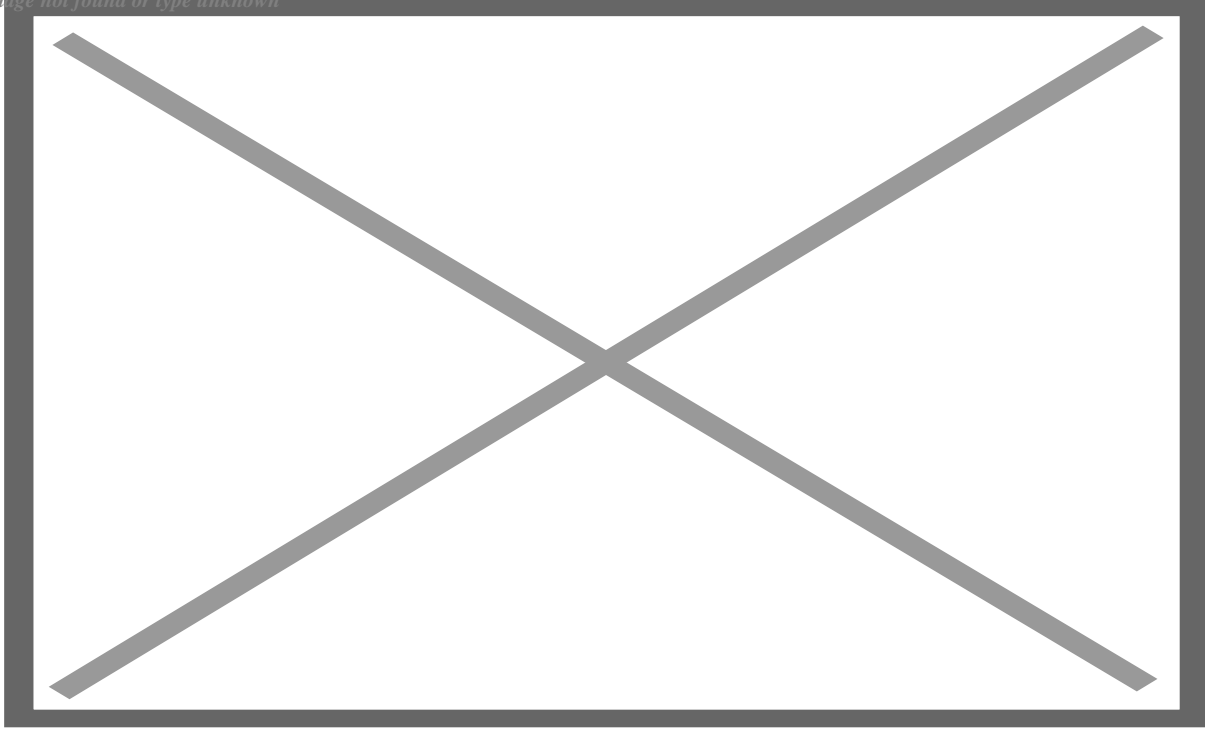


Did perfect democracy fail?

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Although there are few who believe the tale of the perfect American democracy, that country likes to present itself as such before the international community, although now it seems to be heading for a fiasco so big that it will put a definitive end to that fable.

After the withdrawal of Ron DeSantis from the Republican presidential race, the eccentric tycoon Donald Trump has practically opened the way to fight once again for the White House, unless he first enters another precinct, I mean a prison.

In order to be nominated candidate, he does not seem to have obstacles ahead, since neither Nikki Haley, nor the businessman Vivek Ramaswamy can overshadow him. Another thing happens with the legal cases he has pending because some of them, especially those related to taxes, can give him strong headaches in a country where a murder is tolerated more than a tax fraud.

It seems unbelievable, but in four years the Republican Party was unable to build another figure capable of making people forget the chaotic Trump administration and the serious events of January 6, 2021, when the assault on the Capitol in the heart of Washington took place.

Worse still, because in the midst of his judicial entanglements Trump managed to take control of that party and there seems to be no possibility of removing him from the middle.

On the side of the Democrats, the situation is similar, because so far no figure capable of displacing Joseph Biden, who failed to solve some of the most serious problems of that nation, is in sight.

Even on some issues, such as migration, he had to rely on the measures implemented by Trump and ended up talking about building the wall on the border with Mexico.

His vice-president, Kamala Harris, in whom hopes were once pinned that she would be able to become his successor, disappeared almost completely from the scene. Everything indicates, then, that the same duel of four years ago will be repeated and that the United States, in addition to being a plutocracy, is rapidly on its way to becoming a gerontocracy.

An editorial published the day before in the Mexican newspaper La Jornada points out another worrying fact: trends that seemed to have been eradicated, such as white supremacy, racism and anti-abortion groups, are emerging again. There are no records in that country, says the newspaper, of a panorama so close to overflow, instability and ungovernability.

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