

**"Mexico and the World  
at the Dawn of 2006"  
Report of a Listening Post  
held on 11th January**



**Encouraging The Reflective Citizen**

**Part 1. THE SHARING OF PREOCCUPATIONS AND EXPERIENCES**

In this part of the Listening Post participants were invited to identify, contribute, and explore their experience in their various social roles, be those in work, unemployed, or retired; as members of religious, political, neighbourhood or voluntary or leisure organisations, or as members of families and communities. This part was largely concerned with what might be called, 'the stuff of people's everyday lives', that relating to the 'socio' or 'external' world of participants.

**Part 2. IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR THEMES**

In Part 2 the aim was to collectively identify the major themes emerging from Part 1. On this occasion, themes were difficult to name but can be drawn together as the following two interrelated statements:

(a) Many references to the situation of insecurity were done that lives itself at present and that during this year of elections seems to be more present in the everyday lives of the population. I am spoken like the world lives itself as threatening and its consequences on a worldwide basis. And that this originates that most of the energy of the people this put in being defended before what attacks they seem on all sides. I am spoken of the paranoia of how is presented and is reinforced before the high levels of insecurity.

(b). The environmental situation as for the changes climatológicos increasingly more strong is a situation that causes a lot of uncertainty - vulnerability because they are outside of control of the human being. On the other hand themselves comment the indifference of great part of the population before the damages carried out to the nature and before the natural disasters occurred in our country. Itself comment that one of the causes that may be originating this lack of conscience, is because the energy of the people this more put one in being defended of these "attacks" that in the prevention.

**Part 3. ANALYSIS AND HYPOTHESIS FORMATION**

In this part of the Listening Post the members were working with the information resulting from Parts 1 & 2, with a view to collectively identifying the underlying dynamics both conscious and unconscious that may be predominant at the time; and, developing hypotheses as to why they might be occurring at that moment. Here the members were working more with what might be called their 'psycho' or 'internal' world. Their collective ideas and ways of thinking that both determine how they perceive the

external realities and shape their actions towards them. Again, there was a lack of clear, easily identifiable issues but there was, nonetheless, a lively and vigorous struggle to make sense of the Listening Post experience. This analysis has been distilled into the following two interrelated hypotheses:

### **Analysis and Hypothesis 1**

#### ***Analysis:***

The members commented that the situation of threat in these moments is greater by the changes to political level that were presented this year (elections to presidential level in July). Since the government has been one of the main depositories of the bad object introyectado of many of the Mexicans. What promotes they awake persecution anguishes when the object - bad government goes, and these they displace with greater force to other objects (neighboring countries, candidates for presidents, authorities. On the other hand the present situation of real threats (the high indices of insecurity in the Mexico City, the murders in Cd. Juárez, the drug trafficking) they reinforce the paranoid characteristics or the paranoia in itself of the population, being these almost indispensable characteristics to live - to survive in the cd of Mexico, for example.

#### ***Hypothesis:***

The present government promised to be "the government of the change", what caused they were placed in this positive fantasies of grandeur and omnipotence, believing that was going to protect us of the delinquency, robberies, abductions, etc. Al to be this government in the last year and to show that these indices of insecurity have not diminished and that on the contrary they are greater, reinforces the persecution fantasies besides the presence of an object shows us splits that in these moments is the persecution bad object.

### **Analysis and Hypothesis 2**

#### ***Analysis:***

The changes climatológicos as strong as the hurricanes that have devastated cities inside the country originate that the uncertainty before these possible natural disasters in the future be greater. The uncertainty has not been tolerated and therefore the Mexicans do not prevent and they are shown mostly indifferent before this type of disasters. The culture of prevention and care of the nature is low since they deny that this can happen them in a future, there is a sensation of omnipotence.

#### ***Hypothesis:***

The changes that live at present on a worldwide basis are many, a way of "to confront them" is denying that they are occurring; this combined to the sensation that in spite of the fact that each time " there are more tools" and "more control" on the world (by the large technological advances) gives a sensation of omnipotence that turns out to be contradictory when the natural disasters tell us the vulnerable that we are before its presence.

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