

Let's build Bridges of Love between the US and Cuba

No Deportations!

No Travel Bans!

No Blockade!



Where We Stand

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- We call for Cuban Americans to once again be able to send money to their families in Cuba via remittances.
- We call for an end to economic sanctions that destroy lives and communities, and in the case of Cuba we campaign for the complete ending of the blockade and of Cuba's designation as a State Sponsor of Terrorism.

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For over 60 years, the U.S. government has imposed a harsh blockade along with economic and political warfare aimed at destabilizing and overthrowing the Cuban government. As part of this project, it has also incentivized Cuban emigration by offering special pathways to residency and citizenship if they made their way to the U.S. The narrative that they are "victims of Communism" seeking freedom is misleading. In reality the hardships created by the U.S. blockade, more than political differences, have fueled recent emigration. These bribes were intended to turn them into pawns in Washington's war against Cuba.

The blockade of Cuba is an extreme and highly political version of the more general U.S. economic sanctions and interventionist policies whose devastating impact over decades has driven millions of working people to leave their homelands to find economic survival in the U.S.

The first Trump administration claimed to be friends of the Cuban community. But with its obscenely false designation, without a shred of evidence, of Cuba as a State Sponsor of Terrorism, it dramatically increased the economic suffering of the Cuban people. This designation has drastically curtailed Cuba's ability to receive credit and make payments for food, medicines, fuel, etc., through international banking channels. This cruel policy included deliberate efforts to prevent Cuba from buying medical supplies needed to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. An increase in emigration was a foregone and intentional result of these harsh conditions.

Biden largely continued Trump's policies regarding Cuba. But he also introduced the CHNV parole program and continued Temporary Protected Status for hundreds of thousands of immigrants supposedly "fleeing dictatorships and failed states." These and other measures allowed 110,000 Cubans, as well as more than a million Haitians, Venezuelans, Nicaraguans, and others to legally enter the U.S. and work.

Washington is now criminalizing the very people who have been the victims of its policies!

These various temporary programs are in process of being terminated. The Department of Homeland Security is setting immediate deadlines for deportation of all those who "have not obtained lawful status to remain in the U.S." The agency is also revoking their work permits. The administration is urging recipients of temporary programs to self-deport before they are forcibly deported.

Perhaps half of these migrants have applied for other immigration benefits to adjust their status and might have a path to remain in the country. The other half will soon become "illegal" with all that implies for family devastation, detention, and deportation by ICE to who knows where. Already, a Cuban man has died while in ICE custody, and we have all witnessed the brutal ICE roundups of undocumented immigrants in Los Angeles and elsewhere.

For the Cuban American community this is now a Trump triple whammy.

- In January, he made it impossible for them to send financial remittances to their families via Western Union.
- In June he announced new visa restrictions on Cubans (and many other nationalities) barring entry to the U.S. for most applicants seeking tourist, student, business, and educational visas, thus further narrowing the few remaining legal pathways for families. Fewer Cubans will be able to travel back and forth between the two countries, which will decrease the flow of cash and goods carried back to Cuba — a lifeline for many Cuban households.
- And now the deportation measures.

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A growing movement in the United States, and U.S. public opinion as a whole, opposes the blockade and supports the normalization of relations with Cuba.

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