



## U.S.-CUBA POLICY CONTACTS

### **The Center for Democracy in the Americas**

[www.democracyinamericas.org](http://www.democracyinamericas.org)

The Center for Democracy in the Americas (CDA) is devoted to changing U.S. policy toward the countries of the Americas by basing our relations on mutual respect, recognizing positive models of governance in the region, and fostering dialogue particularly with those governments and movements with which U.S. policy is at odds. Its Cuba program is called the Freedom to Travel Campaign. Started in 2001, it seeks a fundamental overhaul of U.S. policy toward Cuba and an end to the U.S. travel ban. To achieve these objectives, it leads fact-finding missions for U.S. delegations, works with U.S. policymakers on strategy, sponsors and disseminates research, hosts events, and conducts public education and outreach via the news media and the internet.

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### **Latin America Working Group**

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The Latin America Working Group is one of the nation's longest-standing coalitions dedicated to helping shape foreign policy toward Latin America and the Caribbean. LAWG carries out the coalition's mission to encourage U.S. policies towards Latin America that promote human rights, justice, peace and sustainable development. As a coalition, LAWG represents the interests of over 65 major religious, humanitarian, human rights, grassroots, and foreign policy organizations, providing reliable guidance to policymakers who want their decisions to be grounded in human rights. The LAWG regularly provides information to members of Congress, the media, and citizens interested in U.S. policy toward Latin America

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**Lexington Institute**

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The Lexington Institute is a nonprofit, nonpartisan public policy research organization that supports a strong national security posture, American engagement abroad, openness toward trade and immigration, and use of markets and economic freedom in addressing public policy challenges. Since 1999, its Cuba project has supported a shift toward a policy of engagement with Cuba, based on the idea that citizen contact and active diplomacy will be conducive to an opening in Cuba, will produce humanitarian benefits for Cubans, and will create a more productive government-to-government relationship. Lexington produces original field research on economic and political conditions in Cuba and critical analysis of U.S. policy; engages actively in the public debate through the press, publications, and our blog, The Cuban Triangle; and collaborates with Members of Congress who seek to change Cuba policy.

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**New America Foundation**

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The New America Foundation is a nonprofit, nonpartisan public policy institute that invests in new thinkers and new ideas to address the next generation of challenges facing the United States. The objective of New America's U.S. Cuba Policy Initiative is to take advantage of recent developments in Cuba and the United States to redirect U.S.-Cuba policy and relations towards a more sensible, mutually beneficial direction built on a new consensus of national stakeholders around an engagement strategy with Cuba—rather than the decades-old, tried-and-failed strategy of isolating Cuba and its citizens. The overall strategy of the U.S.-Cuba Policy Initiative is to build the intellectual capital, the policy prescriptions, and a mobilized and ideologically diverse network of policy stakeholders to push past a “tipping point” in U.S.-Cuba policy

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## **Washington Office on Latin America**

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Since 1974, the Washington Office on Latin America has promoted human rights, democracy and social and economic justice in Latin America and the Caribbean. WOLA works closely with civil society organizations and government officials throughout the Americas; it has programs on citizen security (including police reform, organized crime, and youth gang violence), on US drug policy, and on trade and development issues, as well as country focused human rights programs on Mexico, Guatemala, Colombia, Venezuela, and Cuba. WOLA's Cuba program, founded in 1995, encourages U.S. policy-makers to move towards normalized relations with Cuba on the grounds that engagement with Cuba is a more sensible, more effective, and more humane strategy for promoting human rights and social justice.

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