



## Obama's Policy Inspires Changes In Cuba—For The Worse

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Let this be a lesson to all the naysayers who claimed Obama's "engagement" or rapprochement with the Castro-Family-Crime-Syndicate (euphemized as "Cuba" by the media and State Department) was pointless and idiotic—who claimed that the Castros would not budge from any of their policies.

Your humble and hard-working servant himself must now eat crow. Exactly a year ago he went on John Stossell's Fox Business show to hysterically berate Stossell and a CATO Institute scholar. These dogmatic libertarians claimed Obama's policy was very wise and sound—and would shrewdly and magically beget modifications in the Castro regime's *modus-operandi*.

OK, so there's absolutely nothing in the actual 57 year history of the Castro regime to *support* such claims. Nonetheless, such miracles --they calmly explained-- are forecast in the holy texts of all their economic gurus, who shame both Nostradamus and Maharishi Mahesh Yogi in their transcendental wisdom and clairvoyance.

I argued otherwise, as seen here ([WARNING! Graphically shows typical Crazy-Cuban shouting and arm-waving!](#))

Well, it turns out that the Castro regime has *indeed* modified some of its more recent policies. Over the past year, for instance:

\*Cubans are suffering a wave of terror—involving everything from thousands, upon thousands of arbitrary arrests by KGB-trained secret police to machete attacks by regime-paid mobs against peaceful women dissidents—surpassing anything seen in decades.

\*Cubans are risking their lives to flee Cuba at a rate unseen for decades.

\*The teenzy-tiny number of Cubans who Cuba's Stalinist rulers graciously tolerated as self-employed in such lucrative fields as shoe-shine boys, street mimes and corner fruit and vegetable peddlers, etc. has *declined drastically*.

“Who cares?!” Some readers retort. “Obama is *President of the U.S.*—not Cuba! And anyway, those Latin-American banana republics are *always* hopelessly screwed up. Their people are *always* trying to sneak into the U.S. !”

In fact, prior to Castro-- when all Cubans were perfectly free to emigrate with all family, and property and U.S. visas were issued to them for the asking, and flights and ferries ran daily from Cuba to Florida—during this entire period *slightly more Americans lived in Cuba than did Cubans in the U.S.* In 1953, for instance, more Cubans vacationed (then voluntarily went home) from the U.S. than Americans vacationed in Cuba. Alas, none of this features in *The Godfather II*. So it’s mostly unknown.

But good point anyway. So let’s see how Obama’s Cuba policy *has affected U.S. interests*:

\*Sales of U.S. agricultural products to Cuba (legal since 2001 to the deadbeat Castros—but only for cash-on-the-barrel) have dive-bombed to a 15 year low. In 2015 they *plummeted* by nearly 40%.

Not a penny of the \$7 billion Castro stole at gunpoint from Americans (while torturing and murdering a few Americans who resisted) has been compensated—or even acknowledged.

Everything above was fully documented in Congressional testimony just this week.

Adding insult to Castro’s injury of the U.S., some of the FBI’s most wanted terrorists and cop-killers continue living in his fiefdom as celebrities. These fugitives from U.S. justice murdered a total 17 police officers, five American civilians, two servicemen and planned 159 bombings in the U.S. (Perhaps Obama can visit them next week?)

“No—*he* will voluntarily come to *me*.” In this quote from mid September 1945 Gen. Douglas McArthur was in his new Tokyo headquarters responding to his aides who were demanding that the conqueror of Japan make himself clear and finally *demand* a meeting with the Emperor of Japan.

McArthur, as usual, was proven correct. He perfectly plumbed the nuances of etiquette between conqueror and conquered. Emperor Hirohito, bowing and hat in hand, visited him on September 27, 1945, accepting full responsibility for the war and expecting to be tried as a war criminal.

“General” (a laughably bogus official title as recognized by anyone familiar with Cuban history) Raul Castro shares exactly zero traits with General Douglas Mc Arthur. But given the lunacy and perversion that passes for current U.S. foreign policy, next week Raul Castro will be acting much as Mc Arthur did on September 27, 1945--as a gracious conqueror over an abject and groveling foe.

*We won the war!*” Raul Castro yelled on Dec. 20, 2014--immediately upon hearing President Obama’s announcement of his “opening” to Cuba.