

# *U.S. lost in the backyards*

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One year into his term, President Joseph Biden assumed a sweetened mood towards Latin America, without ending the Monroe style era.

The region south of the Rio Bravo was considered the backyard of the United States and this was made concrete with military, political and economic interventions.

Biden tried to dispel the hegemonic vision of power in the United States that Latin Americans and Caribbeans rightly have, and fell into a game of terminology, by affirming that now the subcontinent is the front yard.

In what one Latin American leader described as an unwanted "ascent", Biden continued to label the area as the front yard, which in the opinion of analysts showed him to be a hostage of the stereotypes from which he claims to distance himself.

Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez wrote on Twitter that U.S. policy seeks to limit sovereignties to guarantee interests of domination and stressed that Latin America and the Caribbean are no one's backyard or front yard.

"The Pan-Americanist hegemonic system promoted by the United States since the nineteenth century pursues that racist and colonialist ambition, fell into crisis long ago and will not recover," Rodriguez said.

Beyond the often critical reactions generated by Biden's views on Latin America and the Caribbean, the paradoxes of his administration are evident.

Many of his campaign promises fell by the wayside, as in the case of Cuba, towards whose country he maintained the genocidal tightening of the blockade dictated by Donald Trump, whom he says he denigrates.

During his campaign for the presidency, Biden spoke of flexibilization, of which only the memory remains.

In relation to Venezuela, he maintains the ghost Juan Guaidó as an interlocutor in spite of his discredit, corruption and loss of followers.

Regarding Colombia, he continued with the candid policy in spite of the more than 90 massacres that took place during 2021.

On migration, little has been done by the Democrats to reshape Trump's disastrous legacy.

A change in the short-sighted U.S. policy toward Latin America and the Caribbean is not just a failed semantic game.

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