

Perhaps in 20 or maybe in 100 years, there will be a note in Polish History schoolbooks about another attempt to establish Democracy in Poland. It could begin like this: *“on the 4th of June in 1989, Polish men and women for the first time since the II World War, went to the polling stations with hope. At last they were able to vote for the candidates other than those imposed by the regime. Poles pinned their hopes on the democratic forces of the opposition, on Solidarity”*.

And what could be the end of this chapter? *“26 years since the introduction of democratic rules, the Polish society put Democracy in the hands of the people, who cared nothing for it. The nation gave up their freedom for a dream of a new solidarity, national community and security. In 2015 they may not have known what would be the price of their choice. 4 years later, they should not have been so misguided”*.

Did they allow themselves to be deluded in 2019? What happened 30 years before, was it just an episode, the time during which the Poles took a break from the arduous of history and now these arduous come back with double force?

– Hold it! Nothing wrong is happening now! Economy is flourishing, budget is good, unemployment is low, the government is giving money to pensioners, families, even those ungrateful teachers are to receive something! Why do you keep crying about Democracy? Is Democracy going to feed me?

Indeed, today everything looks good. The beginnings of almost all dictatorships are good. The machine put into motion by the state is keeping economy in good shape, money is flowing to broader social groups. All looks great.

However, the costs are rising and income is not limitless. The government knows this and this is why it protects itself against a possible social discontent in future. The government takes full control over media, police, prosecution and justice system. You don't like this? Go on, complain, you have the right! The minister of justice has something to hide? He will be screened by the General Prosecution Officer. This is one and the same person ... is this a problem?

Our history is formed by the string of undemocratic governments – foreign and imposed on us or our own. From time to time, there is a glimmer of Democracy. Just as in the March Constitution of 1921 or the present, the

already broken Constitution.

One can function in non-democracy, have a family, be happy. However, there will always be something missing in this. An open window, additional possibility of choice, spontaneity.

And so, the text in the schoolbooks will be as follows: *“In 2015 people may have not known the price of their choice, but after four years, they should not have allowed themselves to be fooled again. The propaganda in the public media, huge funds for the campaign and new electoral promises allowed PiS to keep power. Later, even in the times of crisis, they didn't have to worry about it, because there had not been honest elections ever since.”*

On the 13th October 2019 Write a Better Future, Go to the Polls

