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**Virus Balkanicus – Fascist Chauvinism:**

**Slovenia uber ulles**

It is amazing when the country in which started all democratic kind of processes (ie. - first real free press: [Mladina](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mladina), and [Laibach](http://www.laibach.org/), electric/experimental/industrial music band which move the boundaries between art and society) and into which we were, than, looking like into a lighthouse between „scilas and haribdas“ of the totalitarian society, Slovenia became a country of so chauvinistic and fascistic reflection as it became this small state, former known as Socialistic Republic of Slovenia within Socialistic Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (1945 – 1991).

It is amazing that the first reflections of it (rude and obnoxious, really) has happened when [Ljubljanska bank rejected](https://balkaninsight.com/2014/07/17/strasbourg-rules-against-ljubljana-bank-and-slovenia/) (after the dissolution of Yugoslavia) to pay the savings to the people from other republics of ex-Yu, and, in racist way saying [„Čefurji, raus!“ (Čefurji, out!“)](https://www.total-slovenia-news.com/videos/594-slovenia-on-film-welcome-to-fuzine-cefurji-raus-english-subtitles) to the all people who came from other ex-Yu republics.

It is amazing that Janez Janša, current president of the Government of Slovenia (born 1958 and right center conservative leader of SDS party) was one of the leaders for the freedom from the *so call* “totalitarian communists regime” back in the eighties of the XX century, became even worse than any [totalitarian dictator](https://www.total-slovenia-news.com/politics/6198-what-mladina-demokracija-are-saying-this-week-rebellion-is-coming-vs-rtv-slovenia-soros) creating a Slovenian way of populism through [the “draining the swamp” as said](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/jun/01/drain-the-swamp-rightwing-leader-pulls-ahead-in-slovenias-polls).

1. It is amazing that fascist chauvinism which we can see reflecting from any of his tweets, [like sexist ones to some female journalists](https://rsf.org/en/news/former-premier-targets-two-tv-journalists-sexist-tweet) or blaming other journalists that they were potential terrorists. Remark: populism is just different way than fascist populism. I would like to remind the readers from Slovenia or any other populist country from the former Yugoslavia and wider, Europe, that Umberto Eco (1932-2016), famous writer and philosopher said that there are [14 Common Features of Fascism](http://www.openculture.com/2016/11/umberto-eco-makes-a-list-of-the-14-common-features-of-fascism.html)…quote:” 1. *The cult of tradition. “One has only to look at the syllabus of every fascist movement to find the major traditionalist thinkers. The Nazi gnosis was nourished by traditionalist, syncretistic, occult elements.”*
2. *The rejection of modernism. “The Enlightenment, the Age of Reason, is seen as the beginning of modern depravity. In this sense Ur-Fascism can be defined as irrationalism.”*
3. *The cult of action for action’s sake. “Action being beautiful in itself, it must be taken before, or without, any previous reflection. Thinking is a form of emasculation.”*
4. *Disagreement is treason. “The critical spirit makes distinctions, and to distinguish is a sign of modernism. In modern culture the scientific community praises disagreement as a way to improve knowledge.”*
5. *Fear of difference. “The first appeal of a fascist or prematurely fascist movement is an appeal against the intruders. Thus Ur-Fascism is racist by definition.”*
6. *Appeal to social frustration. “One of the most typical features of the historical fascism was the appeal to a frustrated middle class, a class suffering from an economic crisis or feelings of political humiliation, and frightened by the pressure of lower social groups.”*
7. *The obsession with a plot. “The followers must feel besieged. The easiest way to solve the plot is the appeal to xenophobia.”*
8. *The enemy is both strong and weak. “By a continuous shifting of rhetorical focus, the enemies are at the same time too strong and too weak.”*
9. *Pacifism is trafficking with the enemy. “For Ur-Fascism there is no struggle for life but, rather, life is lived for struggle.”*
10. *Contempt for the weak. “Elitism is a typical aspect of any reactionary ideology.”*
11. *Everybody is educated to become a hero. “In Ur-Fascist ideology, heroism is the norm. This cult of heroism is strictly linked with the cult of death.”*
12. *Machismo and weaponry. “Machismo implies both disdain for women and intolerance and condemnation of nonstandard sexual habits, from chastity to homosexuality.”*
13. *Selective populism. “There is in our future a TV or Internet populism, in which the emotional response of a selected group of citizens can be presented and accepted as the Voice of the People.”*
14. *Ur-Fascism speaks Newspeak. “All the Nazi or Fascist schoolbooks made use of an impoverished vocabulary, and an elementary syntax, in order to limit the instruments for complex and critical reasoning*.”...and of quote.

So, before making any judgment, turn around yourself and check out how many above points meet fascist chauvinist creation within your own populist country.

 It is amazing that Janez Janša was cooperative (“while fighting against communism”, as he said) and associate of Yugoslavia secret intelligence service UDBA and that, as said [by one of the former agents of UDBA, Božo Spasić](https://insajder.com/slovenija/nekdanji-vodilni-jugoslovanski-tajni-agent-bozo-spasic-janeza-janso-je-kot-sodelavca-udbe?fbclid=IwAR3A_fIfC4zqK7YI72o8xu0dmtCoon4zjtu8fSEHjpIXiSDP8oSZp0oZZ7Q), Janez Janša was always only interested only in money (how to get as much as possible). Really, amazing that the fighters for “national thing” are always shows, at the end, that they are “fighting” for themselves and not for the people. Who mentioned Trump (USA), Duda (Poland), Izetbegović, Vučić, Čović (BiH)…?

 It is amazing that the Prime-minister of the Government of Slovenia attack journalists blaming them that they are using [Covid-19 for political advantage](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/may/04/janez-jansa-new-pm-slovenia-in-mould-of-orban). Eo ipso, journalist cannot be independent, due to Janša, eo ipso, where is democracy, then, if journalists are not independent? Janez Janša and [his mentor, Viktor Orban](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/mar/30/hungary-jail-for-coronavirus-misinformation-viktor-orban) are on the same populist, fascist chauvinist ship that leads, not just their people, [but EU as well, towards the sinking](https://balkaninsight.com/2020/04/28/itll-be-bloody-under-jansa-troubled-times-for-slovenian-media/).

 It is amazing that the populists always does not see the forest out/because of one wood, always using “whataboutism” as the “defence” with the blame of others, [hunting for the enemies](https://www.economist.com/europe/2020/06/06/slovenias-prime-minister-hunts-for-enemies), for all the problems they are facing with.

 It is amazing that the curse of small people population (Slovenians population is only 2.095.861) always creates [fascist chauvinism](https://www.eurasiareview.com/author/sabahudin-hadzialic/) at large after 1991 in former Yugoslavia.

 It is amazing that Janez Janša has accused [EU Commissioner of Playing games for Left in Slovenia](https://www.total-slovenia-news.com/politics/6406-jansa-accuses-eu-commissioner-of-playing-games-for-left-in-slovenia). European Union as the fighter for the left! European Union as the communist supporter! Janez Janša became the clown of the populist world, trying to be bigger Orban that Orban, as said: “A bigger catholic than the Pope.”, as old saying said.

 To end this amazing review of Janez Janša thoughts and focuses lets focus on him as a former communist spy, so call fighter against totalitarianism Tito’s regime, who became really a “bigger catholic than the Pope” [attacking new communists spies](https://twitter.com/jjansasds/status/530263578495168512). I really wander was he ever stopped to be a communist in his heart? Not socialist, but just rigid communist, of the good old times which can be honestly renewed through my proposal within the society: “*Rights equal obligations; Obligations equal Empathy and Empathy equal Equality”*, as the solution for any society in the world. Socialism thoughts of equality came out from the society and there is also capitalistic society, but society itself within it. Contradictio in adiecto can be fixed in any society. *Help all to help one and not to help just few by all.* Can we make it better without politician as Janez Janša? Only if we have (I was against communism once upon a time, but I am against this fake world as we are living within after the fall of communism, unlike Janša who uses this world for his benefits only) responsible rule of law and not a law of rule.

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We must also ask Slovenian people, because, unfortunately, media illiterate people can be easily control by the populists as Janša is. Slovenians are media illiterate in huge scale and maybe to recommend one of my books to be red: [“Media literacy and Media Ethics, the only way out”](https://www.amazon.com/MEDIA-LITERACY-ETHICS-ONLY-WAY/dp/179470048X). Or introduce critical thinking to the primary schools there through media literacy? Or what is the most amazing, start thinking about the way that no culture will survive without interaction with other cultures?

Slovenia was, in the former Yugoslavia, an example of that, having so many Bosnians, Croatians and Serbians marrying Slovenian woman. Maybe, new refreshment should and could happen. And vice versa from them back to others from former Yugoslavia? Why? Because the way how it looks like now, all the area of former Yugoslavia is flooded with the hate against other and different ones, while the politicians of different nations cooperate very well among each others, while media illiterate people are brainwashed against each other.

Although, the hatred goes against themselves if they hate others, because boomerang hits worse on its way back.

Is it amazing, or what?