

Obama sees tide shifting in Cuba, but can it last?

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"They cannot defeat America....What they can do is scare and make people afraid".

Mitt Romney and other critics quickly dubbed these and similar remarks his "apology tour".

And while he was in <u>Cuba</u>, militant Islamic terrorists carried out two bombing attacks in Brussels that killed 31 people and injured at least 270, sending shock waves throughout Europe and showing us what real evil in the real world looks like. Adding to the hype of the exhibition was the presence of both Cuba President Raul Castro and United States President Barack Obama. Yes, and it is called equally shared poverty, which is a good definition of the communist form of government and its <u>economic</u>policies.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness". Score another propaganda victory for communist Cuba.

For one, Cuba imports 80 percent of its food.

The reporter didn't have a list, but several human rights organizations do.

The baseball game was the final appearance that **President Obama** made in Cuba after arriving on Sunday, March 20.

President Obama promised aid to Cuba, from help in connecting its citizens to the Internet, to trade. Many noted the symbolism of a president of African descent addressing a largely white audience of Cuba's leaders - although the island is two-thirds black. The upside of this is that it might produce more openness in a society that has been closed for more than 50 years.

Obama told the crowd that democracy allows for the fullest expression of the ideals of any revolution - American, Cuban or otherwise, not because democracy is flawless, but because "It gives individuals the capacity to be catalysts".

While the light of democracy can dispel the darkness of dictatorship, a light can be extinguished if its power source dims. The Cato Institute said this embargo is an economic, political and social blockade from the U.S. This forced the Cuban government, and by chain of events, their people, to depend on the Russians for oil and trade.

Mr Obama's foreign policy legacy is often controversial, and some would say that he has underperformed - though given that he started his tenure as president by winning the Nobel Peace Prize, pretty much any achievement could be seen as insufficient. Cuba's Fidel Castro signaled continued resistance to rapprochement between Washington and **Havana**, writing in an opinion piece on Monday that his country "has no need of gifts" from the United States.

After his speech, the President met with a dozen Cuban dissidents and spoke of their "extreme courage" in a conversation that touched on their concerns about issues such as religious freedoms and freedom of the press.