

# HUMAN DIGNITY

The European Union is not alone a political union and of market, but it goes far beyond. The European Union is also a question of values. These are fundamental values in the article 2 of the agreement of Lisbon (December 13, 2007) and they would be: the respect to the human dignity, the freedom, the democracy, the equality and the human rights. This article also establishes that the purpose of the European Union is to promote the peace and the well-being of his peoples.

In the letter of the fundamental rights of the European Union also the idea meets reflected of that the Union is formed on the indivisible and universal values of the human dignity, the freedom, the equality and the solidarity, and is based in the beginning of the democracy and the Constitutional state. He speaks about the creation of a space of freedom, safety and justice and the person places in the center of his action.

This beginning links the members states and they are forced to fulfill.

" The fundamental rights are the historical crystallization of a moral conception that places as axis the dignity of the man and the values of freedom and equality as riverbeds to reach her "

*Gregorio Peces Barba*

The European Parliament is characterized for being the principal defender of these values so much inside like out of the borders. For it it realizes an intense diplomatic labor to promote these " European values " beyond Europe and the work admits of those that they fight for the freedom and in favour of the human rights across the concession of the Prize Sajarov to the freedom of conscience.

Also he promotes initiatives as the bottom of cohesion, the program Erasmus, in whom we are immersed, the program Leonardo and others that can be considered to be an expression of the European values since, with these and other similar initiatives, one tries to promote the learning, the culture, the customs of other countries and to provide with the necessary helps to finance projects of education, health, environment, etc. From here I appear the following question, of all the values gathered in the article 2 of the Agreement of Lisbon mentioned previously, there is some value that is the value of values?

Reading all calmly and pondering on the meaning of some and of others I think that the right to the respect and to the human dignity is this special value, this value of values without which others would be impossible to obtain, since I cannot understand a democratic condition if either the slavery, or equality exists without dignity, for what the right to the respect and to the human dignity is the fundamental value brings over about that I am going to speak in this exhibition.

The term dignity was not appearing in the first bills of rights, these were looking more in the notions of freedom, equality, property and enclosedly happiness that in that of dignity. After both world wars, the colonial wars and the numerous attempts on the dignity a change was imposed in the way of understanding the human, impelled rights, first of all for the desire of peace. The incorporation of the notion of dignity to the juridical texts took place after the Second World war.

From this moment the dignity of the person was established as the fundamental value of all the human rights. It is said that it is human quality constitutes the foundation of the idea of human rights. Though other founding values of the human rights exist, since it are the freedom, the equality, the solidarity, the safety or the peace, the dignity places before that they, being constituted in the fundamental core in the idea of human rights. The dignity is an intrinsic value to every human being for the mere fact of it being and does not depend on external factors. It is a question of an own and inseparable quality of every person with independence of which it is his behavior because not even an action infuriates deprives the person of his dignity.

I have gathered the following definitions of dignity: " The human dignity is the right that every human being has to be respected and colored like to be individual and social, with his particular characteristics, for the alone fact of being a person ". " The dignity is the intrinsic and supreme value that every human being has, independently of his economic, social and cultural situation, as well as of his beliefs and way of thinking ". Sailing along Internet I have found more definitions great, but sense does not make gather all since they all centre on the same idea: that import neither the beliefs, nor the social status, we all must be valued and been respected by us only for the fact of being persons. It does not matter where we have born, neither the date, nor those who are our parents, which matters is that we exist and must be respected only because of it.

" So worthy he is the poorest and disinherited child that one starves, as the son of any magnate or tycoon that nothing in the abundance. Worthy and deserving of respect and love he is any beggar, drug addict, alcoholic or delinquent (...). What happens is that we are too much the spirits myopic that alone we happen to see the dignity in the most relevant persons, in the powerful ones, in which they triumph, but to skimp the big and noble souls that can include with his look without limits the limits of the land and to breathe and to respect the human dignity of any person, there is which will go away his race, bill of health and socioeconomic and cultural condition "

*Bernabé Tierno, Human Values.*

He was the philosopher Immanuel Kant (1724-1804) who said: " The dignity is the attribute of a rational being who does not obey law that whom he himself gives himself ". Therefore the autonomy is the foundation of the dignity of every human being. To respect the human dignity implies bearing the free condition in mind, rations and person in charge of every person. This respect is a moral responsibility of each one of us but his protection and defense cannot depend only on the personal area, but it is necessary that the power public make his also is a defense across the law.

At present, the worry for the human dignity is universal. The declarations of the human rights recognize and try her to protect her all over the world. The European Union is not an exception, since already we have seen previously, since it is a question of an essential beginning.

" I do not have right to say or do anything that diminishes a man before yes same. What matters is not what I think about him, but what he thinks of yes same. To hurt a man in his dignity is a crime "

*Antoine de Saint - Exupéry*

The dignity is a value that also comes gathered in the Spanish Constitution of 1978, where the reference to the personal dignity is found by us in his art.10.1. There one indicates that the dignity of the person, the inviolable rights that him are inherent, the free development of the personality, the respect to the law and to the rights of the others are a foundation of the political order and of the social peace.

Therefore one affirms that the dignity humanizes is the foundation of the legitimization of the political Spanish order in his set, turning this way into the governing supreme beginning of our juridical classification.

" Spain is constituted in a social and democratic State of Law, which supports as top values of his juridical classification the freedom, the justice, the equality and the political pluralism ".

*Spanish constitution, art.1.1*

The connection between the article 10.1 and the article 1.1 turns out to be evident, since it neither exists human dignity cannot even exist without freedom, justice, equality and political pluralism. In addition the above mentioned values would not be such if they were not in favour of the dignity of the human being.

The article 15 mentions other rights that use as complement to the dignity, as the right to the freedom and the safety, the right to the honor, to the personal and familiar intimacy. This implies that the State protects the dignity of the human not alone being in the individual area but also in the social one and, in order that this is possible the reciprocal respect is necessary between the individuals of the company.

" Worthy being is to be deserving of something very valuable. And there is not for the human beings to be anything so valuable as person. The honors, the wealth, the reputation, the good health, the intellectual prestige, the social recognition and the popularity do not add an apex to the dignity of anybody "

*Bernabé Tierno.*

PEACE

**FREEDOM**

DIGNITY



**EQUALITY**



The title I of the Letter of the fundamental rights of the European Union takes like enunciated the dignity and understands the articles 1. Dignity humanizes; 2. Law to the life; 3. Law to the integrity of the person; 4. Prohibition of the torture and of sorrow or the inhuman or degrading treatments; and 5. Prohibition of the slavery and of the hard labor. Article 1: " The human dignity is inviolable. It will be respected and protected " '. This article recognizes the dignity as a fundamental right that is the base itself of the fundamental rights, by what there is deduced that none of the rights inscribed in the letter will be able to commit an outrage against the dignity of other persons and that the dignity of the person humanizes it forms a part of the essence of the rights inscribed in the letter.

The human dignity is inviolable, it is not necessary to commit an outrage against her, not even to protect another fundamental right. This beginning implies that it is never possible to treat a human being as to an object. The European Union must respect the human dignity, and for European Union I deal so much to the institutions, organs, organisms and community agencies, since to the members states.

In conclusion, the human dignity is a foundation of the human rights in his set and at the same time an autonomous human right that is added to all the rest rights. Without dignity there is neither freedom nor equality. The human being only can evolve and grow as such with the respect towards the own person and towards the others. For it the institutions must offer to us the whole possible protection. The European Union adopts this commitment on having placed the human dignity as the first value mentioned in his fundamental procedure.

Since student of 4 ° of I believe IT that still we are very far from obtaining this ideal protection to the human dignity on the part of the institutions, but working all together and promoting programs of formation in values for young women iremos advancing towards an Europe and a worthier world for all.

And now I am going to tell you a small history on this fundamental value:

A lot of time ago there was a holder who was very arrogant. The holder was very proud of his silver and of his wonderful forms, and to the whole world one was making it notice. Nevertheless, about what he was never speaking of his handle, which had punctured in the corner. To whom was it going to please slightly defectively? Well there knew the holder that the knives and the spoons already had been fixed in the fault of his handle and that they were not speaking any more than of it, instead of his wonderful silver or different anyone of his virtues.

- I know them! - the holder was saying for his innermost being. But I know also my faults and admit them; In it humility, my modesty is. We all have faults, but one has también his qualities. The knives and the spoons have his curves and are covered also with silver. I on the other hand, I have both things, and in addition, on the part of ahead, a little with what they never podrian to never dream; my sharp "teeth" with which I can puncture food infinity and it it turns me into the king of the cutlery.

All that the holder was thinking in the unconcerned days of his youth. But one day, while it was in the put table, a child put to play with and broke. The holder was lying in the senseless soil while his parts split for the half. It was a hard blow, and the worse thing was that they all laughed of and of that was so weak that up to a child it could break it. To tea-pot it was arranged, but it stopped being the same.

- This recollection will never resign of my mind! - the holder exclaimed time later, while it was counting his life-. They were called me a disabled person, put me in a corner, and the following day they gave me a woman who came to beg. This way I came to the world of the poor, so useless within as externally, and, nevertheless, there it began for me a better life. They put me in a handle with with a plant tangled to my handle, the panta, his flowers and roots turned partly of my.

But one day I heard saying to someone that there was deserved one better "stick". They divided me for the half; sigh, how it hurt!, and the flower was transplanted to another handle by a new stick where to get entangled newly, while they me threw me to the court, where I am turned into old utensils. But I preserve the recollection, and swim it might take it from me.