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Catalan 'supremacism'

The vast majority of Germans who lived in the 11th Reich were very good people, sure, but in 1938 they believed that Hitler was the best leader they had ever had and became convinced of Aryan supremacy. Even the Austrians voted 99.73 percent in favor of integration into Nazi Germany.

They were other times and other circumstances, I know, but only a minority of Germans, like Willy Brandt, fought that regime, even at the price of changing nationality to be able to do so. Then, after the military defeat in 1945, it turns out that no one had been a Nazi in Germany.

The most serious thing about any idea of supremacy (ethnic, religious, political...) is its capacity for seduction: from the white supremacism of North American racists to the Islamist ideology of Daesh. And the worst thing about the current (and massive) independence movement in Catalonia is that it has been built largely on the belief of its superiority over other feelings and

identities: specifically, the Spanish one, of low moral, political, historical quality... according to he.

All of us, and none of us, are guilty of the existence of these emotions, aggravated with each passing day and exacerbated after the scheduled 1-0 episodes. Possibly, in one or two generations, when circumstances are very different again, no one will remember their current emotions and even deny them. The same thing happened after 1975 with many supporters (and even enthusiasts) of the Franco regime.

The most disconcerting thing, for me, is not that, but the repeated belief of the Catalan bourgeoisie that it can channel a process that, as in the Civil War stage, can end up in the hands of radicals who would end up cornering them. It happened then and it can happen again now, given that the CUP activists are the anti-system heirs of the Ascaso and Durrutide of that time.

This demonstrates the ephemeral and fleeting nature of supremacist emotions: that what is a feeling of superiority for some is used by others to blind them and thus lead them to their downfall. In any case, we are talking about deep feelings of love and hate replacing the rationality that should be the only one that always governs all our political actions.