



The Cuba Sí Coalition is opposed to the US embargo against Cuba.

For over sixty years all administrations of the U.S. government have imposed severe economic sanctions against Cuba which restrict trade, commerce, banking and travel. We demand these inhuman sanctions end now! **Normalize relations with Cuba!**

No one in Cuba is spared the negative effects of the inhumane US sanctions. Access to medicines and hospital equipment, food, and fuel are severely impacted. These US economic sanctions are magnified by hostile, deceitful political propaganda against the sovereign Caribbean nation. The blockade has a worldwide reach. It sharply restricts Cuba's access to the international banking system. It blocks foreign investment and vital fuel imports. **These measures are virtual acts of war, a violation of human rights. They are consciously designed to obstruct Cuban development.**

Over six decades the extraterritorial blockade has cost Cuba over \$144 billion. In 2021 the **United Nations General Assembly voted for the twenty-ninth consecutive year (184-2) to demand an end to this US blockade. The United States continues to ignore the voice of the world raised against its cruel policy. On the contrary, in recent years the US has increased its harsh measures.** The Trump administration added **243 additional sanctions** which the Biden administration has kept, and added to, despite its campaign promises to the contrary.

The US government and its agents continue to slander Cuba. For example, the U.S. State Department has designated Cuba as a "State sponsor of terrorism" although no one can present any credible evidence to support such a lie. This classification severely limits Cuba's access to international banking. It must be rescinded now!

During the Covid-19 pandemic Cuba developed three vaccines and has one of the highest vaccination rates in the world. So far, **Cuba sent 57 medical brigades to 40 countries to help fight the virus.** Yet the U.S. uses its weight to press countries to eject Cuban medical personnel.

US citizen's rights to travel are also violated. **Lift restrictions on travel!** We need more cultural and academic exchanges! Cuban products and medicines should be available for purchase. US companies should be free to trade with Cuba. It is good for us and good for them.

Long ago, in April 1961 Fidel Castro shared his thinking about why the US instituted its blockade of Cuba. He said, “What [they] cannot forgive us for is ...that we have carried out a socialist revolution right under the nose of the United States!” After overthrowing the U.S. backed dictator Fulgencio Batista in 1959, the Cuban government instituted agrarian reform which guaranteed land for the peasants. They ended systematic racial discrimination, advanced women’s rights, and large foreign and Cuban companies were nationalized to be run in the interest of the Cuban people. Ever since, bipartisan Washington policy has been “regime change” by any means possible, from the Bay of Pigs invasion, to assassination attempts and terrorist attacks.

Another example of **Cuba’s international solidarity, lauded by Nelson Mandela, was its decisive role aiding the overturn of the racist apartheid regime in South Africa and defense of the independence struggles in Angola and Namibia.** Between 1975 and 1991 some 425,000 Cubans volunteered to join that struggle, mostly as combatants.

In April 1960, State Department official Lester Mallory laid out what has since served as the guide of U.S. policy. Citing the clear popularity of the Castro government, he explained “every possible means should be undertaken promptly to weaken the economic life of Cuba...[making] the greatest inroads in denying money and supplies to Cuba, to decrease monetary and real wages, to bring about hunger, desperation and overthrow of [the] government.”

Today growing segments of the Cuban population in the United States are calling for an end to the sanctions. **Puentes de Amor — Bridges of Love —has taken the initiative to organize car caravans in Miami the last Sunday of each month protesting US sanctions. The New York-New Jersey Cuban Sí Coalition is among the dozens of groups around the world following their lead.**

The Cuba Sí Coalition also organizes events to report on and discuss developments in Cuba, encourages trade unions and political groups to formulate resolutions against the embargo, and encourages trips for people to see Cuba for themselves. We are supporting initiatives all over the country for resolutions against the blockade to be passed in local legislatures. We have supported various campaigns to donate medical supplies to Cuba such as the 6 million syringes sent by Global Health Partners.

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(Below, the delivery of medical equipment and medicines to Cuba from donations in the US.)



