
Marco Rubio, Trump's Jiminy Cricket for Latin America

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The evident success of the military operation carried out against Venezuela has the new Hitler wannabe in the White House excited, and for this reason, he is issuing threats to carry out similar actions against Greenland, Mexico, Colombia, and Cuba.

In the case of Cuba, as in that of Venezuela, his strategy stems from the trauma of hatred suffered by his Secretary of State, Marco Rubio.

Born in the United States to Cuban immigrants, Rubio likely contracted his anti-Cuban sentiment in the political climate of Miami, the city to which the Batista-era bourgeoisie, after the Cuban revolutionary triumph of 1959, flocked, hoping the Americans would arrange their return within six months.

Unlike many of those bourgeois who headed north hoping Uncle Sam would restore order, Rubio's parents arrived in the United States in 1956, during the height of Batista's dictatorship, much like many immigrants do today, seeking economic improvement. Apparently, Rubio's grandfather's chicken shop in San Antonio de los Baños wasn't very profitable, so they chose to emigrate to the so-called "land of opportunity."

Therefore, Rubio was born and raised in a city steeped in the hatred intensified by the defeat at the Bay of Pigs and the atmosphere of the Cold War. In their eagerness to demonstrate the failure of communism and the prosperity of Cuban emigrants, successive US administrations empowered certain sectors of that community, transforming them into a thriving industry of hatred against their country of origin.

From then until now, doing politics in Miami consists of unashamedly denigrating the Cuban Revolution and everything related to it, something in which Marco Rubio has undoubtedly proven to be an adept student, given the many positions he holds in the current administration and the fact that the president considers him nothing less than his mastermind on Latin American affairs.

Proof of this was provided by Trump himself during last Saturday's press conference regarding the recent

aggression against Venezuela. When asked about Cuba, after saying, "That system is not good for Cuba. That people have suffered for many, many years," while describing Cuba as a "failed nation," he called on his conscience to take the microphone.

Trump's conscience for Latin America, Marco Rubio, said, "When the President speaks, take him seriously," adding that Cuba "is a disaster right now," governed by leaders he described as old and "incompetent."

He also lied about the solidarity between Cuba and Venezuela. As the saying goes: The thief thinks everyone is a thief.

Marco Rubio, apparently not only a liar, once claimed that his parents had fled Cuba for fear of Fidel Castro, and he has serious memory problems.

After the events of July 11, 2021, on the island, both he and his president, brimming with enthusiasm, claimed credit for the incidents on their respective television channels. They said the protests on the island were a result of the embargo measures they had imposed on Cuba during Trump's first term.

The Secretary of State apparently isn't very quick-witted either, because in the same press conference he didn't hesitate to contradict himself by stating that Washington will maintain the blockade on Venezuelan oil, a measure with a direct impact on Cuba. He added that the United States will block fuel shipments from Venezuela to the island, a source considered essential for the functioning of its economy.

Is this a case of a failed state and incompetent leaders, or a blockade that for six decades has tried to subdue, through hunger and need, the people that Rubio and Trump supposedly claim to defend and want to help?

Rubio, probably indoctrinated in the cheap political grind of Miami, hasn't had time to study history.

The United States, the same one that proclaims "America First" and "America for the Americans" (of the North), has never cared about the people of Cuba or any other people in the Americas.

At the beginning of the 19th century, when the Latin American peoples emancipated themselves from Spanish rule, the United States thwarted the efforts of Colombia and Mexico to liberate Cuba simply because Cuban independence would lead to the freedom of slaves, something that could spread to the slave plantations of the American South.

Later, for the same reason, when England opposed the slave trade, fearing a slave rebellion on the island, and thus enacted the Monroe Doctrine, which prevented European powers from interfering in Latin American affairs.

For 30 years of Cuban independence struggles, the United States helped Spain maintain its control over the island until the opportunity finally arose, as it did at the end of the 19th century.

From this immeasurable "affection" for the Cuban people was born the Cuban anti-imperialist sentiment, best described by Martí, which ultimately undermined the triumph and continuity of the Cuban Revolution.

The hawks of the empire should know that the attack on Venezuela, the kidnapping of Maduro, and the crime committed against his personal security detail, also comprised of Cubans, will only increase distrust and contempt for an empire that undoubtedly continues to consider South America its backyard.

Unlike Marco Rubio and his brainless master, the people of Latin America do not suffer from amnesia.

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