



Manifesto May 27th 2011:

The victims who have started legal actions against the events of May 27th are a varied and plural group of people; an image of the society in which they live.

We have come together to protest against the aggression we suffered from the Catalan state police and the Barcelona city police, that day. It was a fragrant violation of the basic rights as expressed in the Statute of Catalonia, the Spanish Constitution and the Declaration of Human Rights.

This is only one more example of how violence is used against a group of people that are trying to express political ideas freely on public spaces. Even if it is a more visible example, it should not hide other more subtle forms of state violence against freedom of speech.

We can't accept the fact that protests and social movements are simply treated as a mere disruption of public order. The only response that the government, the mass media and political parties have given to these and other legitimate social and political claims is violence; economical violence, social violence and physical violence.

Mass media, and justice and political administration have been unjust in ignoring these events and focusing exclusively on what happened on June 15th, when a group of politicians was insulted as they were entering the Catalan Parliament building. So, the public prosecutor acted immediately in order to put those who instigated these events on trial, without any previous legal requirements. Our complaints have yet to find any adequate response by local authorities. And, what's more, all of official reports which we presented personally, one by one, have been shelved or relegated to a backlog of administrative paperwork.

We also refuse both the government's and mass media's attempts to lie about and manipulate the events of May 27th. We think that this is a poor way to govern a society that calls itself democratic.

The government decided to dismantle the camp, with the excuse that they had to clean up the area and remove any dangerous objects on the square so it could be used to celebrate one of Barça's highly probable victories on the football field. As a result of this operation 200 people were injured and a lot of their personal belongings confiscated and destroyed.

Too many times illegitimate and illegal police actions go unpunished. This impunity goes beyond any legal or ethic limits. We understand that those politicians that haven't condemned these acts endorsed them. We especially want to mention Mr. Artur Mas, president of the Catalan government, and Mr. Felip Puig, head of the Catalan police force.

We will always condemn police brutality and seek to bring all those who condone it or who were directly responsible for such police actions to justice in our on-going struggle to transform society.

We want to sincerely thank all those who have given us support. We want to especially thank the lawyers who have worked for us in such a disinterested fashion.