

# REFLECTIONS ON THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF SERBIAN UNITY CONGRESS



The two decades that passed since the founding of the Serbian Unity Congress may not have a precedent in history.

They started with the fall of the last evil ideology of the past century – Communism.

Thus, one world, the world of our fathers had died; the new is yet to be born.

Our high hopes of a new, better and a more just world emerging in the new century are all but gone too. In fact, a New World Disorder has been taking place.

A new generation was born and has come to maturity. It will undoubtedly live in an increasingly complex – and I am sad to say – dangerous world.

Universal values of freedom, justice, human rights and equality will be again severely tested and fiercely fought for.

America will be in the epicenter of these struggles. For my part, all I can do is to pray and hope that she will do better, much better in defending and advancing her founding principles in the next two decades than she did in these two passing.

As for Serbia, she is in a more dangerous situation today than at the time of formation of Serbian Unity Congress. Then the Serbs had possible alternatives and some power to create conditions that would promote Serbia and secure her future.

She is now facing at least these key existential problems, which must be dealt with and properly resolved soon, very soon:

IDENTITY -- Who we really are and what we want to be;

DEMOGRAPHY -- It has been correctly said and proven by history that demography is future;

GOVERNMENT :

- A government which will serve the people not personal interests:
- A government with justice for all, in honest pursuit of democracy and efficient modern governance
- A government which will bring prosperity for all who deserved it and allow all to live in dignity and peace with neighbors and the world.

These were also some of the main concerns of Serbian Unity Congress at its founding convention. Subsequent events and wars made it impossible for us to work on and deal with these problems.

What I said in my acceptance speech in Cleveland 20 years ago, I am going to repeat today without hesitation:

*“Serbia and the Serbs must again accept and support three loyalties: loyalty to the spiritual values embodied in Christianity, the devotion to freedom and democracy, and loyalty to all people who will not breed hatred towards other nations. Serbs outside of Serbia are the treasure of our people, scattered all over the world because of political and religious divisions raging in our country. It is time to unite all Serbs in the Diaspora with the Homeland in order to help to raise the standards of living in the country up to international standards and to convincingly explain the truth about the Serbs.”*

It is now up to this new generation born and to their fathers and mothers to carry these hopes and these ideals forward into this century. In doing so, honestly and perseveringly, they will be participating in building that New World Order based on Truth, Justice, Faith and Freedom which has eluded us.

These reflections and remembrances will be wanting without a short personal note.

I wish to express my heartfelt and everlasting gratitude to so many good people with whom I have worked and fought for common principles, who supported me and inspired me and who selflessly sacrificed so much.

Among those we have a good many that have passed away. I wish them Godspeed and eternal peace.

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