

## **The Mob as Today's New Aristocracy**

Back in the classic era politicians used to be those who built stadiums to content the mob. Now these politicians are the very gladiators who are forced to entertain this mob. In other words contemporary politicians are forced to continuously stimulate the mob in one way or another. Yet one may ask if they are really fighting for death or they are simply playing a role attribute to them by the very mob.

Together then with the metaphor of the stadium today mediated politics incorporate that of the classic theater with its classic actors. Each political actor today in fact is obliged to maintain a character which is rather predictable and almost reproducible by a most banal algorithm. The way politicians act then is only but a script that is responding to the limited set of responses not of the single individual but of one nasty creature, the mob.

I would dare to say then that first comes the mob and then the stadium to help it release its on-going frustrations and only then come the politicians. The problem at the very source remains the ignorant mob, the very mob that populist politicians attempt to praise. There is no emperor in fact pointing his thumb up or down but it is the very mob to be the emperor with all its likes and so forth. A real revolution then ought to, paradoxically speaking, decapitate the present emperor meaning the very mob.

Ideologies such as socialism and communism have only shifted decisional power from a small amount of aristocrats to a very large number of semi-aristocrats living in their naive semi-palaces and aiming to surround themselves of more comforts, only complaining about not being able to earn more. Such large number of aristocrats, particularly in the west, cannot be handled. There are simply not enough resources to satisfy all their excesses.

As in every aristocracy however a generation or two suffice to loose power and deflate. This is in my opinion what we are experiencing nowadays. The extended aristocracy of the west is losing its momentum, its new generations like the sons or nephews of some ancient count, are simply decaying out of a lack of virtue. Unfortunately as it happened in the First World War it is the boredom that afflict an aristocracy that can bring a new catastrophic war.

As the mob grows tire of the usual political spectacles it just needs more to revive its bored senses. Under this trajectory war cannot but be unavoidable. To this degree what is needed is something to cool down the mob rather than heat it up and this is where something else could step in. I mean perhaps not culture as it is becoming increasingly heated by politics as an act of hooliganism outside the stadium.

What is needed is something perhaps that touches the heart of people and make them think. Some sort of a martyrdom, a sacrifice that only when it has occurred let people think individually, apart from the mob. The persecutions of Christians in ancient stadiums maybe is not a good metaphor. Certainly Christ was a man who shook the whole of the Roman empire and gave meaning to the mob before an imminent series of catastrophes.

Maybe all this is needed, some sort of a spiritual preparation towards the inevitable collapse of our increasingly aristocratic being. We ought to take shelter on the hills and just cool our spirit and find some peace of mind from this increasingly pervasive spectacle. Or better as Stoic would suggest we ought to be able to take shelter within ourselves yet for that we need preparation and this also come from within us.