



RESIGNATION DOES NOT HELP

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In the present situation among southern people including those of Mormanno, both optimism level and trust in the future are an all-time low. The chance of finding work, creating a family, living in the place where we have grown, in other words living a normal life is a vane hope.

The most widespread feeling is that of the discouragement.

But what are the reasons? Firstly because a sort of indifference disease is spreading out, that is to say a mix of apathy and disenchantment, of fatalism and frustration, so a lot of people have renounced finding a job or are withdrawing from the labour market. Above all the other reasons are the disquiet and the confusion provoked by incapacity of the political lobby in finding right solutions to the economical and structural changes that are waiting for years to be planned and much serious fault is the incapacity of suggesting values. It is obvious that if politics is able to schedule an economy in which there are a good number of openings, of chance, of spurs and the citizens are more aware of themselves with a good level of school attendance and professional training, we would be able to defeat one of the main causes of uncertainty. But it is not in this way!

For a very long time politics created, even better to say invented, a lot of open-ended works in the public offices, some temporary employment in companies financed by funds of the community (the famous white elephants) born for to be unsuccessful and unfortunately determined a particular kind of welfarism. In this way it has been possible to guarantee a reasonable standard of living for at least two generations.

In this picture of lights and shadows stands out in a negative way a serious trouble. This way to make politics clipped the wings to the entrepreneurial spirit wings, stifling the wish of risk, numbing the will of doing something; in other words has dimmed the private spirit of enterprise, already put to a hard test by the bureaucracy and by the sluggishness of our public administration.

Mormanno for example, but it is in this way in the major part of Southern Italy, I see a very little will of risking and the dream of many young people is still that of their grandparents and parents: a permanent job, if possible state-owned. But is still possible to dream in these conditions?

We need instead more courage and more ideas. Someone will say rightly more money too. But these last are not lacking. Investment incentives addressed to the entrepreneurial class, in particular way for the young people, are more than enough. On the contrary it is clear for all that a lot of economic resources set aside for Southern Italy are returned to the senders (State and European Union) because there are not financial schemes or investments to keep going. The South needs a shock. Young people cannot remain eternal children, weighing up on the balance of their families. A generation that walks arm in arm with that of their own parents should arouse worry. There is the well-grounded risk that the desire of being helped, spoiled and protected become uncontrolled. We have to react to the effect “discouragement” and starting through concrete actions in finding job.

In order to establish companies, business and any other professional activity are necessary ideas, aspirations and passions. Not necessarily unique, special or exceptional. Claudio Buziol, the first person I was thinking about at the age of 20 liked to design shirts and had in mind a dream: manufacturing casual clothing for children. By the simple idea of making old jeans with a pumice stone, the so-called “stonewashed”, during the following years he gave a name to his dream, Replay, today the third Italian group of the jeanswear. And the examples could be go on.

Perhaps work in our land, short of connections and logistic services does not help the initiative of the single. Just for this reason the challenge that is expecting our young people is more and more severe. For winning it they have to wear a new mental suit marked by the improvement of the risk and by the individual abilities.

How many non-European people are working and living in miserable conditions gaining however dignity and a social status? It does not need a revolution but will be enough a “swerve”. The danger that our villages could become empty, tired and resigned is a real problem. Young people have to start in finding new ways.

Lao-Tzu, the Chinese philosopher and wise man, said: “ A loser find always an excuse. A winner find always the way.”