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**Bosnia and Herzegovina and XXI century: Defects of virtues within Virtues of defects -** *Journalists, officials "in the name of the people"*

"Journalism that supports / Journalism being a fan of somebody", such an empty phrase gets at its apex in the election year (although, here we have every year as 'the election one'). ***"The journalist is the easiest person to buy"*** ... a voice of the inward of my professors appeared. No doubt, dear professor, because in a country where ignorance and hypocrisy becomes the measure of the progress on the ladder of success, as well as social, political, cultural and other dreams, we cannot expect nothing else. Virtue becomes a defect and defect becomes a virtue because only in that way can there exists a crazy environment what we call the Dayton Bosnia (and Herzegovina).

If you open a newspaper - a person was sentenced without trial. A weekly magazine already announces an analysis of method of the crime and implements the job that belongs to prosecution. I know, our judiciary is corrupt, prosecutors are bribed, dependent on what the powerful people who controls our souls, but are the tasks of journalists to initiate, to a point when to use the arguments, to research, but not to judge.

The rule of law is still a reflective noun in these areas and it is easy to assume that the journalists, the "*conscience of mankind*" will work to raise awareness in within a wider population (I do not say by purpose - public opinion, because that still does not exist in the heart-shaped country of Bosnia and Herzegovina) that we need to establish an environment which will within the "*Margaritas ante Portas*" context create new guidelines. What kind of guidance? Those related to the vision of getting "into journalism" and not "within journalism." "Into journalism" is that kind of social engagement of journalist who will, through engaging itself in research, analysis and presentation of social events, ensign the problem and raise awareness about alternatives, and not just any, but those that only will lead towards betterment. But NO!

The election race that is set in front of us this "bloody autumn" of 2014 journalists are just mere executors of individual aspirations of the same ones whom are convincing us, since 1990, and not to mention since 1992 (is not that it all began far away in 1980, on May 4th? [1]) that we need a so called "within journalism" - journalism without painful penetrations- journalism of obedient margins which is heading towards a mere execution of political instructions and commandments - journalism that is not - journalism. But let's be a little bit more specific:

• Journalism that, through using bombastic headlines and "meatless" texts/articles mislead in a style "pal, it is true ....well, it was written in the newspaper."

• Journalism with empty phrases "It is important today, and tomorrow is another day."

• Journalism of the faceless individuals whose price is one dinner and a beer (or juice).

**"Indeed, I have no words, my student! I have to agree with you "-** carefully listening to my dear professor stating to me.

The Bosnian journalists here today must finally understand that presaged painful tomorrow product also of their defects of the virtues (or virtues of their defects). That is a bleak vision of the future resulting from their own the weakness directed to the cowardice.

What is the alternative? Simple:

- Being an engaged journalist is not merely a presentation of one's insane guidelines.

- Being a self-consciousness journalist is not only uniform, ossified vision structured within "a couple of hundred Euros for the welfare of the people."

- Being an objective journalist is not checking just a one source, but a dozen of them.

Journalism in Bosnia and Herzegovina has for years sought to change own being in accordance with the "modern - democratic changes", while the goal should be the interpretation, analysis and presentation to the public eye – the problems which round up the entity level (RS and FBiH), and the state level of the whole area (BiH). When can we expect something like that to happen?

On the day when I will, while drinking my morning coffee[2], read about growing shares BiH companies in the stock exchange in "New York" or "Tokyo"; when I will be thinking about whether I should be in Miami Beach or the Canary Islands during the summer holidays; when ...?

Of course, until then I will read about unscrupulous smuggling of drugs and trafficking swimming in the Ore-BEACH[3].

And wait for someone else instead of me saying, "Get up Troops, enough with ‘democracy’...From now on ‘DEMOCRACY THAT'S ME!’

**Notes:**

[1] Death of **Josip Broz Tito** (born **Josip Broz**; Serbo-Croatian pronunciation: [jɔ̌sip brɔ̂ːz tîtɔ]; Јосип Броз Тито; (7 May 1892 – 4 May 1980)

[2] Bosnian language: kahva/kafa; Croatian language: kava; Serbian language: kafa

[3] Orebić (play/game of the words...Ore – beach)..small Croatian town at the Adriatic coast

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