

Speed radar : stop clubbing middle classes !

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Everything was said on “the insincere” character - to stay polished - of the last budget of François Hollande’s five-year presidency: false growth forecast and waste-gifts of all kinds not budgeted. All of this is fair enough because the implementation of this budget will return to a new majority that will discover the holes left by the disarrayed socialists. But the government foresees a high increase of one revenue source. And it is not a tax or a charge. Well, not officially! This is the revenue generated by the speed radar, that according to the wishes and forecast of Bercy, should increase from 672€ millions to 844€ millions! Which means more than 172€ millions upwards and more than 25% of increase.

If we take into account the mark-up of fines, the tax’s output would increase to 991€ millions. Yes, almost 1 billion of euros!

There, a limit has been reached. Since, in this case, everything is disproportionate, and badly proportioned: the exceeding of 6 km/h that means 1 point out of the driving license and a fine (isn’t it an unjustified double penalty?), the obstinacy on honest car drivers, of good will and that are good payers (when, otherwise, some individuals in some suburb areas benefit from a real impunity during their rodeos), court appearances, acts of justice, administrative notice of objection on the salary, every oppressive means that will make you feel as a delinquent while you would have rather liked the State to use of the same diligence and severity on real delinquents, and other radicalised...

Yet, it is true that the target of this unjust “tax” is very specific: neither Parisian “bobos” that only travel by bike, taxi, metro or plane; nor assisted without a car, but the households of middle classes, often far from their workplaces, that need two cars to go to work and carry the kids. Peripheral France of Christophe Guilly, again...When a household that earns the minimal wage (SMIC) or a little more with children, sees fines (and internship organised to get back points for their driving license and fines for bad parking of 135€) becoming its number one annual budgetary item for the car (before insurance, purchases, fuel consumption), when this amount of money overpasses its taxes (income tax and local taxes) and becomes a budgetary item itself, anger does nothing but rise.

Yet, above all, they can’t blackmail us on driving security and life preservation, there again, figures speak for themselves and they are eloquent. Thereupon, the unprecedented financial clubbing that crashed on middle classes is increasing continuously since 2013, going from 579€ millions to 672€ millions. Unfortunately, road

deaths are rising again since 2014 (and again, the last figure of September has just arrived, a rise of 30%)

No doubt that this figure will be used as an argument by the government in order to make proposals voted. But this will be only an excuse.

Which candidate will finally dare to say, on this topic also: now, enough of that!