

WE ARE NOT INDIFFERENT: LET'S GO, LULA. VOTE LULA

Global Manifesto in support of Lula da Silva and the Brazilian People

We, citizens of different countries of the World, express our support for the candidacy of Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva for the Presidency of Brazil

We cannot vote in Brazil. But we can say that we're not indifferent to what is at stake there

Brazil is not just another country. It is an agricultural, energy, mining, industrial, and environmental power. It is one of the great countries of the planet. Because of its size, its weight, its resources, the Amazon, and its role in the world, whatever happens in Brazil will always have a global impact, symbolic or material

That is why we sign this manifesto. Perhaps not all of us share the same ideas, but we all believe that this historic moment demands looking beyond differences

What is at stake is not only who will rule Brazil for the next four years. It is about democracy. About social justice. About the rights that have been won. It is about the environment. It is about sovereignty over critical resources. About the Brazil's place in the World System...

For all these reasons, we cannot be indifferent to the possibility that Flávio Bolsonaro wins the election. His candidacy is inseparable from the political trajectory of his family and the government of his father, Jair Bolsonaro, who, upon leaving the presidency, left a legacy of polarization, institutional and economic deterioration, and social conflict the likes of which had not been seen in a long time

He himself is currently in prison, after having been tried by the competent bodies for his responsibility in the attempted coup following the last elections

We, the undersigned, cannot be indifferent to those who claim democracy but attempt coups and destroy public assets

We don't want, at all, to be indifferent to those who demand security but associate with militias and have been the subject of judicial investigations for corruption

We cannot be indifferent to a political project such as Flávio Bolsonaro's, which claims to defend the family while accepting immoral debt and increasingly precarious working hours that are harder and harder to reconcile with a dignified life

We don't want to be indifferent to a conception of development that subordinates public education, public health, and environmental protection to profit

We cannot be indifferent to the possibility that Brazil will again place itself in a position of subordination to external interests. Brazil, like any Global South country, don't fit in anyone's backyard

Having said all that, we are aware that no democratic government is perfect. May of us who sign this manifesto, we live in countries that know well what frustration, polarization, and the promise of easy solutions mean. We're aware that indignation is legitimate, that many people are tired, and that, probably, for many, there are reasons to be exhausted

In fact, our unrestricted support for Lula should not be understood as a blank check. We want more democracy and more social justice. Everywhere. More and better public education and health. That the exploitation of natural resources be placed at the service of development and the well-being of the Brazilian people. That environmental policy be responsible. And that foreign policy continue to contribute, as it has until now, to strengthening strategic autonomy and a need shared by all: the Global South convergences

We, the undersigned, ultimately want more and better democracy in Brazil, not less. That is why we are clear that the anger of many cannot turn into indifference. And that a blank check cannot be given to those who, like the Bolsonaros, defend a political project that calls into question democratic, social, and environmental achievements that cost decades and effort and that are a heritage bequeathed by parents and grandparents

That is why we address you with respect, Brazilian brothers and sisters. We ask you to look beyond your frustrations. We beg you to think of the Brazil of tomorrow, the country of the future. To think that all efforts should be directed toward more and more accessible, as Lula suggests, not toward less and more expensive, as Flávio Bolsonaro demands

Brazil is not alone. We are with you. With this manifesto we want to convey a very simple idea: we are not and will not be indifferent. Neither to the future of Brazil nor to that of Latin America and our planet. That is why we support the candidacy of Lula da Silva and why, beyond elections, we support and will always support the people of Brazil in their struggle to deepen what has been won and to continue transforming the country and the region

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