



that the Polaris Student Body calls for the end of the United States embargo against the Republic of Cuba, and wishes to bring this resolution to the Alaska Association of Student Governments.

1. the United States originally imposed an economic, commercial, and financial embargo on the Republic of Cuba in 1962 that remains in place to this day¹;
2. , this embargo has caused detrimental harm to the Cuban people, greatly disrupting their access to food, clean water, and medical care²;
3. , the Cuban embargo is unnecessarily cruel to the Cuban people and achieves no overall good;
4. , the embargo was originally put in place “to decrease monetary and real wages, to bring about hunger, desperation and overthrow of government”³;
5. , it is fair to say therefore that the original purpose of the Cuban Embargo was to create starvation, death, and violent conflict in Cuba;
6. , the embargo has been in place for over 60 years, yet has failed to cause any meaningful or viable change to the Cuban government whatsoever;
7. , a 2016 poll by Pew Research Center states that 73% of adult Americans support ending the Cuban embargo⁴;
8. , for the past thirty-one years, the United Nations General Assembly has overwhelmingly voted to condemn the Cuban Embargo, with only the United States and Israel voting against the resolutions^{5,6};
9. , the United States’ largest foreign trading partner is the People’s Republic of China, a nation generally accepted as one of, if not the most, totalitarian nations in the world^{7,8};

...the hypocrisy of the United States to hurt and humiliate Cuba and its people while carrying out a considerable amount of its trading with a nation that publicly practices the claimed reasons for the embargo;

...the United States provides hundreds of millions of dollars in military and foreign aid to nations with records of human rights abuses, such as Egypt, who otherwise undergo no Commercial or Economic embargo⁹;

12. ...in 2009, it was estimated that the embargo against Cuba cost the US economy between \$1.2 billion and \$4.84 billion annually in lost sales and exports¹⁰, or between over \$1.7 billion (\$1,720,939,516) and \$6.4 billion (\$6,421,845,930) in today's money¹¹;

13. ...resolutions similar to this, calling for an end to the embargo, have been passed by multiple well-known and respected city councils, such as the Boston City Council¹², The New York City Council¹³, and the D.C. Council¹⁴; and

14. ...if a resolution such as this were to be passed by a group with considerable weight, such as the Alaska Association of Student Governments, it could help cause further condemnation of the embargo and potentially lead to the end of the embargo altogether.

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