At least he didn't take a chainsaw in his luggage

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Billionaire Elon Musk, owner of the social network X, and the International Monetary Fund praised the fiery pro-market speech of Argentina's ultra-right-wing president, Javier Milei, in Switzerland, and his fierce measures against the State in his country.

The applause is not surprising for someone who presents himself as a hunter of all ideas far from his extreme capitalism, as he himself showed when he spoke at the Davos Economic Forum.

Milei went to share with the economic and business elites what he considers as imperative, more and better rampant capitalism, libertarian ideas, zero social justice and tiny States.

The first president of Argentina, who traveled to the Swiss Alps, this time dispensing with the chainsaw symbolically attributed to him by his detractors, spoke about what he is enthusiastic about, such as questioning progress against feminism worldwide.

He asserted to his audience a scintillating rejection of environmental protection because, as former U.S. President Donald Trump preaches, climate change must be denied.

Free enterprise capitalism is the maximum and only it attracts progress; social justice is illicit and is violence and the West is in danger because, in his opinion, some capitalist chieftains undermine the pillars of liberty and open the way, he says, to socialism.

Who spoke at the exclusive Davos Forum was the representative of a government that in just one month generated criticism with its programs to reduce the State, containing 366 changes in laws.

Some polls reflect a loss of five points in his political image, 47 percent think that he has authoritarian outbursts and 56 percent disapprove of changes in labor legislation.

Unions are preparing a national strike, employees lament the reduction of ministries by half and citizens in general resent the devaluation of more than 50 percent of the peso. That is the initial work of the advocate of extreme capitalism, apparently with intentions of covering the role that his friend, the also ultra-right-wing Jair Bolsonaro, tried to exercise as the world leader of ultra-conservatism.

Today, when he reviews the reactions to his speech on social networks, Milei notes that even neoliberalism's benefactors expressed astonishment because, in his opinion, intolerance dents the so-called Western-style democracy.

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