PENSIONERS MUST BE SCHEDULED TO DIE







The OECD (Organisation for Cooperation and Development in Europe), which works with more than 100 countries, as defined by themselves, is a global political forum that promotes policies to improve the economic and social well-being of people around the world. (The definition is laughable)

The demographic evolution of the population and the expansion of people's life expectancy is being analyzed by organizations such as the OECD that, with a worrying exposure by themselves, according to the data they publish, where they expose that in 1980, 20% of the population was 65 years or older. In 2015 , this comparison accounted for 28% of the population aged 65 and over. And in 2050 they estimate that the global average will be 53%, and

that in the case of Spain it would be 76%, of the total population, those aged 65 or over. Spain is the second country with the highest life expectancy in the world after Japan.

With these data on the table, and analyzing the medium-term future, starting from the basis of keeping the capitalist system intact, the way to transform the concept and contents of pensions for the working class, when it goes from being an active to passive population, has been designed.

The elements put into practice have been basic to design pension reforms since 2011. Based on cheapening pensions to reduce the overall amount in the PGE, impoverishing the pensioner to force him to postpone his move to retirement as much as possible. To this end, the years necessary to receive 100% of the pension have been extended, as well as the period of years contributed for the calculation of the amount to be received as a pension. And postpone the retirement age the more years the better, with the reference that the passage from retirement to the coffin does not exceed between 5 and 10 years of passive life.

In 2009 the government of José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero already proposed, through the mouth of Elena Salgado, to delay the retirement age. This is how they were signed in the 2011 Reform with the signatures of CCOO and UGT as guarantors of social peace.

These regressive measures have already been established in the OECD, with its president Ángel Gurría in 2018 as a global target. Making a public call for a profound reform that further slows down the incorporation of all these citizens who have worked all their lives to finance pensions with their salaries, while the rulers of the PP and PSOE stole the millions of reserve funds for pensions and that, according to expert calculations, exceed the 130,000 million allocated to other tasks of the State.

They emphasize from the OECD that, in Spain, the unemployment rate is falling, but it continues to be double that before the crisis and with important differences between those with higher education (11%) and those with a low level of education (26%). Unemployment affects 45% of young people; however, senior workers also struggle, with an employment rate of 49%.

Now the OECD goes a step further against pensioners by stating that the life expectancy of the passive population must be reduced, since it is the group of the population that needs more financial contribution from public funds for their health care or dependency. There are already voices in this regard as Dan Patrich, lieutenant governor of Texas says that: *Grandparents should*

sacrifice to save the economy and not paralyze the North American country. They must DIE. Or Cristina Lagarde, president of the European Central Bank, says: The elderly live too long and that is a risk to the global economy. Also the Ministers of Economy and Finance of Japan, Shinzo Abe and **Taro Aso** say: I ask the elderly to hurry to die so that the state does not have to pay for their care.

The WORLD BANK in 1994 already proposed what the OECD now proposes aims to influence the same message. It is that the sectors of the passive population (pensioners) who cannot afford health care, from a certain age or according to the state of their disease, die and thus reduce the current life expectancy as a means of saving public costs in health, dependency, etc. Retirees are the people who consume the most public money in their survival needs, the goal should be to reduce life expectancy. To this end, they propose privatizing public services, especially health and pensions. And discourage tax those products considered of 1st need by withdrawing social consideration as basic foods, apply the CO-PAYMENT to all medicines around 50% of their market price, and others that facilitate the poor pensioner to get ahead, and to "screw" all pensioners they plan to increase the Personal Income Tax, so that the net amount to be received from their pension will be less than the current one.

The amount of pensions is being reduced with the reforms that are already in force and are abandoning the needs of primary care and external consultations in public health, and to this we add that pensioners will have difficulties in their diet and in acquiring the medicines needed by that 54.7% of the population over 65 years of age and with chronic diseases, the reduction of life expectancy is fully ensured.

When the current "pseudo-democratic" process began in 1977, life expectancy was 74.7 years, the maximum turning point was in 2019 with 83.58 years, and now it decreases in 2020 with 82.33 years, and in 2021 it has been 83.06 years. These two years the decrease has been produced by the victims of COVID. Democracy brought equity in the welfare society between social classes. Public health was the best, and private health was there to cut waiting times. But life expectancy became homogenized. From now on this will change for the worse. Now the capitalist system wants to return us to the times where the bosses lived better and longer than the workers. They simply want to remain richer, healthier, and also be able to dispose of public resources for their business interests. At European level they want the same thing, they are reducing pensions and now they want to decide when we have to die. That is the sad reality that is taking shape. And the worst thing

about this is that the yellow unions have already signed you part of this cruel reality, and will they also sign the planning for the end of our existence?

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