

NURSE MANIFESTO

NURSES CALL TO DEFEND HEALTH AND MOBILIZE AGAINST THE FAR-RIGHT AND FASCISM

Nurses are the professionals committed to providing care to people under any circumstances, protecting their lives and ensuring their dignity and well-being. This commitment, so important to all – and especially for vulnerable, poor, discriminated and oppressed people, leads us to unite our voices to warn against the extreme right, totalitarianism and fascism.

Political polarization and growing inequality, with the 1% accumulating wealth and power, generate social alienation. Far-right policies promise to improve people's conditions and solve their grievances, but in reality, they exacerbate tensions and create social conflict by polarizing society, fostering intolerance, dismissing climate change, repudiating immigrants and mocking those of us who seek more equality.

Taking advantage of a populist discourse, the far-right deceitful policies oppose caring, democracy, equity deserving persons, social diversity, ecological sustainability, and the universal right to health. They claim to represent the masses when their focus is to secure the interests of a predatory minority.

Nurses remember and do not accept the reappearance and strengthening of political proposals that seemed buried in history. We recall how totalitarian movements have come to power through democratic elections, using violence, hatred, misinformation and conflict to gain power. They do so by targeting, among others, women and people who are different, whether by race, sexual identity or orientation, legal status, religion, ethnicity or social class.

Nurses propose caring as an antidote to extreme far-right policies that lead us to fascism. Caring for others is essential for civilization and to combat totalitarianism, democratizing resources and empowering people. Therefore, we view with great concern the advance of the extreme right -- which promotes nationalism, authoritarianism, social conservatism, violence, hostility and misinformation -- moving us away from a caring society.

Nurses consider care to be a basic universal right, while the extreme right views it as a business and a privilege. Currently, totalitarianism and economic groups seek to eliminate the right to universal health coverage. This is serious because, as evidence shows and all international organizations state, having adequate access to care is a powerful leveler of inequalities, protects against situations of helplessness and vulnerability, and provides the security of achieving a dignified life, regardless of personal or social circumstance.

Nurses denounce avoidable suffering and propose caring as the main containment. Far-right ideology is destroying public health systems, commodifying healthcare, eliminating the right to responsible motherhood, and violating equality. Nurses raise our voices against the health and social policies of this ideology to defend the right to care for all people. In the face of polarization, violence and hatred, nurses propose care as a barrier.

We nurses call on each person and each group to reflect deeply on how far-right ideology acts, destroying healthcare structures, social rights, and the care of people and their communities. Therefore, we call for involvement in actions to denounce and stop far-right organizations, using voting, participation and democratic control of policies.

The values that underpin the work of nurses do not allow us to remain indifferent to the consequences of far-right ideology. That is why **we are committed to using all our strengths and influence to mobilize and express ourselves, stopping any ideology that hinders the achievement of universal health for all, social rights and better care.**

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