

Fidel Castro's America

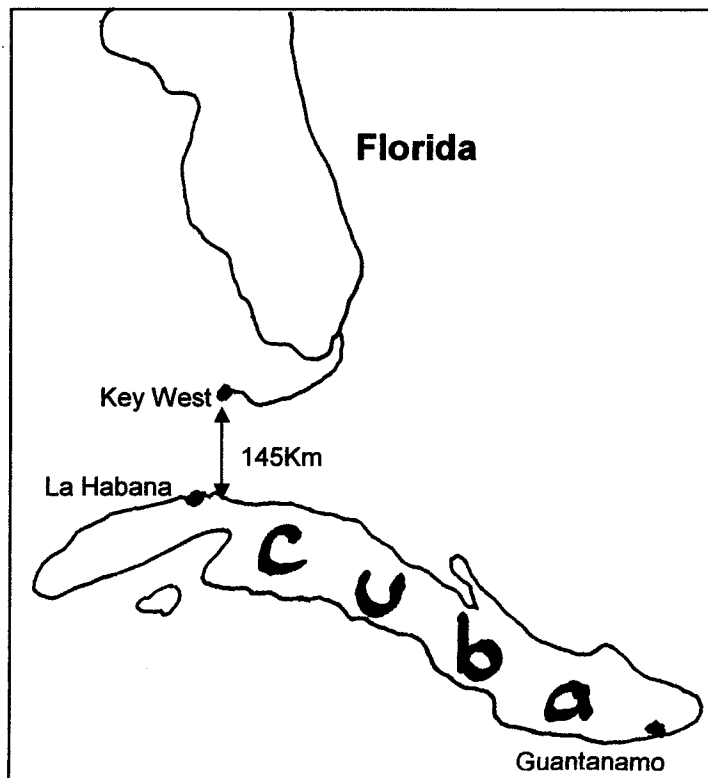
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Fidel Castro's geographic contribution is unacknowledged most ashamedly by geographers in the United States, who are both the perpetrators and the victims of geopolitical imperialism. Some five decades ago, Fidel Castro pointed out that all who live in the American hemisphere are Americans. There are Cuban Americans, Panamanian Americans, Nicaraguan Americans and so forth. Historic "fellow Americans" included Simón Bolívar, Francisco Villa, Emiliano Zapata, José Martí, Norman Bethune, Chè Guevara and Fred Rose. Contemporary "fellow Americans" include Fidel Castro, Hugo Chávez and Gerardo Hernandez. All the nations in the American Hemisphere have their own national names; for example, Cubans, Argentineans, Mexicans and Venezuelans; except the United States where children are indoctrinated from their earliest years to think of themselves as "Americans". They are not. They are United Statesers. American imperialism became full blown in 1823, when president James Monroe proclaimed "The Monroe Doctrine", which warned European nations not to occupy anywhere in the American Hemisphere, reserving that right for themselves. To cover the many invasions by the United States, calling themselves Americans meant they could not be accused of aggression, for how could Americans invade themselves!

There exist but two continents in the American Hemisphere, North and South America. There is no "Central America", yet another geopolitical hoax. North America begins where Panama touches Columbia. North America overwhelmingly speaks Spanish, with English the second language. Many of those who speak English in so-called "Anglo-America" are not English, such as was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and all his millions of African-American people. The third largest spoken language is French. Montreal is the second largest French speaking city in the world

Cuba is clearly part of North America, being only 145 kilometres south of Key West, Florida. Cuba has suffered military occupation by the United States starting in 1898 when President Theodore Roosevelt led an invasion. The remnant of this imperialist occupation is the United States Naval Base at Guantanamo, the only place in Cuba where prisoners are tortured.

On January 1st, 1959, Fidel Castro won what soon became a Communist revolution in Cuba. The cry went out "Yankee Go Home" from many nations occupied by Yankee imperialism, such as Puerto Rico, Nicaragua, Columbia and Grenada. Inside the United States the most courageous patriots echo the cry with "Yankee Come Home", such as C. Wright Mills, James Blaut, John Gillman, Oliver Stone, Michael Moore and Angela Davis.



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