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Vicente Fox has been a character who has given much to talk about since his public appearance at the national level in the year 2000. As president of Mexico, he always exhibited his ignorance about national problems and in general matters (confusing Jorge Luis Borges with José Luis Borges, granting Colombian nationality and a Nobel Prize in literature to Mario Vargas Llosa, among other topics). And despite having left the presidency 10 months ago, he continues with his exhibitionist ways: after that in 2001 he confessed to a magazine of spectacles that in his life he had read only one book (blaming it on the public education system of the country), now he came up with the idea of publishing a book in the United States that has been titled "Revolution of hope" (Revolution of hope).

The presentation of the book has coincided with the demand for explanations about the increase in his personal assets, those of his wife Martha Sahagún and those of her children. It all began when the couple decided to open the doors of their home to the magazine Quien, which is dedicated to exposing the frivolities and luxuries of the Mexican upper class: in it, the couple Fox showed the remodeling work done at their residence during the time when Fox was president of the country: two additional houses, an artificial lake and various species of animals in the private garden.

Recent investigations published in the magazine Proceso have demonstrated the impunity with which the Fox family was enriched. For example, since 2001 Martha Sahagún had a key to the budget (that is, of the public budget) for her personal expenses and was used to acquire furniture, exclusive clothing, silver, perfumes, to pay her travels and those of her close people. The magazine argues that 26 million pesos (approximately 2 million 300 thousand dollars) were only used for this key. Additionally, the couple took assets belonging to the federal government (such as two Jeep cars and two cars in the national customs) and even took them to work with the chef of the presidential house.

Mrs. Sahagún also diverted resources through the creation of her foundation called Vamos México, which operates since 2001 through the exemption of taxes for companies that decide to make donations to it. The association up to the moment has not delivered clear reports on the destiny of the money collected. Additionally, according to the magazine Proceso, the children of the first marriage of Sahagún were also beneficiaries because the national oil company PEMEX granted, thanks to her intervention, contracts (which can be unconstitutional) to various multinational companies, which could have obtained income close to 24 million pesos (2 million 200 thousand dollars) in the last 4 years. In the face of these scandals, the Chamber of Deputies decided to create a commission to investigate the suspected crimes in which the Fox family was involved: the result of the investigations confirms what was reported by the magazine.

The scandal about the enrichment of the former president and his family has been growing for what the señor Fox has not been able to evade the questions during the presentation of his book. On Tuesday, October 16, he protagonized in the United States a scandal before the North American chain TELEMUNDO when he insulted and berated in an interview the journalist Rubén Luengas when he asked him about the increase in his properties in the last years: he called him stupid, bad interviewer, vulgar and liar, among other things. He also released his list of offenses against Hugo Chávez and qualified his political project of Socialism as a nightmarish project after questioning the differences between the growth of the Venezuelan economy and the poor results of the Mexican economy, and he passed from calling himself populist to calling Néstor Kirchner, president of Argentina. If any reader is interested in seeing the reaction of the señor Fox to the questions about his enrichment and his excuses before the impossibility of answering the questionnaires, we recommend searching on YouTube for the two videos of the interview titled "Estalla Vicente Fox", so at least one can laugh at another character more than who enriches at the expense of the work of millions of

familias mexicanas.