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Roger Pilon, Vice President for Legal Affairs, Cato Institute:

On another topic: We find ourselves this morning on the side of Chávez, the Castro brothers, and other would-be Latin dictators. With their **reaction** to this weekend's Honduran "coup," President Obama and Secretary of State Clinton have demonstrated again how new they are to foreign affairs.

As Mary Anastasia O'Grady **details** in this morning's Wall Street Journal, the Honduran military's removal yesterday of President Mel Zelaya was no coup at all. Rather, it was undertaken on orders from the Honduran Supreme Court, following an emergency session of the Congress, pursuant to the Honduran Constitution – all to end Zelaya's illegal attempt, Hugo Chávez style, to gain another term in office. Thus we find ourselves this morning on the side of Chávez, the Castro brothers, and other would-be Latin dictators – in the name, interestingly, of the Organization of American States. Is this the product of the just confirmed State Department legal advisor, Harold Koh, whose well established preference for international over national sovereignty helps explain last week's opposition to his confirmation (62-35) in the U.S. Senate?

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