

Speech by Giorgia Meloni in Marbella, Spain.

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Dear friends of Vox, thank you for this extraordinary reception! Thanks to my friend Macarena for the invitation, it is an honor for me to be here with you again, to be with Santiago Abascal, who is a great friend - handsome - and who for all Spanish and European patriots is a hope for today and for the future, for Spain and for Europe.

And I am really delighted to be here to support a friend like Macarena Olona - thank you very much Macarena for what you said -, a woman that I believe to be extraordinary, strong, brave, competent and I believe that she is the woman that this wonderful land of Andalusia needs. And I am not the only one saying that, it is said by the forceful enthusiasm that her electoral campaign is transmitting. The enthusiasm is enormous because it is accompanied by a great hope, the hope of a real change.

Well, all politicians and their parties usually say they want to change. They do so even more in election campaigns, but we are not so foolish as not to recognize those who preach change after having consciously led us to the weakness with which Europe is facing its most difficult time.

For years, we have been told that globalization without rules and the triumph of the financial economy over the real economy would bring more democracy where there are autocracies and more wealth to our democracies. They were wrong. Or they lied to us. Because today we realized how high is the price we are paying for having allowed in recent years the offshoring of our companies, the lengthening of value chains and the displacement of wealth from our nations. They have been telling us for years that there is no alternative to the ecological ideology that will make us live better in a cleaner world. They are wrong. Or they are lying to us. Since we are aware today that our energy dependence is dramatic and that the idea of a complete transition to electricity without having control of the necessary raw materials will only make us even more dependent on China than we are on Russia. And China will become even richer without concern for our environmental standards. And finally, we will not have a cleaner world, but a poorer Europe. Because following Greta Thunberg's ideology will lead us to lose thousands of companies and millions of jobs all over Europe. But this is of no interest to the left because today we are the only ones left to defend jobs.

And you are well aware of what it can mean for the Andalusian economy with the climate fundamentalism of the green pact, how many ships instead of arriving in Algeciras will choose Tangier where there are no such rules and therefore these costs. With the climate fundamentalism of the green pact, how many Andalusian farmers will be able to resist the downward competition of African agricultural products. With the climate fundamentalism of the green pact, how many Andalusian workers will risk their jobs and how many citizens will not be able to afford a new expensive electric car. To ask these questions is to bring everything back to reality. And we know

that reality is the worst enemy of ideology, but beware, the dominant ideology of political correctness is not a utopia pursued by bona fide dreamers. It is the attempt to give a high motivation to sinister interests: to destroy the identity, the centrality of people, the achievements of our civilization, to fatten the large multinationals of the indistinct, of the synthetic, of the wealth that a few have in the skin of many.

Look at gender ideology, if you go beyond the slogans, you will easily realize that the objective of gender ideology is not the fight against discrimination or the overcoming of the differences between men and women; the real objective, not declared, but tragically evident, is the disappearance of women and, above all, the end of motherhood. The undifferentiated individual to which gender theories tend to tend is not so undifferentiated, it is masculine. Man today can be everything, father and mother, in a wide range from feminine to masculine, while the words most censored by political correctness are "woman" and "mother". Why? Because motherhood has an extraordinary symbolic force. In the mother's womb we learn to be two, from the mother's love we discover abnegation, the mother is humanity itself. This is the reason why we will defend women and mothers because it is their time inside and outside the family. That is the reason why we want women and mothers, like Macarena Olona, leading the institutions of our land. Defending women also means not keeping silent in the face of the insecurity in our neighborhoods with the growing ethnic violence in our society.

A few days ago in Italy, hundreds of North African youths trashed a tourist town and on the train surrounded and sexually abused six girls. They shouted, "White women can't get on here!" Just think what would have happened if young Italian or Spanish criminals had done the same thing to African girls. We would have heard the left screaming, "Racist, sexist monsters!". Instead, once again, everyone is silent, because the left defends women until they are confronted with a foreign criminal! At that moment, by ideological reflex, the foreign criminal is worth more than the woman!

That is why, for years, to a left that pretended to define illegal immigrants - like those who assault Ceuta and Melilla, like those who disembark in Lampedusa -, as refugees, we have tried to explain that these people are not fleeing from a war. Those who are fleeing a war are Ukrainians. And in fact, the images that come to us are mainly of women and children. Because when there is a war, men tend to stay and fight. In these years, however, only single men of working age came to us. And the left, which is the armed wing of the interests of the great economic concentrations, has rolled out red carpets for them, knowing that this cheap labor competed at the bottom with our workers. That is not solidarity! For them, they were new slaves to exploit! And European civilization fought against slavery and abolished it centuries ago. We will not accept its return.

We stand for the freedom of people, the rights of workers and the wealth that companies create when they are allowed to operate and hire. And once again, we were told for decades that the homeland was also dead. It seems to me that here too they were wrong. Those who tell us today that we have to change are the same ones who have been wrong all these years. Those who lied

to us, with what credibility can they promise change? What is needed is not a false change, it is a real change.

But the road to real change will be very difficult. Even in the last days of the election campaign. I have been there, a few years before you, I know what it means. Since its birth Fratelli d'Italia has been written off. They said there was no hope for us. But today, we are the first party in Italy, and we are so because we have not accepted the limits that others wanted to impose on us.

You, Santi, Macarena, you have the same strength, the same courage, the same integrity and for this reason, I am sure that soon you will be the first party in Spain. And they will say that you are extremists, racists, fascists, naysayers, homophobes, they will say that you are unrepresentable, that you have no leaders capable of governing, they will say that it is useless to vote for you because you cannot win anyway. You know what, don't be afraid. Because they do not decide. The people decide. The people are the first force a party needs. Even Goldman Sachs came to Italy to say that if Fratelli d'Italia won the next parliamentary elections there would be problems with the public debt. They threaten the Italians. But apart from the fact that the public debt is the fault of those who govern - and not of the opposition - the point is that the American investment banks do not decide who should govern in Italy, and neither do the left-wing circles. And the same will be true for Andalusia, and then for the whole of Spain!

Who will govern here? It will not be decided by the financial groups or the big media or the progressive intellectuals, it will be decided by the Spaniards because this is democracy! This is the way it is done in democracies! And that is a message that the left must understand. But the center parties must also understand it. Maybe here you call them the parties of the "derechita," those who have kept millions of conservative votes by kidnapping them for years and then used them to make the worst deals with the left. It happens in Spain, it happens in many European countries and it also happens in Brussels. The experience of Vox, like that of Fratelli d'Italia as well as many other patriotic parties all over Europe teaches us this: if the populars suffer the left hegemony, in the end they lose. And the left wins. Instead of being anguished by the nightmare of losing votes to the right, my advice to the populars is: your adversary is not the right. Re-confront yourselves and go back to defending the true values for which you were born!

Because there is no more time for weak thinking, no more time for compromises, for continuous mediations that equalize everyone and weaken our nations. This is the time to take clear positions! 530 years ago, the surrender of Granada put an end to the reconquest, Andalusia returned Spain and Europe to Christianity. Today, left-wing secularism and Islamic radicalism threaten our roots. 530 years ago, the Italian Christopher Columbus set sail from an Andalusian port to discover the Americas. Today there are those who want to tear down the statues dedicated to him, to erase our history as Europeans, Christians, Westerners. Faced with this challenge, there is no mediation possible. Either we say yes, or we say no. Yes to the natural family.

Yes to the natural family! No to the LGBT lobbies! Yes to sexual identity! No to gender ideology! Yes to the culture of life! No to the abyss of death! Yes to the universality of the cross! No to

Islamist violence! Yes to secure borders! No to massive immigration! Yes to the work of our citizens! No to big international finance! Yes to the sovereignties of the peoples! No to the bureaucrats of Brussels! And yes to our civilization! And no to those who want to destroy it! Long live Macarena Olona, president of Andalusia! Long live Santiago Abascal, president of Spain! Long live Spain! Long live Italy!

Long live the Europe of patriots!