

# *Article states that Washington's blockade against Cuba aims to asphyxiate the economy*



U.S. blockade against Cuba

Washington, June 21 (RHC) According to an article published in Washington, the U.S. blockade against Cuba is to economically asphyxiate the island and deprive its citizens of basic resources indispensable for life.

The text, published on the website Common Dreams, narrates the experience of two young Americans who visited the Caribbean country to participate last May 1 in the celebrations for International Workers' Day and describes firsthand, the damages caused by the siege maintained by successive US administrations.

As members of the youth cohort of the Code Pink organization, our objective was to understand the Cuban political system, the U.S. blockade, and its impact on the daily life of Cubans, said signatories Eli Smith and Kaitlin Blanchard.

They evoked in their article how, after the triumph of the Cuban Revolution in 1960, a memorandum from the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs recommended making the Caribbean people suffer.

On that occasion, the official said that if the United States wanted to counter the rise of communism in its backyard, it would have to deny "money and supplies, decrease monetary and real wages, to provoke hunger, despair, and an overthrow of the government."

A blockade was then imposed, a measure that still restricts the entry of necessary products and prevents other countries from selling them to the island, they remarked in the text entitled The U.S. economic blockade of Cuba is worse than you think.

In addition, they added, the administration of the current president, Joe Biden, keeps the archipelago on a list of state sponsors of terrorism, which further restricts its economic development.

The authors also described their tour of poor neighborhoods in transformation, where they were able to see how residents are developing their communities to have better access to health care, food, and other services.

They further concluded that 150 young people from the United States and Canada who visited the island at the end of April 2023, returned to their homeland with a deep commitment to ending a blockade that has lasted more than 60 years. (Source: PL)

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