

NO WAR ON VENEZUELA

THE FACTS

Maduro is the people's choice for President

◆ **150+ international observers verified the transparency and accuracy of the May 2018 election won by President Nicolas Maduro.**

◆ **In the 2018 election, Maduro won 67% of the vote with 46% of registered voters casting a ballot.**

◆ The 2018 elections were called early due to agreements reached in dialogue hosted in

Dominican Republic, from which the opposition later withdrew.

◆ Most opposition parties chose to boycott the election and threatened violence against voters.

◆ None of the conditions detailed in Article 233 of the Constitution (which is what the opposition claims legitimizes the attempted coup of Guaidó) have been met.



◆ **Millions of Venezuelans have rallied and marched in support of the government** since the coup, far outnumbering opposition rallies, which mainly occur in wealthy neighborhoods.

Venezuela is a true democracy

◆ Venezuela has had 20+ national elections (between presidential, legislative, constituent assembly, regional, etc.) in 20 years. In 2012, former **U.S. President Jimmy Carter said, "As a matter of fact, of the 92 elections that we've monitored, I would say that the election process in Venezuela is the best in the world."**

◆ The legislature, the National Constituent Assembly, specifically reserves seats for Indig-

enous nations, workers, farmers, people with disabilities, students, pensioners, business sector, communes and communal councils.

◆ Venezuela has over 30,000 communal Councils, in which each community elects a group of leaders who are empowered to spend Venezuela tax dollars on whatever the community deems necessary.



The U.S. has exploited Latin America & the Caribbean for 200+ years

◆ For over two centuries, U.S. corporations have ruthlessly exploited Latin American and Caribbean resources and labor. This has led to the violent repression of popular movements and U.S.-backed coups in nearly every country in the region.

◆ The U.S. military has conducted nearly **60 military interventions in Latin American and Caribbean** countries since 1890.

◆ In 2002, after Chavez led the further nationalization of Venezuelan oil, right-wing

opposition forces actually managed to put Chavez in jail with the help of the U.S. military. Massive demonstrations reversed the coup and put Chavez back into power.

◆ In August 2018, while making a public speech, a drone linked to the U.S.-backed Colombian oligarchy attempted to assassinate President Nicolas Maduro.

The U.S. is waging war on Venezuela for its oil



◆ **Venezuela's oil is owned by the people.** In the past, Rockefeller and other foreign interests controlled Venezuelan oil. Today, profits from Venezuela's oil go to support the people of Venezuela through social programs called missions.

◆ **Venezuela has the largest crude oil reserves of any country,** as well as large reserves of gold and natural gas.

◆ The first U.S. sanctions target after the Jan. 23, 2019 coup attempt was Citgo, U.S. subsidiary of the state oil company PDVSA.

◆ National Security Advisor John Bolton, architect of the war in Iraq, said this to on Fox Business, **"We're looking at the oil assets...we're in conversation with major American companies now that are either in Venezuela, or in the case of Citgo here in the United States...We both have a lot at stake here making this come out the right way."** U.S. Senator Marco Rubio has made similar calls for U.S. oil companies to control Venezuelan oil.

The Bolivarian Revolution is improving people's lives

◆ Gran Misión de la Vivienda (Great Housing Mission) **has built over 2.5 million homes for low-income Venezuelans at below market cost since 2011.**

◆ Poverty has been reduced from 70.8% (1996) to 21% (2010) due to the revolution.

◆ CLAP (Local Production and Supply Committees) established under Maduro: community owned agricultural projects produce and distribute staple foods which are sold at cost to counter economic warfare.

◆ Maduro just tripled the minimum wage in 2018 to counter U.S. economic war.

◆ **Education is now free from daycare to university.** Venezuela is fifth in the world in the percentage of the population attending university.

◆ The Bolivarian Revolution is a victory for oppressed people. Women, indigenous people, people of African descent, and working class people make up the major supporters of Maduro and the Bolivarian process.

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