

**U.S. Ban on
Travel to Cuba**



**Threat to U.S.
Values**

Freedom

Of Movement...

These controls ignore international standards of freedom of movement. They are in direct violation of the 1975 Helsinki Agreements and also violate Article 12 of the United Nations' International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the most comprehensive body of laws governing human rights now in existence, and Article 13 of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights.

Of Information...

Without the ability to travel to Cuba ourselves we can only depend on U.S. government to tell us what is going on in Cuba. Given a demonstrated record of U.S. officials like John Bolton in fabricating intelligence on Cuba to serve political aims it would be dangerous to continue to uncritically accept such reports. We must have the ability to travel to Cuba to keep our government honest. We must be free to see Cuba for ourselves.

Academic Freedom...

The restriction of academic exchanges between the U.S. and Cuba hurts people in both countries. Preventing U.S. brain surgeons from attending conferences in Cuba to learn about newest discoveries in treating brain injuries hurts the U.S. people not the Cuban government.

These restrictions violate the what Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter called the "four freedoms" of a university: the freedom to determine, without interference from the government, who may teach, what may be taught, how it should be taught and who may study.

Family

U.S. Travel Ban Separates Families

The current restrictions on travel to Cuba separate Cuban families by only allowing those in the U.S. who have parents, spouses, children and grandparents in Cuba to visit once every three years for 14 days. According to U.S. regulations, Cuban Americans can no longer travel to Cuba to visit aunts, uncles, cousins, or other family members.

It is unacceptable for the U.S. government to define who is and who isn't our family, and fourteen days together every three years is not enough to maintain a strong family! Leave families out of the political game! It is not right for the U.S. government to interfere in the family lives of those with relatives in Cuba to achieve policy goals.



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