

OPEN LETTER to Russell Brand and Jeremy Paxman

Gentlemen,

After seeing the interview on **NEWSNIGHT** and then reading the original paper by Russell in **NewStatesman**, here is what I'd like to share with you on the topic of REVOLUTION:

- 1) It has already started: a revolution does not necessarily start with storming *La Bastille*, nor does it end with it, if and when it did;
- 2) The ongoing revolution is about the change of the current socio-political system: the **Representative Democracy** – which, having exhibited the ills of a profound and irreversible degradation, I find more suited for the label **Nomenklaturocracy** – will be replaced by **Direct Democracy** (for which I prefer borrowing John Lennon's **People Power**) thus doing away once and for all with professional politics, which is the root cause of all evil;
- 3) The first nation where the revolution broke out is Iceland, the anger of its people having been precipitated by the collapse of the banking system as a result of the subprime mortgage scam. The Icelanders (1) went for the peaceful, democratic way of change, and (2) were satisfied to go half way through, installing **Hybrid Democracy**, not dissimilar to the Swiss model that many people – including myself in the past – are calling Direct Democracy, which it is not;
- 4) The second revolution started in Bulgaria in February of this year, with a wave of mass protests and calls for change. Moreover, for the first time in the history of this nation self-immolation occurred, and then on what a scale: 5 cases within the first four weeks of protest! You might want to ask yourselves why this has not received due coverage in the West (unlike the case of Jan Palach in 1969 – but then again, he was opposing the Soviets while these little Bulgarians, simply an inconvenience, dared to protest the great democracy of an EU member state: how dare they?);
- 5) Several years ago I've written a book in which a chapter is entitled "The basic economic considerations underpinning the upcoming revolution in Bulgaria." The purpose of this was to propose the way of peaceful transformation into Direct Democracy thus avoiding bloodshed. A dissident movement ZAEDNO (TOGETHER) sprang up on that basis, with a website www.zaedno.mobi, wherein we have recently started posting materials in English language as well;
- 6) All our attempts to publish materials about the REVOLUTION have been in vain: no mainstream media anywhere in the world has elected to pay attention to us, as we are producing only "politically incorrect" thoughts; alternatively, we might have been ignored just as everybody else – we can't possibly get to know which is the case;
- 7) The revolution has not yet achieved its goals in Bulgaria and therefore will be lingering on until either our movement grows large enough to take control of a change through peaceful democratic means, per our Program, or alternatively the public outrage bursts into the violent option, producing chaos, damage and victims;

8) We do not doubt that the revolution shall start in other countries as well – some like Greece, Spain and even USA are on the brink – and start they might the bloody way (no wonder the US government is preparing for domestic troubles). **Nomenklaturocracy** is doomed and **People Power** is the only natural next step in modern society's evolution: the challenge to all of us is to avoid the violent path and accomplish the change in a peaceful, civilized manner.

I hope to have given Russell (1) a “living proof” that he is right (for revolution of consciousness inevitably is followed by action), and (2) the direction he admitted he was missing.

I hope to have given Jeremy the option of conducting a task that only truly independent journalism can accomplish: throw in the open the challenge to all of us – reform the current sick system while avoiding excessive trouble.

The bare minimum to be consulted, in order to verify most of my statements above, is contained in the following papers: “Nomenklaturocracy, or what exactly was Orwell right about” (http://zaedno.mobi/Zaedno/NEWSLETTERS_files/Nomen.pdf), “On reading the signs of *Vox Populi*” (http://zaedno.mobi/Zaedno/NEWSLETTERS_files/On%20reading%20the%20signs%20of%20Vox%20Populi.pdf) and “Open letter to Richard Rahn” (http://zaedno.mobi/Zaedno/NEWSLETTERS_files/To%20Richard%20Rahn.pdf). More detail can be found in the rest of the English-language materials on the website of the dissident movement ZAEDNO.

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