

GOLDEN DAWN A NEW DEMOCRACY IN GREECE

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Will the rise of Golden Dawn attract the support necessary to sustain itself as a serious contender for making a difference to Greece? Many in Greece and abroad it would appear believe that it is possible. However to date this new force on the Parliamentary block has attracted nothing but negative publicity. This implies a lack of a public relations strategy and an ill prepared party that was astounded and surprised by its own success.

Like Pauline Hanson in Australia who had tapped into the undercurrent thinking and suppressed emotions of a nation well known for its tolerance of other cultures attracted a wide following until she and her policies were discredited by both sides of the political spectrum who realized the dangers she posed on Australia.

Are there similarities between the policies of Pauline Hanson and those of Golden Dawn in Greece? On face value one would think not, but one wonders whether there is another agenda of Golden Dawn that has yet to emerge. One may speculate that it is an insular and militant one based on "ethnic cleansing" if one may be so bold.

If Golden Dawn is to be taken seriously and wants to attract the hearts and minds of the Greek people it will need to review its policies, modify and put into place an agenda that is acceptable to the majority of the people, and at the same time distance itself from the negativity that surrounded itself in the early stages of growth.

Others having prophesied that if austerity measures are not reined in and/or modified over the next two years, Greece may well find itself in the middle of a class war or worse still a civil war. Will the Greeks' of Diaspora make their way to Greece to offer their service for a cause which is not of their own doing or will they support the rival factions with financial support?

What role will the Greek Orthodox Church or the various governments play if this worst case scenario emerges its ugly head. Will the EU send in NATO like they did at Kosovo, Serbia and other countries within the EU.

I doubt that the Greeks in the Diaspora will go and offer their services as Greece in itself will not be at risk of extermination from a foreign power. However Greeks' born in Greece may decide it's a matter of national honour and return. Constructive comments are most welcome.

Articles of interest provided below may no longer be on the internet:

1. <http://thelede.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/05/09/greek-journalists-dodge-threats-and-yogurt-to-cover-rise-of-far-right-party/>
2. <http://thelede.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/07/10/listening-to-the-victims-of-xenophobic-violence-in-greece/?ref=europe>
3. http://www.nytimes.com/2012/10/21/nyregion/reported-golden-dawn-sightings-rattle-astoria-queens.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0
4. <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/10/01/world/europe/amid-greeces-worries-the-rise-of-right-wing-extremists.html?pagewanted=all>



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