Ineffective American Policy:
The US Embargo on Cuba

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Abstract
The relationship between the United States of America and Cuba has been a long and tangled one. The current U.S. policy towards Cuba is one based on mistrust and conflicts that occurred nearly 50 years ago. With the end of the Cold War and the collapse of the Eastern Block, is an embargo on Cuba still a necessity? This paper will look at the history of the relationship between the U.S. and Cuba, and specifically discuss the history of the embargo from its enactment in the 1960’s to today’s current policy. This period will be broken down into six distinct sub-areas in addition to a further discussion of the embargo.

Currently there are mixed reactions to the continued use of the embargo. Many nations around the globe chose to ignore the American mandate, and have further strengthened trade relations with Cuba. This paper analyzes the relationship between the impact of the current embargo and the potential consequences of its removal. It finds that the current embargo is more of a relic of the Cold War than a successful tool to combat Cuba, and that the United States is losing more than it is gaining by continuing to use it.