

Dear President, Councillors, General Director and Deputy Director, Secretary and Undersecretary, Delegates and Subdelegates, Technicians and General Technical Secretaries, and the rest of responsible posts, politicians and government employees, in short, members of the Galician Government, Xunta de Galicia:

As this year I was very good and I didn't do harm nobody, I'm writing my letter asking you for my desires for this year 2010. As I consider that you are here thanks to our votes, and whatever I voted you or not, you must govern for all of us, I hope that you pay attention properly to my wishes and you do the most possible to satisfy my illusions.

I explain you: I'm a young Galician, Hispanic and European (not strictly in this order, but yes in identical proportion). At the same time, I consider myself world citizen, open to all the cultures and nations that promote the approximation between the human beings. I'm Galician because I'm son of Rosalía, Curros and Castelao, Dobarro and Vaamonde, Hispanic because I love Lorca, Alberti or Neruda, Serrat and Víctor Jara, European because I descend from Goethe, Shakespeare and Dante, Pessoa and Kavafis, and from **the** world because every person and every nation are essentially the same, everybody needs some minimum rights to fulfill oneself, and I suppose nobody should try to minimize rights to the rest. I consider myself a person extremely educated, with college degree although it doesn't matter to be polite nor to be more than nobody, but not to be less. I explain myself: with 2 degrees, professional experience and enough competence to manage in any of two coofficial languages from this country, and some foreign ones, I don't have a job nor, far from it, possibilities within a short or medium time to **independize me**. How is it possible?

My situation extremely precarious is **the one** of thousands and one Galician young people and, by extension, Spanish ones, although I focus on these first people because **it's for them whom you govern**, and whom you must give your "presents". At the same age, my parents have already left family home, **some more** they had started to work and earn money, and of course they have conceived me. Actually, with more education and more competence, our possibilities are radically limited, and our expectatives frustrated directly due to a economic system that incite exploitation and personal accumulation instead of general social welfare. Doesn't it make you think?

I am referring now to another fundamental right, because language and culture are the only one immaterial and so ours, irreplaceable and inalienable: to express ourselves in the language that we like. My first, family language, and that one in that I usually express myself is Spanish, but I consider Galician as own, and a sign of richness of our cultural heritage, so I do most possible to communicate in the two of them. I talk and write perfectly in any of the two coofficial languages from this country, Galician and Spanish, Spanish and Galician, and French, English, and ever Portuguese too. I never felt language as a problem, I never had the sensation of learning a subject **were** more difficult because of giving it in Galician, and I never felt that Galician subtracted time to English and French. I see, on the contrary, that for many time rights of a big enormous portion of population were violated because they couldn't learn since they were children in its first language, nor ever talk it in any of more fundamental areas of daily life. I think that actual discussion is a selfish discussion promoted by certain pressure groups very powerful with a lot of potential votes that don't want to get rid of their privileges at **others' rights' expense**. I don't understand so, why funds aren't

assigned to translation of books to Galician, why using of Galician isn't only not promoted but reduced as vehicular language for learning at the same conditions and opportunities that Spanish, and why this isn't needed to access to Civil Service and to offer a quality service to 50% of people that express themselves in one of the coofficial languages of this country.

I don't understand either, and it scandalizes me, that many of our representants reject directly Galician and Galician culture. Besides, I remember you to be there at your posts and to earn your succulent salaries thanks to language. I don't understand either why certain TV or radio programmes engaged with own language disappear, or why it is possible to manipulate information till awful extremes in aid of politic interests or any of another kind from certain characters and lobbies. It doesn't answer my right to have a public, democratic and quality media.

I am a Spanish speaker and I never saw Spanish as a problem; and, as me, I think 90% of who are as me share my opinion. I think sincerely that only renegades and maladjusted, or who refuses radically to learn, oppose Galician to progress at competences and it is normalized at last as it must be by right. They are so, underestimating me, in a system that should prize to those who has more competence, and not in the opposite way. They want my job, my salary and my opportunities, and they aren't going to stop until they get. Why for them bar of requirements is lowered, but for me it's more and more difficult?

And now, I'm addressing to you: I ask you, so, in this letter to your Excellences, not to bother with the matter of Galician, and to be dedicated to what it really matters: To giving a quality education, in which English isn't a publicity strategy, in which bi, tri and till quaterlingualism are a reality, and in which enough public resources are dedicated to teachers and educational centers to develop their mission with competence and comfort, and this way, there will be English, Chinese, Galician or any language. To offer really public, quality, impartial and democratic media, that listen to citizenship demands, and not the editorial line of a few lobbies, with a only thought. We want a decent, steady and right job to live and to keep a family in a future not very remote. I want a sustainable development of our country and our society, a public and quality sanity and education, a good infrastructures and communications adapted to our geographic and economy, a pensions and some decent services for our old people, a home and a job not ostentatious but enough to living. All these right are reflected in the Constitution that you suppose to defend and you brag about. Why can't I exercise it?

I ask you this way to start to work to satisfy these basic rights, and I ask you too to not create more confusion and more problems than we actually have. Will you be able to agree to do it? I leave anisette, liqueur or any spirits that you like to support coldness of this long night and legislature. But I am not content with any sweet or only with the illusions of these next four years, I stopped believing in Three Wise Men, in magic, and I'm republican with all my heart. If you don't make an effort to keep your promises, I save myself the right to bring you coal, not only in the electoral night, but everyday till the end of the legislature.

Sincerely yours,

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