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Topic: (1) Safety and Security in Venezuela

Venezuela, especially Distrito Capital, which my character represents, has a serious problem with violence and criminal activity, with murder rates reaching enormous heights.

The root cause of this solution is the living conditions that people live in are encouraging crime and resolving these by bringing about economic change and privatisation will allow people to live in better conditions hence reducing the necessity for crime. This goes the same for drug and organized crime, which can be significantly reduced if people are given an alternate source of income rather than engaging with these entities.

Moreover, corruption has to be eradicated and law enforcement has to be effective about their actions. This can be achieved through higher wages for law enforcement, and more technology for them as well as more effective education of the officers, additionally getting the army extensively involved would allow for higher efficiency.

Essentially education in general has to be reformed, because people currently study and learn what Chavez decided and the curriculum has to be changed to in the long term bring about awareness about these sort of issues, about drug abuse problems, about gun violence and general health and preparation to live in an open society.

Furthermore, a transparent government that is open about their finances, and decisions would allow citizens to believe and respect its authority more and therefore increase the effectiveness of the force. Through a strong central democracy people will start feeling a responsibility for the nation will be ensured if they believe they have a say in what occurs.

Additionally if drug trade isn't solved then potentially consider legalizing drugs to take its production away from the hands of criminals and remove the crime and violence involved with this sort of activity. Importantly, the case of Portugal has to be considered where all drugs were legalized but the average usage of drugs there is the same as in other countries in Europe, therefore legalisation led to less crime and less health issues and an open discussion about any problems regarding drugs.

Other than that, community policing should be encouraged and a duty of law abiding has to be instilled in societies mindset.

Finally, gun control has to be enforced and continue being enforced otherwise, even if all the previous points are satisfied, Venezuela will still have issues like the US currently has, so it is better to progress without that, and form more of a European style society where there is strict gun control.

Concluding the approach should build upon three crucial pillars after economic development is satisfied:

1. Increased budget and modernisation of the police force
2. Improved education and police training
3. Transparency of government and community policing

To ensure the end of violence.

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Topic: (2) Venezuela's Economic Crisis

The economic crisis that hit Venezuela was one long in the making, and the suffering incurred now is a result of a long chain of economic mismanagement brought about by the Chavistas.

The interventionist policies created by the government's past decisions have been severely detrimental to the Venezuelan economy. Owning a multitude of public companies, as well as controlling most of Venezuela's international trade has caused adverse allocative inefficiency, especially in lieu of the manipulation of prices of many products, especially merit goods, meaning essentials, that Hugo Chavez implemented while still in power. This is particularly troubling due to the fact that many people could acquire these at low costs although the supply of it was greatly hindered. Additionally, the low price of oil has caused decreased revenues for the Venezuelan government, which also has substantial debts both internationally and domestically, and have therefore been printing Bolivars to make up for the lost input, which has pushed inflation even further.

As a solution to this, I, Tamara Adrian Hernandez, as a member of the National Assembly will be advocating and pushing for a liberalisation of the economy, as well as restructuring the way the economy has functioned in Venezuela for over a decade.

At this point it is noteworthy to analyse the example of Poland in the 1990s, it shows that after they were released from the control of the communist USSR, a similar situation occurred. There was a shortage of food, the price of which was heavily regulated downward, and supplied by the inefficient and backwards nationally controlled enterprises. There were endless lines for food, with nothing waiting for people at the end but an empty shelf. The then current Minister of Finance Leszek Balcerowicz, decided to put a plan into action to completely deregulate and privatise industry and opened the economy. This caused massive inflation similar to the levels at which Venezuela is now, but due to some effective market based supply side policies the economy healed and a couple of years later, there were jobs, commodities and services available at normal rates and a large influx in GDP and GDP per capita, through open international trade. Now Poland is one of the fastest growing European economies, and is gradually growing to be

one of Europe's leaders both economically and politically. While the quality of life and average lifespan grew dramatically, and rates of crime, and alcohol abuse fell significantly.

Venezuela should follow a similar route. The Venezuelan government should first of all halt the printing of large quantities of money. Secondly - open the economy, and remove any price controls present on the market, then adopt several market based supply side policies; privatise any inefficient or not profitable nationally run businesses, deregulate the market significantly to allow firms to operate with ease and avoid inefficient bureaucratic procedures and costs, privately finance public sector projects and contract out to the public sectors services provided by the government. Namely, sell or rent some of the oil plants, as well as other commodities or services produced by the government. Additionally, attract and incentivize foreign investors in Venezuela and liberalize trade with other countries, namely the US and EU. Furthermore an honest discussion with the country's and firms we owe money to has to be conducted to restructure our debt. Overall, having as a goal to cut costs of the government and cut the nation's dependency on the government, and increasing competition and investment.

This changeover however, will not be easy. The populace of Venezuela has to be ready for an effort equal if not greater to the fight for independence under the great Simon Bolivar. The Polish populace was ready, after years of oppression and poverty, they decided that anything is better than the Communist system. The opening of the market and cutting costs will lead to persistence or even a hike in inflation and will not solve the shortages, it will cause significant suffering for people of the country, but as foreign and domestic firms start-up and invest, jobs will come and so will commodities, importantly these will come quicker due to the fact that the inflation will incentivize them to produce more, if they can sell goods for the market price rather than the price control set out unrealistically by the government. Cutting budget costs will allow the currency to gradually become worth more and overcoming debts will do so as well.

At the same time, the poorest can not be abandoned and left to starve hence there have to be programs to alleviate the pressure by using foreign funds, namely the IMF and support from the UN.

Overall, this process of transition will be undoubtedly extremely difficult for the peoples of this nation, but it is the only way a full recovery and long term prosperity can be ensured.

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Topic: (3) Social Division and Venezuelan Politics

The political scene in Venezuela is polarized at the moment, with many issues in the political set up. From unlawful elections, through political arrests all the way to an ingrained political divisions within the Assembly and society as a whole.

The National Assembly has a duty to address these issues. Therefore, I, Tamara Adrian Hernandez believe that first and foremost a true democracy has to be enforced and voices of people have to be heard and, people who are involved in politics have to be encouraged.

Then protests and anger will be put to rest, if people believe and do have power over what happens in the nation. Therefore they will be more active politically which will heal the stigma and the problem of politics being a separate body from the citizens.

Additionally to repair the federal political system it would be beneficial to separate the National Assembly again and form a House of Representatives and Senate again so that there are more stages policies have to go through to be validated, additionally the rule that the president has over the nation has to be restricted so that it is the democratic process that is most important. Finally, a politically unbiased and neutral Supreme Court (TSJ) has to be in place to validate or deny motions and laws based on lawfulness not political agenda.

Moreover, the politically motivated arrests are unlawful and have to halt immediately, and international organization should be allowed to function in Venezuela to monitor and judge these sort of situations as well as resolve other issues.

The Assembly should also re write or reinstate the old constitution (pre- Chavez) and set out clear guidelines for respecting human rights based on the UN's definitions of human rights.

The multitude of parties should be supported and the Senate should be virtually non party system to ensure unbiased perspective and plethora of perspectives to be considered.

That is our national duty to hear our citizens and consider their views and allow them to get involved in a fair political system.