

March on Washington, D.C. **SATURDAY** **10AM** Malcolm X Park 15th St. & Euclid NW. March to Lafayette Park, Rally at 2 pm in front of the White House

Thousands of immigrants in the United States are demonstrating from coast to coast against the racist anti-immigrant bills debated in congress. They are marching for respect and dignity, for the right to a job with benefits and the recognition of their contribution to the wealth of this country.



Most of them were forced to come here after U.S. corporations, supported by U.S. government policies, devastated the economy of their countries, leaving millions of people in Latin America and the Caribbean in absolute misery. Those dire conditions have sparked an uprising of the Latin American masses that is sweeping the subcontinent in opposition to the U.S. government and corporations' attempt to further strangle their economies through the imposition of the so-called "Free Trade" Agreements (FTAs).

It is not accidental that millions of Mexican workers have to cross the border after NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement, was signed. What was presented as a plan to improve Mexico's economy has turned instead into a nightmare for millions of small farmers and workers who have lost their livelihoods, forcing them into an exile to the U.S. in a desperate search for jobs.

Cuba and Venezuela, on the contrary, are leading a new program of regional integration and trade based on respect and solidarity called ALBA – the Bolivarian Alternative for the Americas – in order to elevate the lives of the peoples in the region. If workers have jobs and a good quality of life in their homelands, they would not need to be in exile. ALBA is the complete opposite of the destructive FTAs promoted by the U.S. That is why Cuba and Venezuela are an example for the masses struggling in Latin America and throughout the world.

But not only have both countries developed programs of health, education, jobs and housing; they have also helped the peoples of the region, including the people in the U.S. After Hurricane Katrina devastated the U.S. Gulf region, Cuba & Venezuela offered doctors equipped with emergency medicines, and other much-needed help; but the U.S. government rejected the aid. Venezuela has provided heating oil at low prices, through CITGO, for poor communities living in cold areas in the U.S., saving thousands of lives.

Because of this, and because of their path towards independence from U.S. domination, Cuba and Venezuela have been the target of hostility, destabilization campaigns, and intervention by the United States government. This hostile campaign – which has included assassination attempts against both Cuba's and Venezuela's heads of state, a failed coup against the Venezuelan president, Venezuelan oil industry sabotage, the funding of opposition groups, and multiple other actions – has steadily increased and is reaching a critical period.

The United States is developing new plans against both Cuba and Venezuela, including military exercises in the Caribbean. It is time to say NO and to Stop U.S. intervention in Cuba and Venezuela.

On May 20, 2006 thousands of people will demand:

Hands Off Venezuela & Cuba!

Stop U.S. intervention in Cuba and Venezuela

Join the hundreds of organizations that are demanding:

- Stop U.S. Intervention and hostile campaigns against Venezuela; defend Venezuela's sovereignty
- Stop Washington's economic and political war against Cuba; End the blockade of Cuba
- Allow U.S. citizens and legal residents to travel freely to Cuba; Normalize U.S.-Cuban relations
- Extradite the terrorist Luis Posada Carriles to Venezuela; Free the Cuban Five anti-terrorist prisoners; Close the Guantanamo Torture Camp; Return Guantanamo to Cuba
- Stop U.S. military Intervention in Latin America and the Caribbean

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Marcha en Washington, D.C. **SÁBADO**

Inicio: **10AM PARQUE MALCOLM X**

(calles 15 y Euclid NW) Se marchará hacia el Parque Lafayette, frente a la Casa Blanca para concentración principal a las 2

Millares de inmigrantes en los Estados Unidos están marchando de costa a costa contra las propuestas racistas contra-inmigrantes discutidas en el congreso. Están marchando por el respeto y la dignidad, por al derecho a un trabajo con beneficios y el reconocimiento de su labor que ha contribuido a la riqueza de esta nación.



La mayoría de ell@s fue obligad@ a venir aquí luego de que corporaciones EEUU, apoyadas por políticas del gobierno, devastaron la economía de sus países, dejando a millones de gente en América Latina y el Caribe, en la miseria absoluta. Esas terribles condiciones han despertado una sublevación de las masas latinoamericanas que está corriendo el continente en oposición a la tentativa del gobierno EEUU y sus corporaciones de estrangular aún más sus economías con la imposición de los Tratados de Libre Comercio (TLC).

No es accidental que millones de trabajador@s mexican@s tengan que cruzar la frontera después de que NAFTA fuera firmado. Lo que fue presentado como un plan para mejorar la economía de México, ha resultado en una pesadilla para millones de pequeños agricultores y trabajador@s que han perdido su sustento, forzándol@s a un exilio a EEUU en una desesperada búsqueda por empleos.

Cuba y Venezuela, por el contrario, están conduciendo ALBA, un nuevo programa de integración regional y comercio basado en el respeto y la solidaridad, la Alternativa Bolivariana de las Américas, para elevar las vidas de los pueblos en la región. Si l@s trabajador@s tienen empleos y una buena calidad de vida en sus patrias, no necesitarían estar en exilio. ALBA es lo contrario de los destructivos TLC promovidos por EEUU. Ése es el porqué Cuba y Venezuela son un ejemplo para las masas que luchan en América Latina.

Pero no solamente ambos países han desarrollado programas de salud, educación, trabajos y vivienda para su gente; han ayudado a la gente en la región e incluso a la gente de EEUU. Después que el huracán Katrina devastó la costa del golfo EEUU, Cuba y Venezuela ofrecieron ayuda, médicos equipad@s con medicinas y otras ayudas pero el gobierno EEUU rechazó tan necesarias ofertas. Venezuela ha provisto aceite de calefacción a bajo costo a través de CITGO, para comunidades pobres que viven en lugares fríos de los EEUU, salvando así miles de vidas.

Por esto, y porque avanzan hacia un destino independiente fuera del dominio de los EEUU, Cuba y Venezuela han sido blanco de serias campañas hostiles de desestabilización e intervención. Esta campaña que ha incluido desde atentados contra la vida de ambos jefes de gobierno, un golpe de estado fallido contra el presidente venezolano, sabotaje de la industria petrolera venezolana, financiamiento de grupos opositores, y múltiples acciones más, ha ido creciendo, llegando a un estado muy peligroso.

EEUU está desarrollando nuevos planes contra Cuba y Venezuela, incluyendo ejercicios militares en el Caribe. Es hora de decir BASTA y detener la intervención de los EEUU contra Cuba y Venezuela y demandar: Presupuesto para los evacuados de Katrina/Rita, no para la intervención militar de EEUU en América Latina y el Caribe.

20 de MAYO

Para exigir:

¡Manos fuera de Venezuela y Cuba!

Únase a miles que marcharemos demandando:

¡Alto a la intervención y a las campañas hostiles de los EEUU contra Venezuela; defendamos la soberanía de Venezuela!

¡Alto a la guerra económica y política de Washington contra Cuba; que cese el bloqueo de Cuba!

¡Que se permita a l@s ciudadan@s y residentes legales de los EEUU viajar libremente a Cuba; normalización de las relaciones EEUU-Cuba!

¡Que se extradite al terrorista Luis Posada Carriles a Venezuela; y se liberen los Cinco Anti-terroristas Cubanos presos! Cierre del campo de tortura de Guantánamo; Devolución de Guantánamo a Cuba!

¡Alto a la intervención de EEUU en Latinoamérica y el Caribe!

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