from the economic destruction, and commensurate forfeiture of basic liberties that are fundamental requirements of all socialist movements throughout history.

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May this letter heighten the awareness of US citizens as to what is at stake. The United States' Constitution is a blessing to its citizens allowing them to stand free and protected from the tyranny of any sort of government overreach. It is not the case for many other constitutions and Brazil is a prime example.

Much of what the socialist movement in America demands, we in Brazil have been suffering under for decades. Regardless of the nirvana that is promised, the resulting reality is corruption, high taxes, inefficient public services, restrictions on individual rights, economic instability and the creation of bureaucratic elites that concentrate power and resources in the hands of a few, making it almost impossible to rid yourselves of their abuse once in power.

The new wave of globalism, and the demand that all must conform to the chosen global causes of the left with no discussion and no dissent, is in direct conflict with the very values that created successful independent nation states in the first place. Brazil, indeed the free world, needs a strong and independent United States to set the example for all.

American citizens successfully defending against the challenges to your freedom will inspire citizens of other countries around the world to continue to hope that one day they might achieve the same for themselves.

Respectfully, a concerned Brazilian Citizen,

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