

Urban agriculture "movement" or social practice?

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Besides our priority focus - developing a practical project to disseminate decentralized composting practices, the other focus of the Brazil-Netherlands Alliance for Urban Agriculture is to learn the "cultural" aspects involving the dissemination this activity in Brazil.

One of these, which I have noticed in the "community" related to the AU and agroecology promotion in Brazil is the "politicization", or "ideologization" or "Leftward shift" that various actors, organizations and forums are applying to the process - a phenomenon that can delay its spread in society and in the country.

I had already shown two documents that clearly showed this trend:

1. [Flyer from the Carioca Network of Urban Agriculture](#) ("Carioca" means related to the City of Rio de Janeiro)
2. [Political Letter of the First National Meeting on Urban Agriculture](#)

But there is also the [circular-message of the National Association of Agroecology](#) recommending the re-election of Dilma Rousseff, without any concern about the consequences for the country (which we are living now).

And just look at these two messages below, sent to the group "Urban gardeners" (Facebook) criticizing a 'post' that praised the documentary - "[the European Valley](#)" - displayed on TV Globo, which showed a rural Brazil that adopted the European agricultural model, based on small multifunctional properties and a lot of education, earning a high standard of living, very different from the poverty that prevails in our rural areas and cities.

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This post makes me have even more sure agroecology only makes sense with the movements nsocial and even popular sectors.

And that this group really is not that of a service social transformation!

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That grotesque, racist reporting and disseminator of regional prejudice!

Worthy of the idiocies festival perpetrated by Alexandre Garcia.

Plim! Plim!

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(Alexandre Garcia is a commentator for TV Globo, and Plinplin was a sound vignette that the network used for years).

I invite you to read the three documents above and tell us what you think.

I would not want to be the first to comment on, not to influence

This party-political and ideological "rigging" concerns me by its potential to hinder the techno-social transformations that interest us all so much.