

Speech by Giorgia Meloni in Madrid, Spain.

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Good morning to all, patriots!

Dear Santiago, dear Jorge, dear friends of VOX, thank you! Thank you for this invitation, for the excitement you give me today with this wonderful event packed with patriots. Today, here, I feel at home. I feel at home because I am immersed in the magnificent heritage of traditions that have forged Spanish civilization over the centuries. I feel at home because here there is an air of culture and national pride, of roots and future, of history and identity.

And identity is the issue that forms the core of our common endeavor, and the fundamental battleground of our time. Identity is the main enemy of the globalist mainstream, and all of us who defend it are the target of the "passionaries" of progressivism.

Everything that identifies us is under attack. The person is under attack, and with it the very value of human life. Of every single human life, because each of us carries a unique and unrepeatable genetic code, and this, like it or not, is sacred. Whereas the supposed "do-gooders" want to impose on us the culture of discard, of lives that are not worthy of being lived according to subjective standards, of lives that can be selected, sold or bought as if they were supermarket products, of lives that can self-destruct with drugs. We do not accept that. And the monsters are not us, but those who in the name of a supposed freedom propose abominable practices such as womb renting or free drugs. They are the monsters.

Under attack is the family, the indispensable nucleus for procreation, education and training of our children, the center of affection and solidarity between generations, the first place of belonging. It is under attack the sexual identity, which the LGBT lobbies would like to tear down by blows of gender propaganda in schools, in the media, in institutions with that principle of "self id" - I am not what I am but what I feel - which strikes first of all women's rights and achievements.

Under attack is our spirituality, sense of the sacred and Christian roots themselves, in the name of absolute relativism and aggressive atheism that end up paving the way for fundamentalist proselytism. Thus, the secularity of the state is being used as a cudgel against the symbols of Christianity while pretending not to see that in Europe, entire neighborhoods are now in the hands of Islamic law.

Under attack is the work of our people, crushed by monstrous taxation that stifles freedom of enterprise, by the downward competition caused by unregulated globalization, by speculative finance that takes over the real economy and reduces workers' rights.

Under attack are the borders of our nations and Europe, subjected to frightening pressure from the pro-immigration rhetoric of the left, which fuels a shameful human trafficking to fill us with new desperate people, who in too many cases end up feeding crime or sharing breadcrumbs with our poor in the suburbs of large metropolitan cities.

Under attack is our history, cowardly tried by the "cancel culture" of the left, which forgets everything and destroys everything. Of course, the history of Europe and the West is full of complex and tragic events, but this history has shaped the democracies we know today, and the solution is not to erase it, but to make memory a lesson. I want to continue discussing Christopher Columbus with you, my Spanish friends and brothers, but I will not accept his statues being torn down because some Black Lives Matter barbarian considers him a dangerous slaveholder. In Europe, statues are not torn down, statues are torn down by the Taliban!

Under attack is our freedom of expression, censored every day in real life, in the media and on social networks, by the dictatorship of political correctness in the hands of the Silicon Valley oligarchs, who with their multibillion-dollar "digital states" impose their rules on the whole world, depriving the peoples of their wealth and sovereignty. And I don't know if one day they will be able to stop us from expressing ourselves on their platforms, but what I do know is that they can never stop us from thinking for ourselves! And say what we believe! Never!

Under attack is the Fatherland, the highest value that holds all others together, because it is together community, borders, history and identity. A Homeland that we want to save from the drift of the single globalist, liquid and standardized model, but also from internal secessionism, not coincidentally financed and instigated by big financial speculation, which needs to disarticulate states to make them weak and bend them. We, like you, believe in one nation, one people, one language and one flag! And as an Italian I apologize to you for the sad spectacle that Italy has given in the affair involving the arrest of Puigdemont that took place in Sardinia. I do not want to go into the merits of the judicial affair, but one thing I must say: Italy and Spain are friendly countries, Spain is a democratic country, and if Spain asks to be able to try a defendant according to its penal code, no one has the right to prevent it!

Our whole identity is under attack, but we will not allow it! I am Giorgia, I am a woman, I am a mother, I am Italian, I am a Christian: you will not take that away from me!

Let it be clear that loving the Fatherland does not mean not believing in Europe, because Nation and Europe are not contradictory values. Only the left in bad faith can claim this, because they have always hated the Fatherland and began to love Europe only when they became orphans of the Soviet Union. In fact, they tried to turn the Europe of peoples and diversity into a kind of Soviet state, all bureaucracy, top-down impositions and homogenization.

We love Europe much more than many fake pro-Europeans. We love it because we love its differences and specificities. I am proud to be an Italian patriot and a European patriot. But this does not prevent me from criticizing the current European Union, a caricature of European civilization, with its need to nullify differences, to impose absurd directives on the most particular

aspects of our lives, to tell us how we should educate our children, to strike at the products of our excellence. We will not be told by Brussels bureaucrats whether we can eat our parmesan or your pata negra. We will continue to say what we do not like about this Union without accepting to be called enemies of Europe. We will continue to say, for example, that a more pragmatic and less ideological approach is needed on the ecological transition.

To love the Fatherland means to love the land of the fathers, which is not only the land as a place of affection and identity, but is also the land in which we live and in which we want to be able to continue to cultivate, breed, drink, breathe and enjoy the beauty of Nature. Guarantees that neither Greta Thunberg nor the multinational lobbies that direct their rhetoric will give us, using ecology as a trap to lead us into an energy transition that - done this way - will have sky-high environmental and social costs for us and sky-high profits for them. And it will hand us over hand and foot to China, which will sell us electricity produced from coal-fired power plants, while hundreds of thousands of European companies will be put out of business and millions of workers will risk their jobs.

We will continue to say that we want Europe to take the lead on major international issues. To stop uncontrolled immigration from Africa and Asia, to defend ourselves against Islamic terrorism, to face the challenges coming to us precisely from China, to build bridges to Latin America, which is going through a very difficult season. And I want to publicly thank Santiago Abascal for wanting to promote the "Madrid Charter," which I wholeheartedly signed. It is an extraordinary manifesto of values to join forces and help our brothers in Latin America to free themselves from the yoke of social-communist-inspired governments that are starving their peoples.

They are brother peoples, in their veins runs so much Spanish and Italian blood. We must help and support them until the tyrants are defeated, the drug lords are in jail, and until freedom and democracy return.

We want a Europe with a greater presence in the Mediterranean, which has been the cradle of our civilization and from which today Europe is increasingly marginalized, while other countries lord it over us. I am thinking of Erdoğan's Turkey, which, while we are divided enacts its aggressive expansionism, threatens European nations like Greece or Cyprus, controls Libya, blackmails Europe with illegal immigrants and finances political Islam throughout the Old Continent. And Europe still stands there considering Turkey's entry into the European Union. We will not allow it!

There is, my friends, another possible Europe. And in order to build it, our firm alliance, Spaniards and Italians, side by side, together with brotherly peoples who are united with us by our same Latin matrix, will be essential. Then we can build a more balanced Europe. And we can rediscover the true values that founded Europe.

These days all commentators are wondering what the post-Merkel Europe will look like. They talk about Draghi, Macron and some other personalities. Here, I think that we, on the other hand, have to work together so that the post-Merkel Europe is the Europe of Conservatives, the Europe of patriots.

And if I am convinced that to revive Europe we need Spain, today I am happy because I know that here, in front of me, is the best part of Spain. Made up of honest and proud people who claim for their land a destiny that lives up to its history.

Dear brothers of VOX, dear Spanish patriots, I am here today to promise you that in this battle you will not be alone. In this battle, by your side, you will have millions and millions of Italian patriots.

Long live Spain!

Long live Italy!

Long live our alliance!