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Havana, Cuba
Malecón Mirror

Port of Mariel

Ports of Havana and Matanzas

25/06/2012
Miami - Havana 1 Hour

Population 313 million
Ethnic Cuban 1.6 million
(US Statistical Abstract 2012)

Houston - Miami 2.5 Hours

Population 11 million
Negative 5% annual immigration rate 1960-2005 (Human Development Report 2009)
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**What Normal Cuba-US Relations Would Look Like**
Being Cuban is like always being up to your neck in water

- Reverend Raul Suarez, Martin Luther King Center and Member of Parliament, Marianao, Havana, Cuba
18 June 2012
Soplillar, Cuba (north of Hotel Playa Giron)
Community Hall
Questions So Far?
Fidel Castro (1926-)
Australia National Monument + Assorted Locations
Australia, Cuba
National Monument to the Bay of Pigs (1961)

Photograph of anti-communist captured by government soldiers
José Martí (1853-95)
Havana-Plaza De La Revolución
+
Assorted Locations
Che Guevara (1928-67)
Havana-Plaza De La Revolución + Assorted

Locations

International Airport Exit
Camilo Cienfuegos (1932-59)
Havana-Plaza De La Revolución +
Assorted Locations
Havana
Museo de la Revolución

Batista

Reagan

Bush I

Bush II
4. Facing West: Plaza-Poles-US Interests

Under Swiss Protection

3. Plaza Behind Poles

2. Cuban Poles That Obstruct Sightlines To/From US Interests Section

5. José Martí Protecting Child From Yanqui

Hotel Nacional

1. Facing East: US Interests Section

Cuban Security Guard

Malecón

25/06/2012
Havana
Museo de la Revolución
+ Assorted Locations
The Cuban Five
Armed Forces per 1,000 People

Soviet Union Dissolves (1991)

Cuba

Latin America/Caribbean (all income levels)

Questions So Far? pt. 2
Marianao, Havana, Grade School

2+4=6

Jerry

Fidel
Raul

Che
Che
Che

REvolución es:

19/06/2012

19/06/2012

2+4=6
Marianao, Havana, Ration Store
Life Expectancy

Cuba

Soviet Union Dissolves (1991)

Latin America/Caribbean (all income levels)

Fidel Castro Seizes Power (1959)

Questions So Far? pt. 3
CUC = Convertible Cuban Pesos
Regime Change
Fidel Castro (b. 1926) Raul Castro (b. 1931)

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Suggested Reading


5. granma.cu/ingles/index.html (Cuban Government website)


Suggested Reading, pt. 2


### Regime Timeline

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<td>Cuba becomes US protectorate after Spanish-American War</td>
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<td>1902</td>
<td>Independence from US</td>
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<td>1959</td>
<td>Fidel Castro seizes power, installs communist regime, allies with Soviet Union</td>
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<td>1960-65</td>
<td>Geopolitical Turmoil</td>
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<td>• US refuses to abandon naval base at Guantanamo Bay</td>
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<td>• Cuba nationalizes domestic and foreign properties</td>
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<td>• US embargo and covert action, including failed assassinations of Fidel</td>
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<td>• Failed Bay of Pigs invasion by anti-communist Cubans (1961)</td>
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<td>• Cuban Missile Crisis (1962)</td>
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<td>• President Kennedy assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald (1963)</td>
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<td>• Anti-communist insurgency fails; first peak of migration to US (1965)</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>Second peak of migration, a.k.a. Mariel Boatlift</td>
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<td>1989</td>
<td>Communism falls in Europe; Castro purges suspect officials</td>
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<td>1994</td>
<td>Third peak of migration follows Havana riots; US to accept at least 20,000 per year</td>
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<td>1996</td>
<td>Cuba shoots down Cuban-American planes off Havana</td>
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<td>1999-</td>
<td>Hugo Chavez of Venezuela sends oil to Cuba</td>
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<td>2002</td>
<td>Russia closes last military facility</td>
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<td>2003</td>
<td>Major crackdown on dissidents</td>
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<td>2008</td>
<td>Armed forces chief Raul Castro replaces ailing older brother Fidel, elevates military entrepreneurs and technocrats</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>Human rights activist Laura Pollan dies of heart attack</td>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>Democracy activist Oswaldo Paya dies in car crash</td>
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