Discourse vs Praxis: European Union, Policies and Human (i)legal status.

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Abstract

The present research based on the gap between the discourse and the praxis, a dangerous context/reality dissimulated through manipulation of the information and, consequently, the Public Opinion. European Union (EU) has a cultural way of acting as well as the transparency law that should be the hindrances of this divergence. However, EU is facing serious Human/Social problems needing more than “new” legislation, policies implementation, assumption of the realities of the problems and an action concerted between all EU member states and the International Relations looking forward, not only for the immediately solutions but developing the society based on a solid structure protecting and promoting the Human Rights and the European Fundamental Rights. So, this study has this aim: prove that discourse is different from the praxis. In this century, we assisted to a Human Rights paradigm changing, around the world, but especially visible in EU due different causes: terrorist attacks and the extremely security international measures; the anti-Semitic ideology proliferation, the racism and discrimination dangerous rates; renew Refugees waves; the economic crisis conducting millions to the real poverty; social capacity absence to understand and (re)act according to the needs, facing the violence and Rights violations. The political, social, economic and cultural pressure is (too) high, the “powers” are important and need if are according the law limits and aiming the “governance art”, i.e., politics but there are too much pressures, mostly negative. Nevertheless, there are simple, easy and cheap measures that would be implemented with immediately positive consequences. Analyzing the EU policies, the discourses and the most important official speeches; the Mass Media position and “action”; the known and “supposed” pressures to the political and social powers; the security concerns and its real needs and serious failings; the social / Public Opinion “images” and perceptions related with the effective questions; and, the EU and the International Relations concerning the Human Rights protection and promotion positioned in the social realities. The qualitative research is being scientifically important which results within political science, European (social, legal and/or cultural) studies as well as by the International Relations. The EU Refugees Crisis, which real dimension is not possible to identify now, would be an opportunity to develop the social democratic intervention by pedagogical programs to engage the citizens as a political and social actor within democratic concern. The xenophobia, racism and discrimination are serious problems, EU is facing without the control need, would be decreased by the Human Rights “scientific” knowledge and understanding for a humanitarian social general behavior. In fact, the political rhetoric is not enough to change Public Opinion but it’s a start point to promote an overview and Human (re)conceptualization of contexts and happenings, pedagogically controlled by the reeducation for “new” perceptions, “positions” generating (social and individual) behaviors away of the controversy and negative complexity. Through a concerted action of politicians, policies, EU and especially the society acting to their own protection by a normal and natural humanity and solidarity!

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