



For some, the famous phrase "dare to think" would represent one of the great projects of the EIGHTEENTH century Enlightenment.

Without analyzing the phrase in its context and original sense, we can ask ourselves: do we dare to think?

The answer, for many, seems obvious: has increased schooling, there are many media, we have Internet...

But the answer does not seem so obvious when you read so many and so many comments on the Internet of different people.

Because in many of these comments it is felt visceral hatred, distortionary simplifications, revanchism, credulity, little understanding of the facts.

Just see how many people stay with the headline of a story when the headline does not correspond to what the article says.

Some will say that this is the fault of the media, attracting readers with the help of distorted and attractive headlines.

But precisely that "guilt" of the medium shows, first, that some journalists think more about success than accuracy; And that some (many?) "Readers" stay with the headlines and are not able to read the articles in their details.

The phenomenon of deceptive owners would be alleviated, according to some, if the contents of the articles were well prepared. However, a little experience leads to a very different conclusion: there are journalists who distort in a clamorous way not only the headlines, but also their way of presenting the "facts"...

So, have we really acquired the courage to think on our own? Are we able to have an open mind to distinguish between clear data, confusing data, acceptable conclusions and ideological manipulations?

Daring to think requires systematic work and deep training that leads to closer to

the news and facts with broad-mindedness, with a healthy prudence, and able to see much farther from the immediate.

The reality of the world we live in and the people who set it up is extremely complex. A person who has learned to think has sufficient openness of mind to avoid reductive simplifications and distorted analyses, and to embark on serious research into the facts of the past and the present.