

A Fifty Year Old Process



50 Años Revolución

"La tiranía ha sido derrocada. La alegría es inmensa. Y sin embargo, queda mucho por hacer todavía. No nos engañamos creyendo que en lo adelante todo será fácil; quizás en lo adelante todo sea más difícil. Decir la verdad es el primer deber de todo revolucionario. Engañar al pueblo, despertarle engañosas ilusiones, siempre traería las peores consecuencias, y estimo que al pueblo hay que alertarlo contra el exceso de optimismo. _____ Fidel, 1959

"No se puede decir que el tránsito de un sistema social a otro se produzca en un día, es imposible; es un proceso de muchos pasos, que concluye con el predominio de los bienes de producción en manos mayoritarias de la población. _____ Raul, 8 January 2008

Classifying Cuba

- Real Socialism
- State Socialism
- Bureaucratic State Capitalism
- Workers' Democracy
- Dictatorship of the Proletariat
- Dictatorship of the PCC

Revolution

- As a Process (Domestically) and Part of a Process (Internationally)
- Permanent Revolution
- Party/State Apparatus

Permanent Revolution

- Socialist Revolution can happen in the periphery of global capitalism; it can happen in the Global South
- Overthrow of the imperialist backed ruling (capitalist) class
- Popular Rising of the masses
- Strikes by organised and unorganised labour
- Radical-progressive transformation of society

Party/State Apparatus

Four Pillars

1. Unity
2. Continuity
3. State Supremacy
4. Popular Participation

Two Foundations : Anti-imperialism and Social Justice

Roots of Revolution



Phases of the Revolution

- 1960s Revolution and Radicalisation
- 1970s Normalisation and Institutionalisation (Sovietisation)
- 1980s Rectification of Negative Tendencies
- 1990s Special Period – Fall of the Soviet Bloc
- Cuba today

1960s Revolution and Radicalisation

- Education, Health and Housing
- Mass mobilisation and collectivisation
- Nationalisation
- New Man
- Black and Women's Liberation
- Self-defense

1970s Normalisation and Institutionalisation (Sovietisation)

- Political Organisation and Constitution
- Creation of the Managerial Class
- COMECON
- International Solidarity

1980s Rectification of Negative Tendencies

- Disciplining the managerial class
- Return to Che
- Discrepancies with Soviet Reforms

1990s Special Period and the Fall of the Soviet Bloc

- Political Reform
- Economic Reform
- Enhanced US Blockade
- Contesting Neoliberal Hegemony
- Successful Recovery
- Social Divides

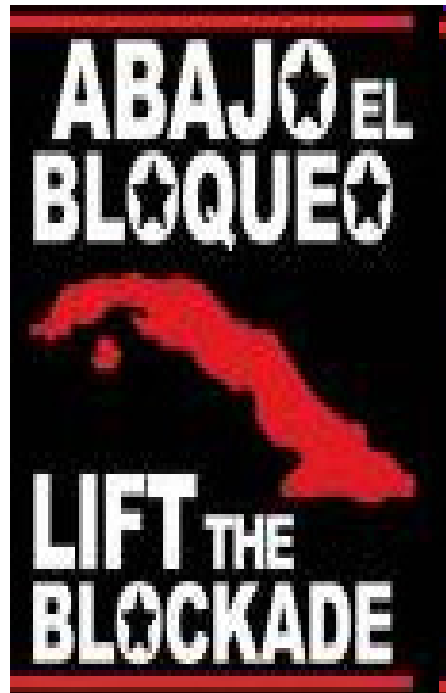
Cuba Today



New Partners–New Economy?



US Economic – Financial Blockade



Renewing Solidarity with Latin America

- Stop the Embargo
- Free the Cuban Five
- Build a New Solidarity Movement (Bolivarian, Pro-Honduras, Peace)
- Work within our Parties
- Build a broad, mass, Anti-capitalist Movement across Europe