ENOUGH ALREADY!

Where did we come from,
and why do we exist?

Carlos Santaella

BEFORE WE START

Sit with me. Let me tell you a story.

This is my second little book. The first one was about what Venezuela needs to change.

This one is more personal: where all of this came from, and why.

It's not about parties. It's not against anyone. It's just a talk, you and me.

Read it slowly. At the end, make up your own mind.

A PROMISE

Almost 70 years ago, Venezuela made a promise.

In 1958 we said: no more dictatorship. We are going to live in democracy.

And for a while it worked. We voted. There was hope.

But we made one deep mistake: we left almost all the power in a single chair.

The problem wasn't democracy. It was how much power we put in one hand.

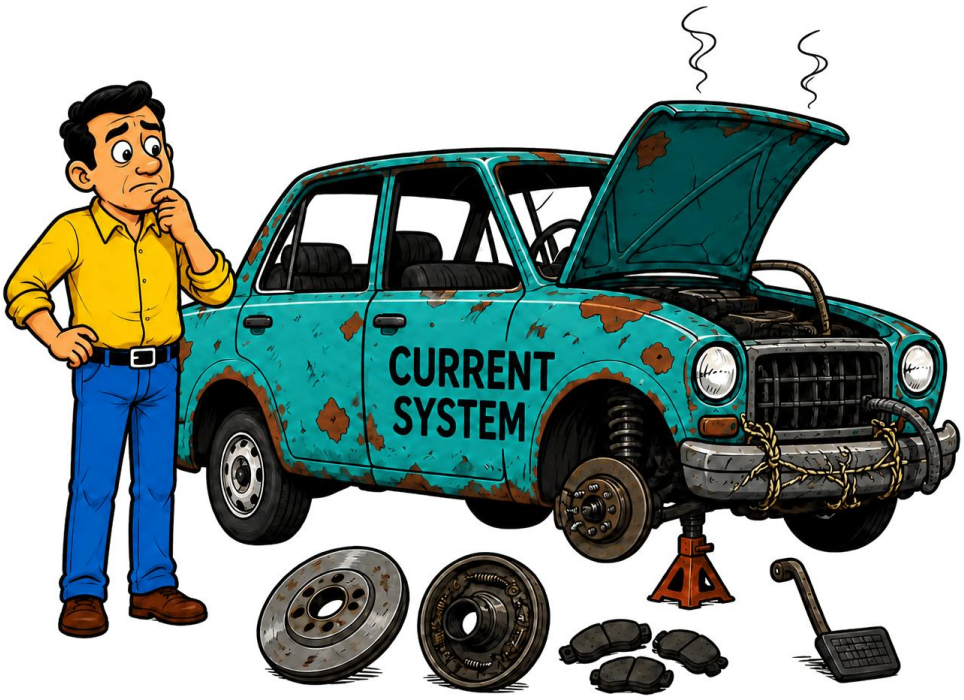
We changed the names. Never the system.

In 1998, a tired country voted for a change. That was its right.

But the system was already broken, and the new project didn't fix it — it used it.

It used the same old tricks to grab all the power and cut the brakes.

The same mistake as always, now with nothing to stop it.


CURRENT
SYSTEM

THE BLACK BOX

A government no one can see inside.

Little by little, the country closed up like a black box.

Inside, everything gets decided. Outside, you can't see it, measure it, or check it.

And what no one watches gets abused: with fear, with repression.

It's like driving with the dashboard covered. And so, anything can happen.

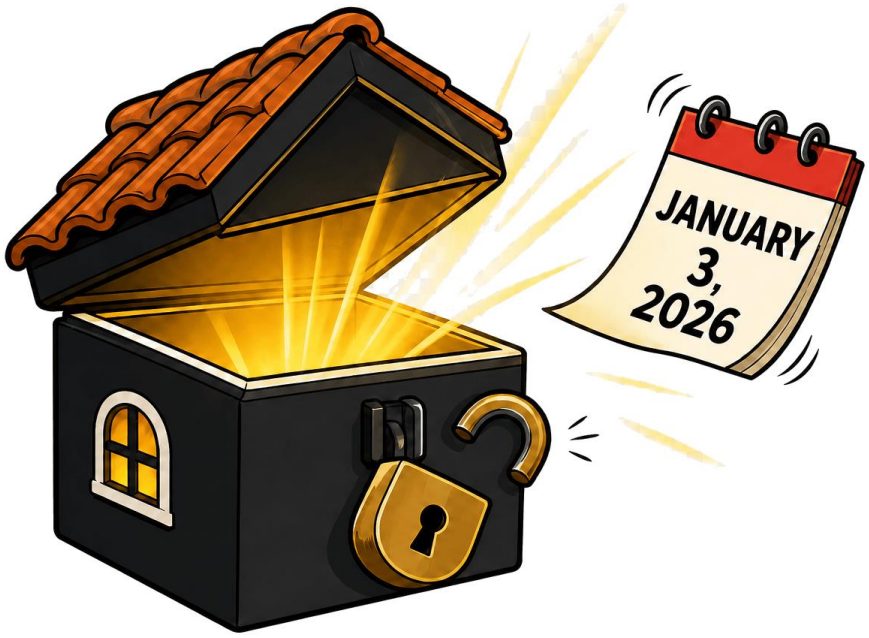
THE BOX OPENED

And one day, all at once, the box opened.

On January 3, 2026, the man who led the government was removed from power and taken into custody in the United States.

In an instant, 27 years came to an end.

The whole country stood watching, with one huge question.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Here it helps to open the Constitution.

The Constitution covers this.

If the president is gone for good in the first four years of the term, elections must be called within 30 days.

That was the rule. It wasn't followed.

So an honest question is left: what holds up what is happening today?

I won't give you the answer. I'll show you the rule, and you decide.

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A DOOR OPENED

For the first time in years, a door opened.

Today there is a table for talks, with other countries watching, to bring back a country with rules.

But an open door is not a new house.

And on our own, divided, we haven't been able to take apart what took 27 years to build.

Remember the car: changing the driver is no use if the engine is still broken.

THE QUESTION NOBODY ASKED

What if we fix the car, not just the driver?

For years we fought over who should drive. Almost never over whether the car even worked.

That question changes everything.

From that question came what I'm here to tell you.

SISTEMA
ACTUAL

WE HAD TO LEAVE

Millions of us had to leave.

We left looking for what had become impossible here: a future.

But we left with the country inside us. With family, with roots, with longing.

We left the land. The land never left us.

WHO WE ARE

We are spread all over the world.

Doctors. Engineers. Teachers. Nurses. Technicians. Scientists. Workers. Artists.

People of every trade. People who work.

We are not a small elite. We are a whole people, working abroad.

OUT THERE WE SAW SOMETHING

Out there we saw something hopeful.

We lived in many countries. And we saw, with our own eyes, that a country can work.

Some came from horror — wars, dictatorships — and today they are examples that last.

The difference was never luck. It was their institutions.

WE LEARNED HOW

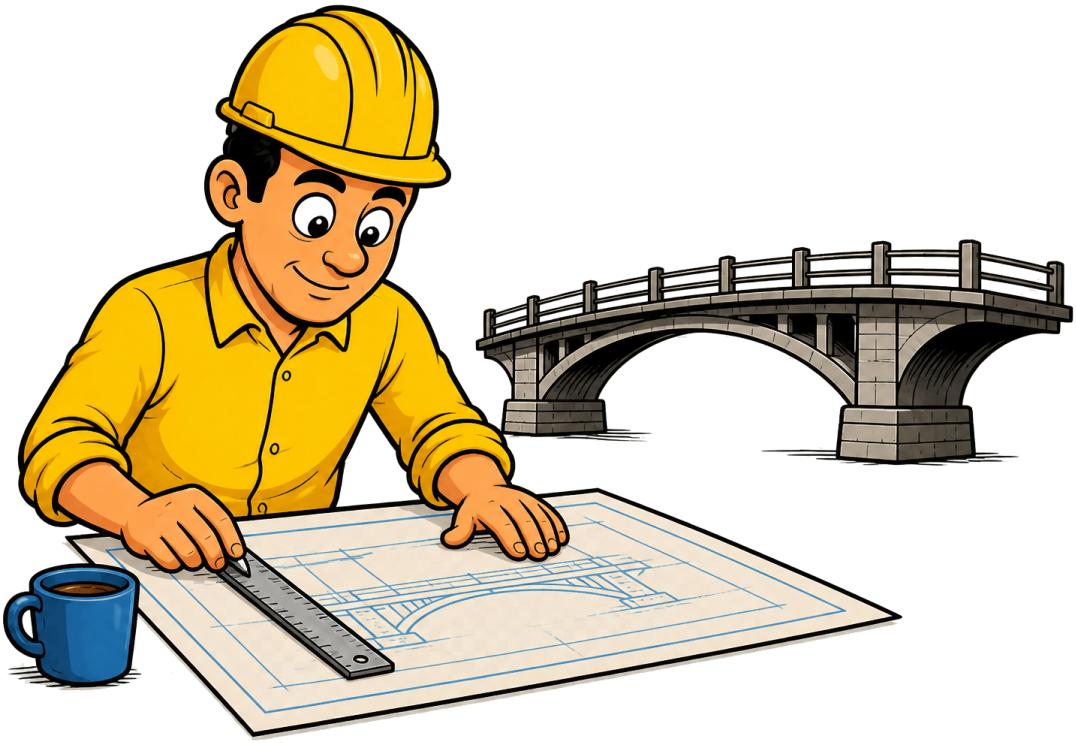
And we learned how they did it.

Out there we learned another way of doing things.

You measure. You calculate. You check.

An engineer doesn't guess if the bridge will hold. He works it out.

A country should not be run by guessing either.



And we decided to bring it home. That is how A Country That Works began.

It's not a party. It has no candidate. It doesn't ask for your vote. It wants no office.

It is a group of ordinary Venezuelans who said: this is not fixed by changing the face, but the system.

We are not here for power. We are here to help things work.

A
Country
That
Works

A VOICE WITH NO FLAG

We are not against politics. Something else is missing.

Parties are a real voice, and a needed one. But they are not the only one.

There is a citizen force with no flag.

Its flag is knowledge. Truth. The law. And the good of the people.

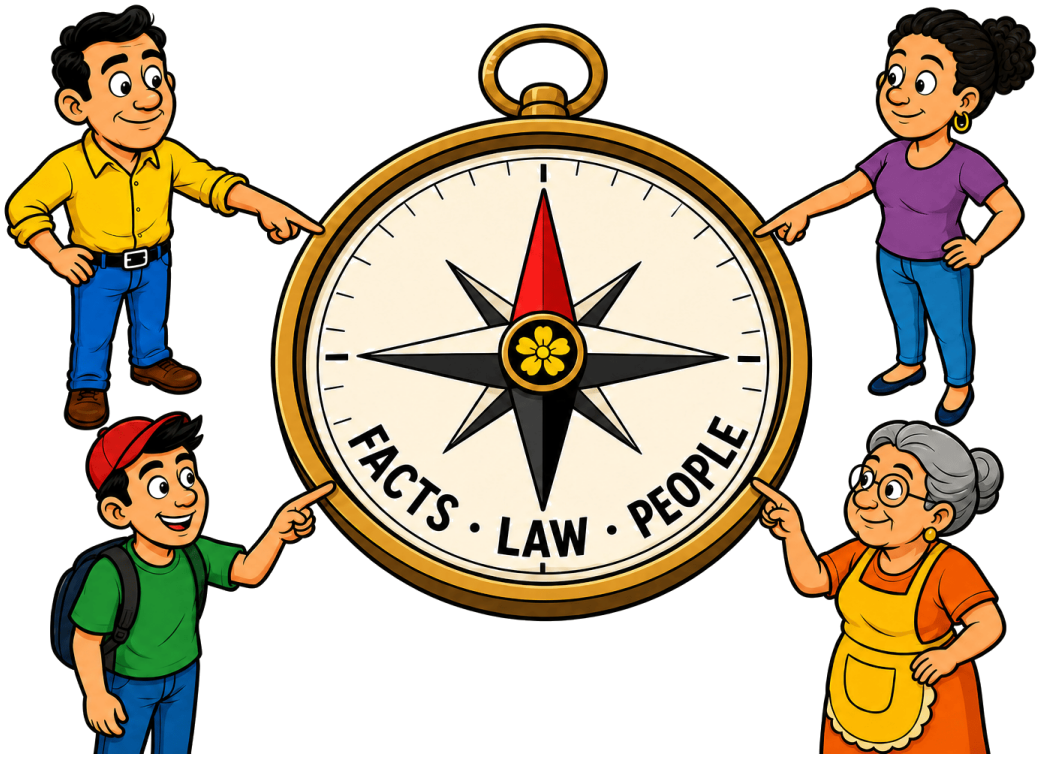
The people don't speak only through their parties. They also speak for their own.

People so different — how do they not fight?

No leader unites us, no flag. What unites us is one compass: the facts, the law, and the good of the people.

And we turned that compass into something anyone can use: three questions.

What brings us together isn't a slogan. It's three questions.


FACTS · LAW · PEOPLE

OUR GOLDEN RULE

Before we propose anything, we ask three questions.

It doesn't matter who proposed it or which side it comes from. Every idea goes through the same filter.

If it doesn't pass all three, we don't move it forward.

1.
2.
3.

FIRST · IS IT LEGAL?

Does the law allow it?

If something doesn't fit the rules, it's no good, no matter how nice it sounds.

It's like a goal scored with the hand: even if it goes in, it doesn't count.

What isn't legal, we don't even discuss.

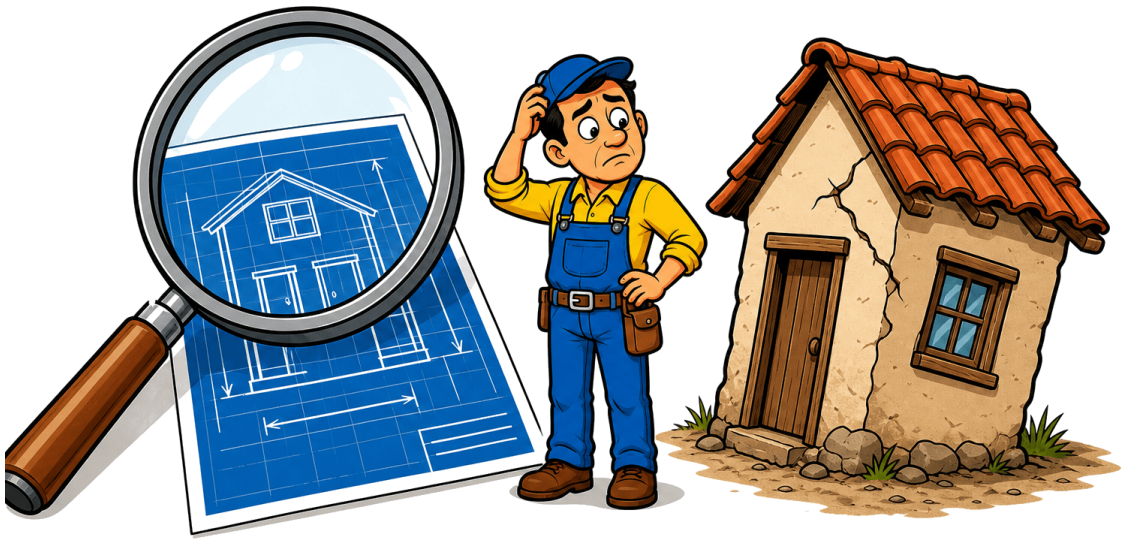
SECOND · IS IT TRUE?

Is it true, or is it a story?

No rumors, no “they say.” Only facts, with a source, that anyone can check.

A country built on lies is a house built on a false plan: it falls.

If it can't be proven, we don't take it as true.



THIRD · DOES IT HELP PEOPLE?

Does it really help people?

An idea can be legal and true, and still be good for nothing.

Does it reach your home, your fridge, your hospital, your school? That's the question that matters.

If it doesn't make people's lives better, it's not for us.

ALL THREE, OR NONE

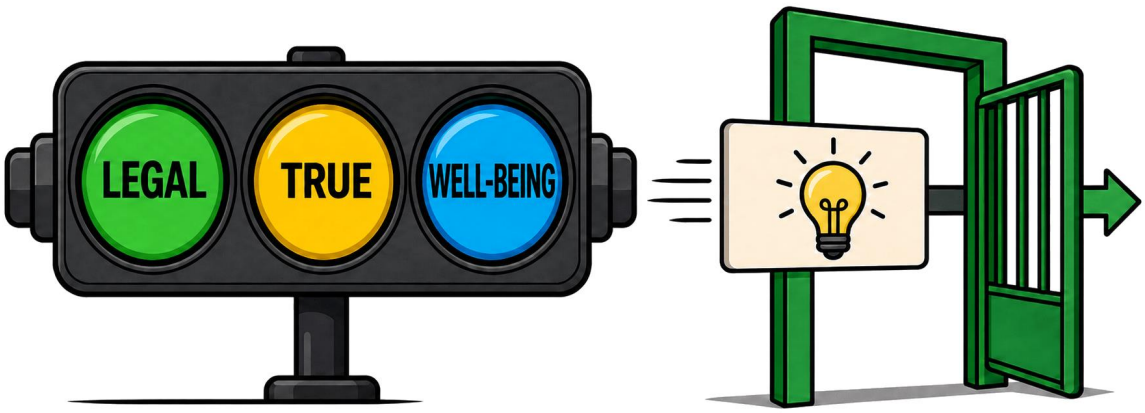
All three. Or none.

Watch it work. Someone proposes a solution.

Is it legal? Is what it promises true? Does it make people's lives better?

If one fails, we start over.

That is our whole way of working, in three questions.


LEGAL
TRUE
WELL-BEING

FOR EVERYONE'S VENEZUELA

This doesn't belong to one side. It belongs to everyone.

We work with anyone, of any leaning, as long as the idea passes the three questions.

Venezuela isn't one color. It belongs to everyone who loves it.

Our bet is not on one side. It is on Venezuela and its people.

LIVING TOGETHER

And one word holds it all up: living together.

No one here is going to disappear. Not one side, not the other.

The future is only possible if we learn to live together, with the same rules for everyone.

Without living together there is no future. With it, everything can begin.

EVERYTHING IN THE OPEN

And we do it all in the open.

We don't ask for blind faith. We put it all on the table: the data, the numbers, the proposals.

And it's not just talk: we have already brought real contributions, like the Doral Accords.

Trust isn't asked for. It's shown.

DORAL
ACCORDS

A PRIVILEGE THAT COMES WITH A DUTY

The door opened again. And we cannot lose it.

Those of us abroad got to see, from a distance, how a country is fixed — or destroyed.

That is not luck. It is a privilege. And every privilege carries a duty.

Having seen what we saw, staying quiet is not an option.

THE LAND OF BOLÍVAR

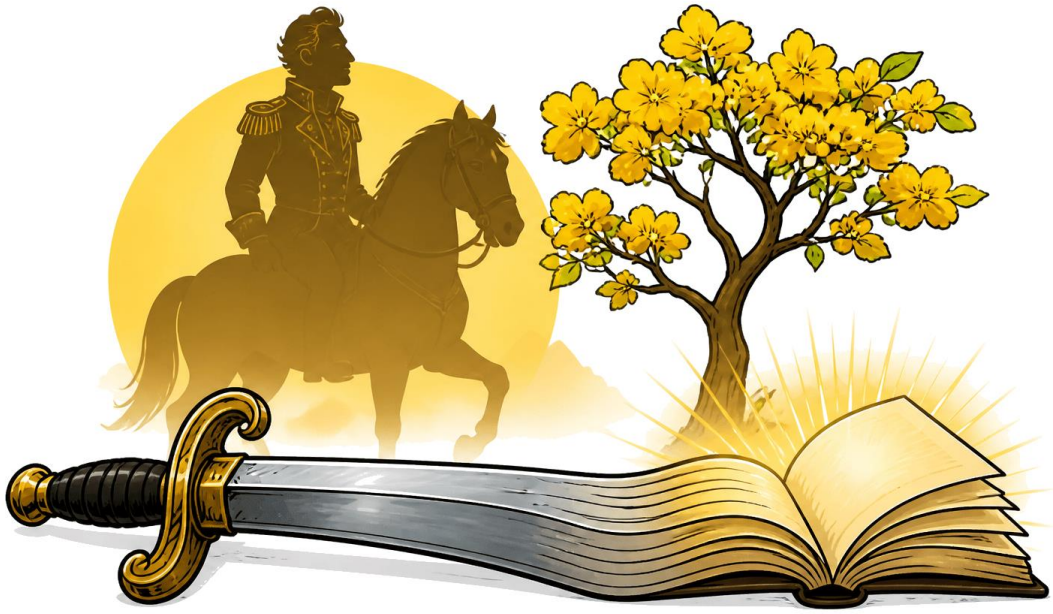
We are the land of Bolívar. But this fight is different.

Bolívar fought for freedom with a sword.

Ours is not with weapons. It is with knowledge. With truth. With living together.

Because we do not want to change a person. We want to change a way of holding power.

We trade the sword for knowledge.



COMING HOME

And one day, may those who left come home.

We are not rebuilding just to prosper.

We are rebuilding so we can tell those who left: come back, there is a future here again.

The goal isn't only a country that works. It's a country you want to come back to.

TO CLOSE

This is only beginning, and it is yours too.

Now you know where we come from and why we exist.

I'm not asking you to trust us. I'm offering you something better: a country where no one has to trust blindly, because everything is seen, proven, and accountable.

Enough already! Now you understand where this came from. And this is only the beginning.

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