

# ACTIVIST DEMOCRACY OF THE “DOCTOR BYCHKOV”

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A formal democracy not filled with vivid content usually brings about negative human selection. This selection was especially noticeable during the Soviet times, when the country was governed by gerontocrats, who eventually got so scared of “Star wars” that they opted to lose the country rather than to continue experiencing this fear. The Kremlin gerontocrats were then succeeded by a new minority – the “activists.” These were individuals who used the abandoned republic for their personal gains, manipulating the country with the means of both economic and political instruments.

The model of leadership democracy is disposed towards such men-shevik “activism” and until recently, it has been viewed by most as the optimal solution for Russia. According to some publicists and political scientists, it is exactly such a model of organizing power structures that would lead the country forward past the cut-throat criminals and fascists, and could save Russia from the restoration of communism and further disintegration. However, recent “activist” practices have logically come down

from the level of redistributing oil profit bonuses directly to the level of the “little men,” and this has become extremely inconvenient for the “little men,” who have learned to expect rises in utilities prices, parking restrictions, and incredibly high taxes. There is no limit to it and nobody knows what else the un-elected ruling class can come up with.

The “little men” saw how the clique of the “activist” Luzhkov turned Moscow into a chaotic city of monuments and sky-scrapers, and that the “nobility” could only fully voice their dissent post-factum, after Luzhkov was fired. And how many “activists” still remain in power? How many of them will be assigned? In the interim, the former republics of the Soviet Union have demonstrated many terrifying examples of putrefaction of the leadership model.

How do we know that we will not be in the same boat tomorrow, particularly if we allow the system to evolve without our participation? Evolution, of course, is significantly more pleasant than revolution, but just what exactly can the existing system evolve into?

It is also important that the “activism” of the elite, of politicians, officials, of employees at law enforcement agencies, and of judges has been established to circumvent the democracy of the masses and has logically brought to life the “low-level activism” of “Primorye partisans.” While institutions stand aside as useless decorations, people themselves are trying to resolve what buildings and roads to build while letting the parliaments, dumas, and committees hold their meetings!

**“Doctor Bychkov,” with handcuffs in his hands and a patient in the car trunk, is not just an example, it is a symbol of the intercepted initiative. The system does not wish to work? A low-level activist will come up, a “Doctor Bychkov,” and**

**the society will support him.**

People go to Triumphalnaya Square not only because a little more than two hundred dissenters have decided to stage a PR event, hoping to be filmed by the Western media. They do so, because the society and the authorities are looking for platforms on which to air their competing models of activism.

You have Luzhkov, we have Limonov. Today it is the Triumphalnaya Square, tomorrow it is the Kulikovo pole. Usurpation of power at the top level provokes the emergence of millions of local usurpers. Escalation of this conflict threatens to annihilate everyone, including the country, and thus a transit from the leadership model of democracy to the democracy of masses seems to be the only possible maneuver that will allow us to pass yet another bifurcation point without losses.

Do the authorities realize this? There are many signs that they are beginning to understand.

An anti-communist Fedotov has been assigned the head of the Council for the Promotion of Institutions of Civil Society and Human Rights under the President of the Russian Federation. The international forum “Strategy-2020” was opened by a well-known liberal Auzan. The President of the country asked rock musicians for advice about resonant issues. The Prime Minister of Russia, at a meeting of the Consultation Council on foreign investments, all of a sudden announced that the Russian authorities will not differentiate between Russian and foreign capital – let everyone come and work on equal terms.

Simple words, but the Russian statehood has been seeking them for ten torturous years. All that is left now is to begin to implement them. ■

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