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Resolved: We affirm the resolution; The United States should lift its embargo against Cuba.

Definitions: The United States embargo against Cuba is defined as; a proclamation or order of the state, usually issued in time of war or threatened hostiles, prohibiting the departure of ships or goods from some or all the ports of such states until further order. ~Black Law Dictionary

Weighing Mechanism: Out of the greatest outcomes for the majority of citizens, both in Cuba and the United States, this round should be assessed by the means of Utilitarianism. In order for the negation to win this debate they must be able to prove that by lifting the embargo, the majority of citizens of both countries will be benefited.

List of Possible Contentions

~Humanitarian

Lives of Cuban Natives

What the Cuban Natives want

How the people of the United States feel

What are the potential consequences if we do not lift the embargo

~ Economy

United States Economic Growth

New Cuban Industries

Trade

Most other sub point

~ Accessibility of Natural resources

Trade

New United States industries

Access to Gulf of Mexico, and other countries in near vicinity.

~ We are the only ones who have kept the embargo.

All other countries have removed the embargo because it failed for them and it is failing for us.

Despite Cuba not meeting the requirements, it’s the US job to fulfill duties other countries can’t stand up and do.

Contention 1: Economy

Taking into the fact that the trade embargo was to protect the USA from communist ideas while retaining capitalist ideas, there is a fatal flaw. This trade embargo is actually causing the USA to lose money every term:

Evidence: Donohue 09

While the Cuban economy is small and underdeveloped, our allies are taking a disproportionate share of the market of an island that is only 90 miles from our shores and is a natural market for U.S. goods and services. In 2001, the International Trade Commission estimate that the embargo cost U.S. exporters up to $1.2 billion annually in lost sales. [I have evidence for this in two articles so we r solid with it] 1.2 billion dollars per anom adds up to a 64.8 billion dollar loss and counting since the creation of the embargo. Instead of adding to this number, we should repeal trade sanctions against cuba and in turn this new earned 1.2 billion dollars per anom can be added to the economy as net income which in turn can improve the quality of life for all American citizens as a whole.

Subpoint A: Industrial Revolution

Subpoint B: Employment

(Tymins 14) Studies on the subject believe that ending the embargo could create 6,000 American jobs, predominantly in agriculture and telecommunications.

By jobs being created this can reduce the amount of structural unemployed people from jobs such as agriculture and telecommunications. In fact at the moment according to the Department of Labor the Agricultural unemployment rate is 11.2 percent. With Agriculture experiencing the highest rate of unemployment, it is important to introduce 6,000 more jobs into the field to offer unemployed citizens with the skillset of an agriculture worker to stay in the business.

<https://www.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.t14.htm>

Contention 2: Political Relations

Subpoint A: Future of Normalization

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Cuban President Raul Castro said Sunday that he would step down from power in 2018, when his second term as president is set to end. … Also Sunday, lawmakers elevated Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermudez, 52, to the position of first vice president, putting him next in line to succeed Castro.

Raul Castro stepping down from power will mean that the Castro regime will finally come to an end. The new vice president Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermudez has been described as someone who wants change and can possibly move towards

Subpoint B: US Standpoints