

# Modern Cuban-American Relations



# Cuba Exported Communism, i.e. Angola and Ethiopia



Late 1960s – Early 1970s

# African Swine Flu (1971)

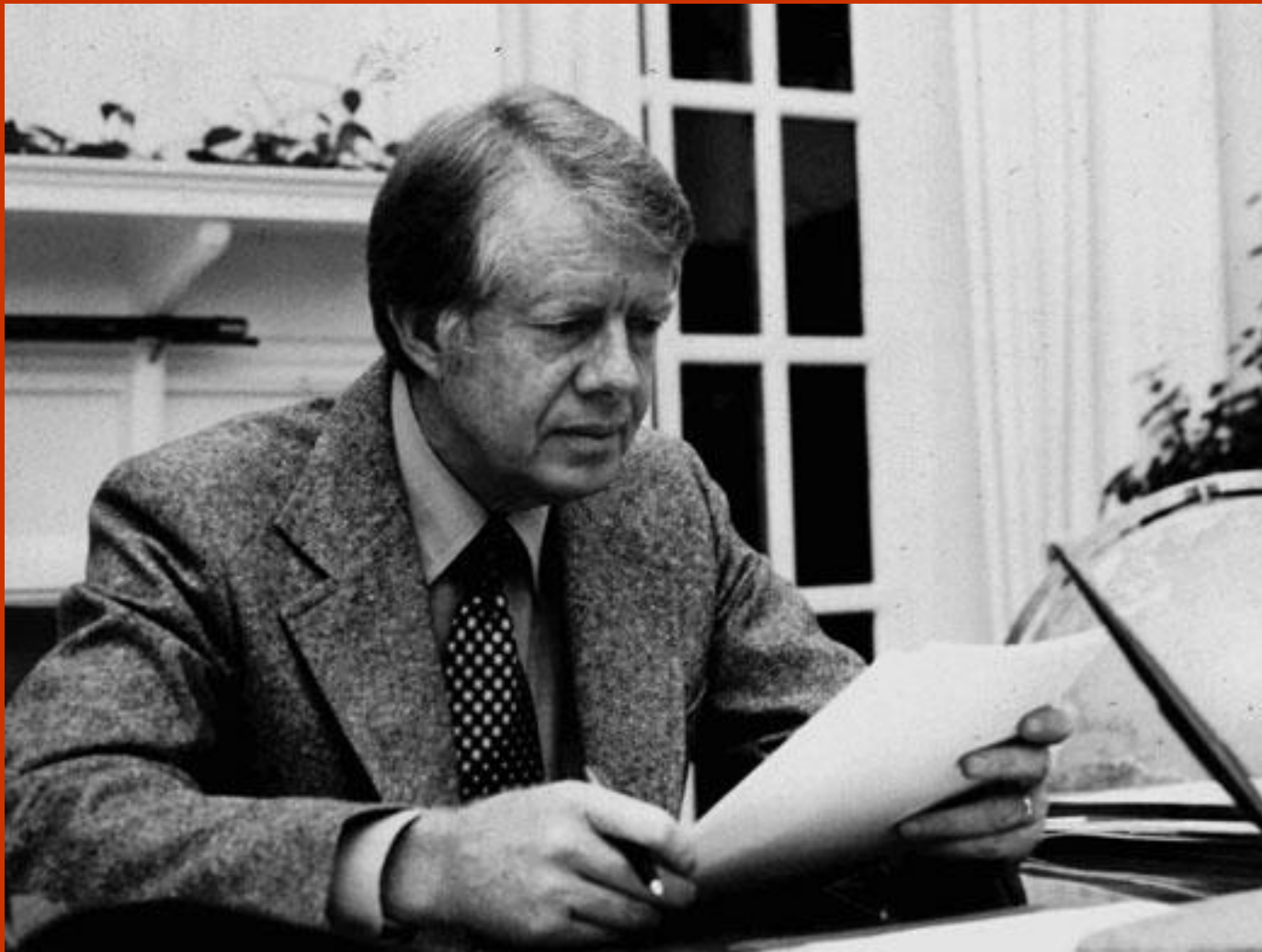


- Cuba slaughtered over 500,000 pigs

# Jimmy Carter and Human Rights

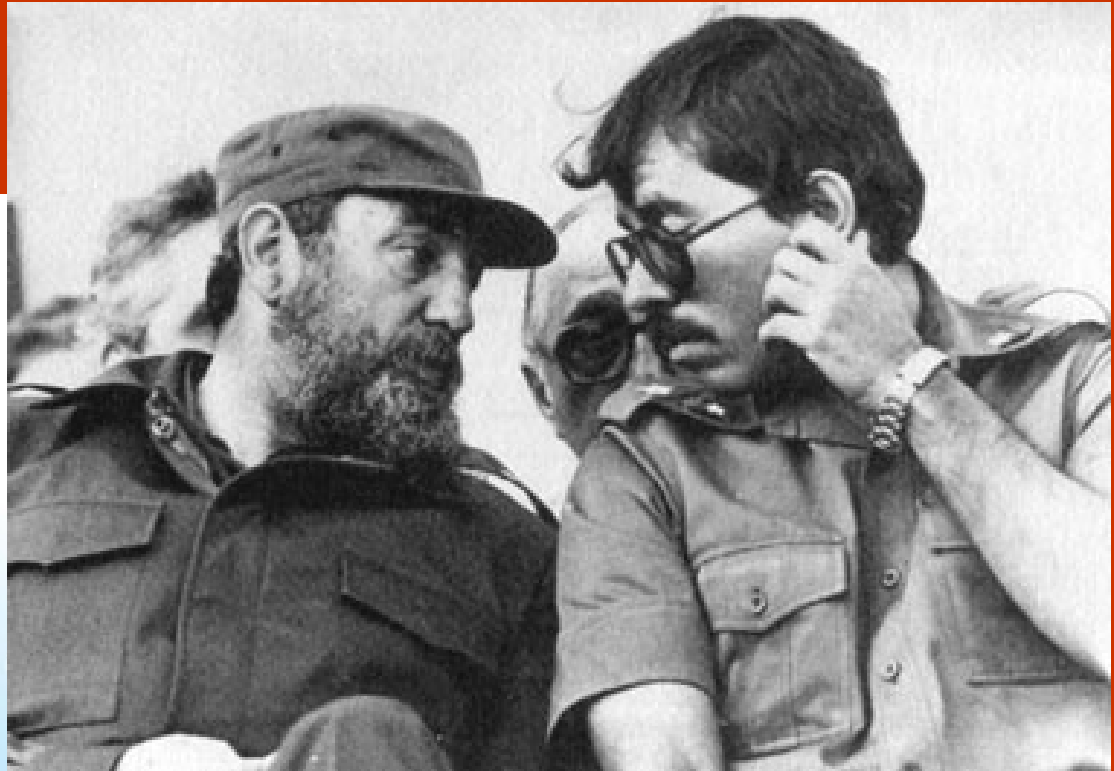


# US Travel Restrictions Lifted (and \$100 spending limit)





# Castro Helped Communist Sandinista Revolution in Nicaragua (1979)



# Mariel Boatlift (April 15 – October 31, 1980)



- Over 125,000 Cubans left



# The Reagan Doctrine





# Sending Cuba Message

October 30 – November 30, 1981



# Full Alert for Cuba October 31, 1981



# Secretary of State Al Haig



To President Ronald Reagan:  
“Give me the word and I will turn that island  
into a \*\*\*\*\* parking lot.”

# US Travel Ban Again (1982)



# Communist Menace





# Grenada Invasion



October 25, 1983

# Operation: Urgent Fury



- Cubans: 642 captured, 24 killed, 57 wounded

# President G.H.W Bush and Cuba



# Bye! Bye! Soviet Union

## December 8, 1991



Source: Sue Ann Kime and Paul Stich, *Global History*, N & N Publishing (adapted)

- Bye! Bye! \$6 billion in annual aid



# Cuban Democracy Act (1992)

- Castro government has violated human rights and democracy

## Actions

- US companies cannot trade with Cuba
- US citizens cannot travel to Cuba



# President Clinton and Cuba



# Cuban Refugees



# Elian Gonzalez Situation



Entered US

– November 25, 1999

– 5 years old

# Returned to family June 28, 2000



# Elian Gonzalez (Age 16)



2010



# Bill-Fidel Handshake (2000)



# Heading the Right Direction?



# President George W. Bush

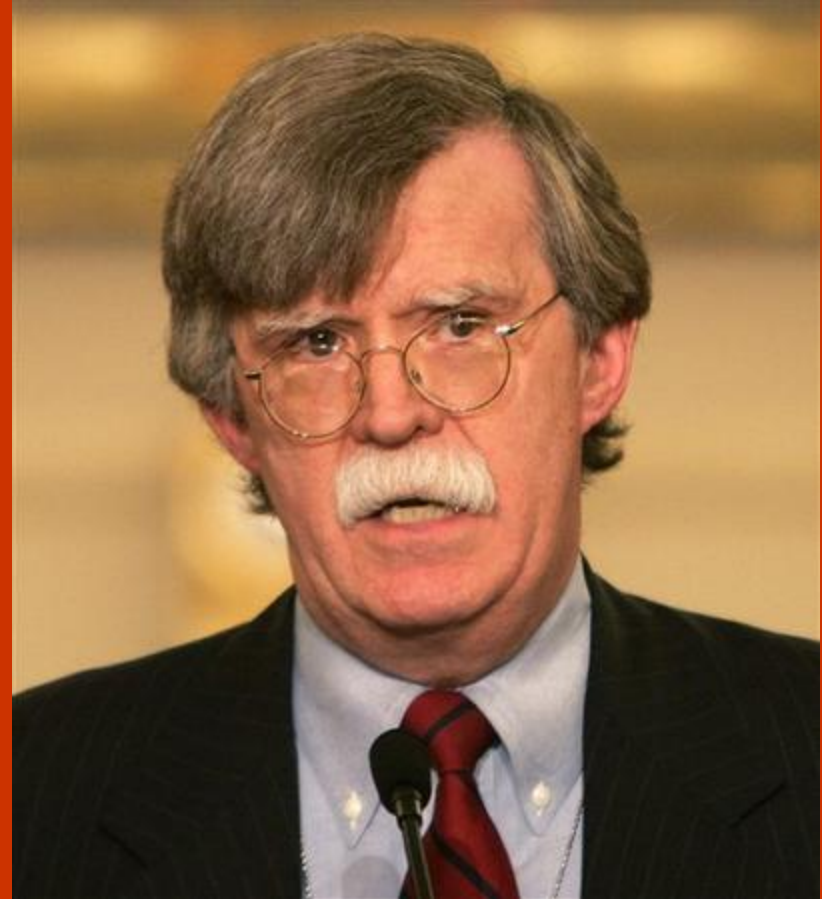


# What Changed Cuban-American policy?



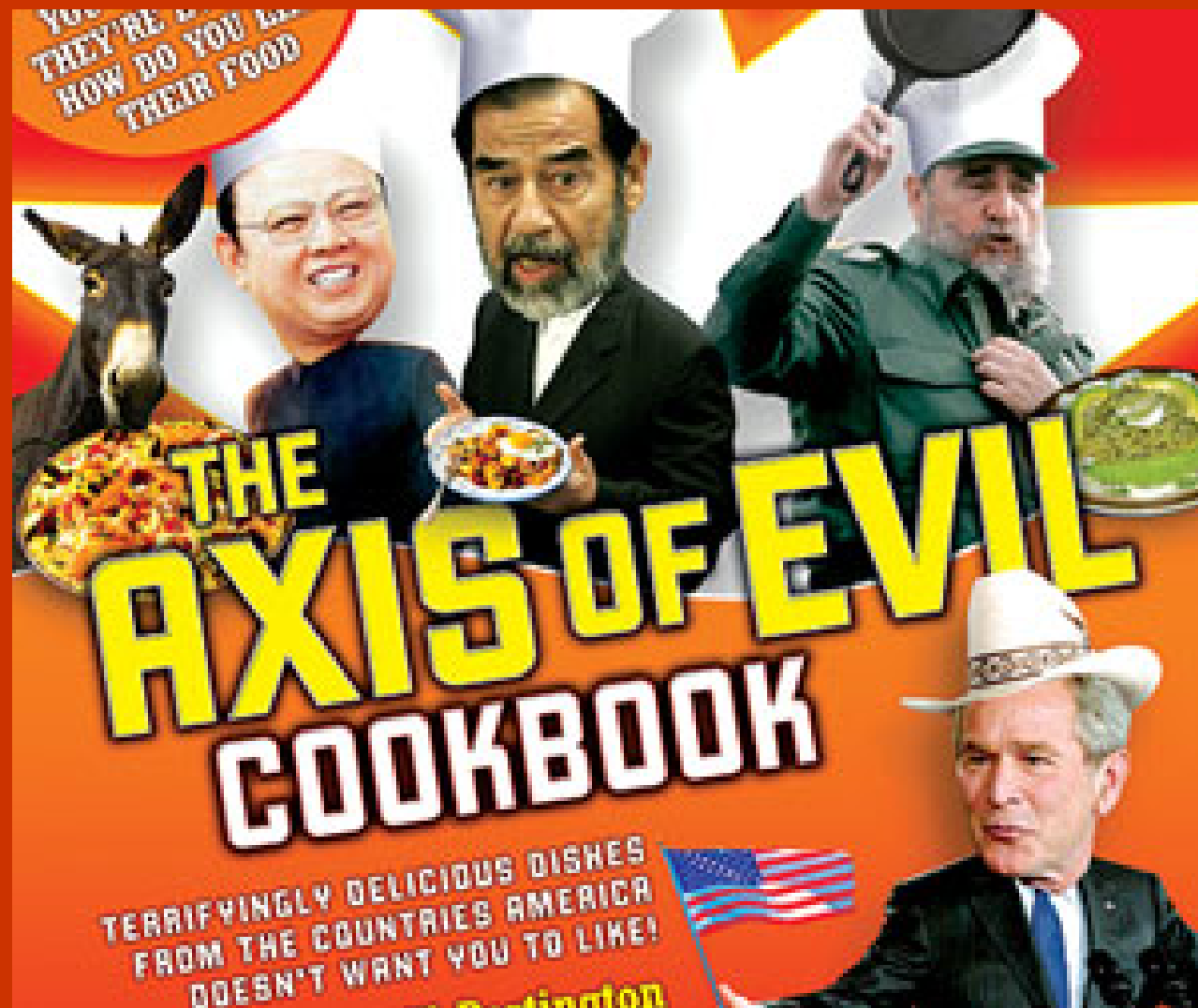
# Undersecretary of State John Bolton

"The United States believes that Cuba has at least a limited offensive biological warfare research and development effort. Cuba has provided dual-use biotechnology to other rogue states."



May 6, 2002

# Axis of Evil (Second Tier) (2002)





# Former President Carter Visit

May 14, 2002



First US President to Visit Cuba since  
Calvin Coolidge



# President Raul Castro

February 24, 2008



# President Obama and Cuba





# Lifted Travel Ban for Cuban-Americans to Visit Families



# American money can be sent to relatives in Cuba



# American Telecom Companies



- Set up telecommunications towers in Cuba to provide limited service to Cubans



# Lift Full Travel Restrictions

## Texas A&M Study (2010)

- Increase exports \$365 million annually
- Add 6,000 new jobs

## Brattle Group Study (2002)

- Increase US GDP \$1.6 billion annually
- Add 23,000 new jobs

**“The Cuban model doesn’t even work for us anymore.” (9/9/10)**



# Guantanamo Navy Base and Prison



# Guantanamo Prison



- 20 captives arrived January 20, 2002

# Enemy Combatants; Not POWs



# 242 Enemy Combatants Transferred (2005)

According to DOD,

- 242 detainees moved out of Gitmo
- 173 were released without a charge
- 69 transferred to governments of other countries





# Closed Guantanamo Prison ???



- Signed January 22, 2009

# 2009 Task Force Review



Foreign Affairs 12/14/11



46 of 171 captives  
“too dangerous to let go”



80 of 171 captives

“could be let go . . . give them a new start”



# 1/4 of Detainees Released



“were confirmed or suspected of later engaging in terrorism or insurgent activity”

Cost a year per detainee

\$800,000

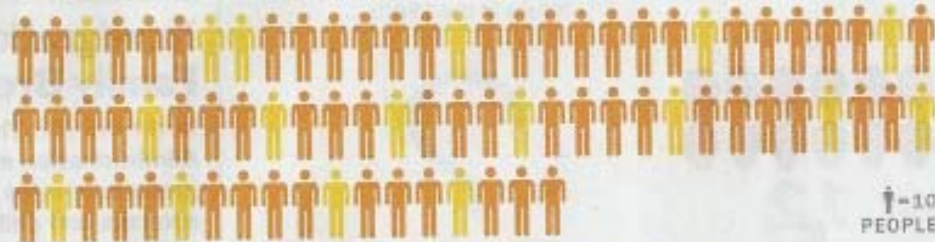
- 1,850 US troops and civilians working



# Enemy Combatant Stats

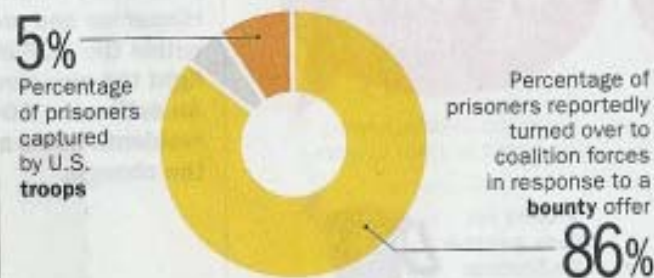
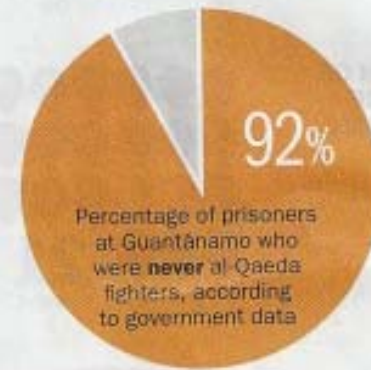
## A Dismal Decade

**6 | U.S.** Jan. 11 marked 10 years since the first detainees in the war against al-Qaeda were taken to the U.S. facility at Guantánamo, a slip of land held by the U.S. on the eastern tip of Cuba. Critics decry the murky legality under which hundreds of supposed “enemy combatants” have been held without normal rights of due process. Inquiries found that few detainees have had concrete ties to al-Qaeda. Yet despite earlier promises to shutter the facility, the White House seems prepared to keep it open for years to come.



**779** Number of men imprisoned at Guantánamo by the Department of Defense since the facility opened on Jan. 11, 2002

**171** Number of men **still imprisoned** there as of January 2012



Age of the **youngest** prisoner held at Guantánamo

**13**

Age of the **oldest** prisoner held at Guantánamo

**98**

Number of **children** the U.S. has imprisoned at Guantánamo

**21**

SOURCE: ACLU

By Ishaan Tharoor

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# Iraqi Prison: Abu Gharib



- Closed 2006
- Reopened (2009): Baghdad Central Prison



# Preparation of Thomson Correctional Center (Illinois)



- December 15, 2009



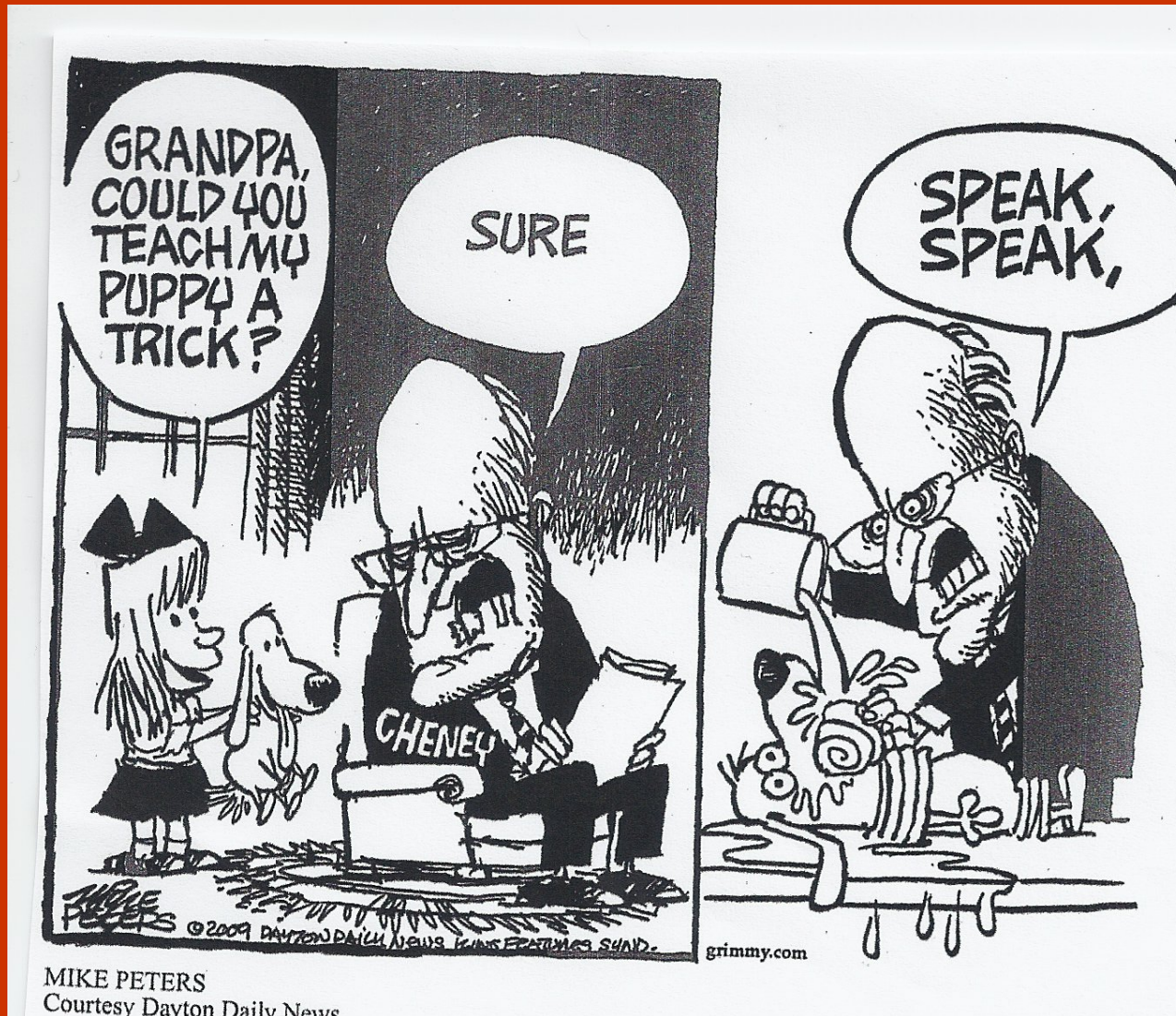
# Painted Himself Into a Corner

JEFF KOTERBA  
Courtesy Omaha World-Herald





# Gitmo: A Symbol of Torture?





Now What?



# American-Cuban Relations

**Positive Examples**

**Negative Examples**

# Central America (3)

1. Cuba
2. Guatemala
3. Nicaragua



# Africa Map (4)

1. Angola
2. Ethiopia
3. Ghana
4. Tanzania



# Communist Paradise

