

SAY NO TO BUSH'S REGIME CHANGE IN VENEZUELA!

In less than four years, the Bush Administration has invaded Iraq and Afghanistan and overthrown democratically elected leaders in Haiti. While the Chavez Administration in Venezuela managed to survive a coup endorsed by the Bush White House, US policy continues to undermine democracy and the rule of law in Venezuela. Help defend the right of Venezuelans to determine their own future!

DEMOCRACY UNDER CHAVEZ-

On August 15, 2004, the Venezuelan people reaffirmed Hugo Chávez as the democratically elected President of Venezuela.

The vote was a decisive victory for the Chavez administration and its aim to include all Venezuelans in the country's political life. More importantly, it was an incredible victory for the democratic process.

The social transformation of Venezuela, particularly the use of national oil revenues to benefit all Venezuelans through health care, education, land distribution and economic development won the day over a traditional elite and their greed for power - notwithstanding the opposition's near-monopoly over the media and support from their allies in Washington.



US INVOLVEMENT-

The Bush administration supported the April 2002 coup and has funded many of the principal opposition groups largely through grants funneled through the National Endowment for Democracy. The Bush administration also tacitly supported a shutdown of PdVSA, the state run oil company for two months in 2003, which brought about an economic collapse from which the country is only now beginning to recover.

SOCIAL ACHIEVEMENTS WITH CHAVEZ-

The government's emphasis on economic and social justice has made great progress.

- More than one million adults who have been taught to read.
- Over 60% of the population has health care.

- Postnatal mortality rates have decreased by 38% since 1996
- Victims of HIV/AIDS, cancer and chronic illnesses receive care and medication at no cost.
- The government has implemented policies that recognize peasants' ancestral rights to land ownership.

Get Involved!

The opposition, working with the Bush administration is attempting a "regime change" against one of the most progressive democracies in Latin America. As US citizens, we can prevent further foreign policy debacle by working to affirm the sovereign right of Venezuelans to determine their own democratic future.

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