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Research Paper Part I: Relations between the U.S and Cuba

Growing up in Miami, I have been exposed to countless accounts of Cuban culture and heritage. I attended Belen Jesuit Preparatory School which was founded in 1854 in Havana, Cuba by Queen Isabel II of Spain. In 1961, the new political regime of Cuba confiscated the school property and expelled the Jesuits. The school was re-established in Miami the same year, and continue to keep their traditions alive. This year also marks the 60th anniversary of the Cuban revolution. In retrospect of my Cuban alma mater, I would like to dive deeper to explore more about the social, political, and economic relations between the U.S and Cuba. For this research paper assignment, I would start in 1959 with Fidel Castro and his rise to complete control of the island nation. Since then, the United States and Cuba have undergone political hostility, invasions, economic embargoes, and nuclear crisis. The diplomatic relations between the two countries have remained at a standstill well after the Cold War but under the Obama administration relations were turning back to normal until its policies were abated by the Trump administration in recent years. Next, using library databases from the State College of Florida will allow me find books, magazines, and academic articles regarding the history between the U.S and Cuba. As well as, very credible sources such as the U.S. Department of State or the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). Finally, achieving approval for this paper would allow myself to learn more about the two countries and their ideologies behind foreign policy with each other.



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