

In Solidarity with Cuba; In Defense of Socialism  
On the Events of July 11, 2021

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Ninety miles from the shores of the United States of America lies the sovereign and independent nation of the Socialist Republic of Cuba. For more than sixty years, virtually since the triumph of the Cuban Revolution in 1959, the United States through a variety of overt and covert means has sought to overthrow the Cuban government. Most famously, overtly and unlawfully, according to a majority of the nations in the world, through an economic blockade the longest economic blockade in history,

On Sunday, July 11, 2021, in the midst of a global pandemic, the international corporate media showed images of Cubans marching through the streets of Havana and other cities, hoisting American flags and chanting anti-government slogans, in what is being hailed by the US government and others as the largest anti-government protest in Cuba since the short-lived, failed so-called “Maleconazo Uprising” in 1994.

In contrast to the scant media attention given June 23rd to 184 U.N. member states calling on the U.S. to end the U.S. economic blockade against Cuba, Sunday’s protests garnered newspaper headlines and were flashed across television screens in the US and around the world.

President Joseph Biden falsely and arrogantly characterized the events of July 11th as Cubans’ responding to “decades of repression and economic suffering to which they have been subjected by Cuba’s authoritarian regime.”

His mischaracterization is deliberate; an attempt to foster the US’ policy of “regime change,” and to destabilize and undermine Cuba’s continued building of a vibrant socialist society without US interference.

Our solidarity goes out to the thousands of Patriotic and Revolutionary Cuban Sisters and Brothers who countered this latest provocation against their homeland, seemingly orchestrated and financed by the US.

Once again Washington is attempting to exploit and capitalize on the human suffering and economic stress caused by both the blockade and the COVID-19 pandemic, in the hope of starving the Cuban people into rebellion.

We reiterate and support the words of Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermudez:

*The Cuban Revolution is not going to turn the other cheek to those who attack her in virtual and real spaces. We will avoid revolutionary violence, but we will repress counterrevolutionary violence....*

As progressives in the United States with three generations of Cuba solidarity work - **We stand beside Cuba**. We will continue to expose the daily aggressions by the United States against our island neighbor, and we call on those elected officials who support an end to the blockade to raise your voices now and vigorously demand that President Biden immediately reverse the existing Cuba policies that were enacted by the Trump administration .

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