



Atlas Freedom Dinner Toast to Freedom

By Jose Sacheri

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.

I want to begin by thanking the Atlas Foundation, especially Alex Chafuen, whose fight against communism is evident and doesn't need any explanation.

And I ask your patience with my very poor English.

On December 22nd, 1974, two days before Christmas, my life changed completely.

I was 14 years old, the oldest of 7 children, and as we were arriving with my mother to our house from Sunday Mass, a shot was fired directly at my father, with the assassin's bullet going through his head – all this took place right in front of our very eyes.

I saw the assassin's face. He was looking at the scene in cold blood, with the satisfaction of a job well done. And today, thirty three years later, I am seeing that same face in the enemies that threaten our freedom.

My father was 41 years old, and was a Philosophy Professor, with a Ph. D. from Université Laval in Canada. He taught his students not to believe in Marxism because its promise of a paradise of a classless society could only take place through the use of violence. For teaching these ideas, he lost his life.

He wasn't a soldier. But that didn't stop the communist guerrillas from killing him without mercy.

This event took place (during a democratic government,) thirty three years ago.

Today we are celebrating our liberation from communism. But we must remember that communism is not totally dead; it is still alive and wreaking havoc everywhere.

Fidel Castro is in decline, but the communist regime is not.

We must continue our fight against communism and totalitarianism, because there is little difference between Bin Laden and Fidel Castro, between Chavez and Saddam Hussein.

The government of the Kirchners in Argentina includes people like the one who killed my dad. There are many Congressmen with their hands full of innocent blood, blood like my father's which drenched me after the attack. They are working even harder than before, those who want to bring communism back. In the seventies they fought with guns and bombs. Today they do so with dollars, and they threaten courts to dispense justice that benefit these terrorists. (In Argentina, Mr. and Mrs. Kirchner defend Mr. Lariz Iriondo, an ETA terrorist, because the Argentinean Supreme Court ruled that there are good and bad terrorists, and Lariz Iriondo was one of the good ones.)

Today people think that terrorism is only coming from the Middle East; but terrorism does not have geographical limits.

No one cares for the almost 10,000 victims of communism (this without counting people like myself who is personally scarred from my father's tragic death).

I propose a toast to all those who are still fighting against the followers of Fidel Castro and Bin Laden. I propose a toast for the Victims of Terrorism and Communism, and I implore your help.



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