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Changing U.S.-Cuba Relations

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President-elect Donald Trump received the endorsement of the Bay of Pigs Veterans Association, a conservative Cuban-American group in Miami. (Miami Herald, November 26, 2016)

On December 17, 2014, President Barack Obama announced major changes in U.S. policy toward Cuba, including taking steps toward reestablishing diplomatic relations, reviewing Cuba's designation as a state sponsor of terrorism, and facilitating certain types of trade and travel by U.S. citizens to the Island. On May 29, 2015, President Obama removed Cuba from the U.S. Department of State's list of state sponsors of terrorism. On July 20, 2015, the United States and Cuba restored diplomatic relations and reopened embassies in their respective capitals after more than five decades. However, Donald Trump was elected U.S. President on November 4, 2016 with the help of Cuban-American voters, after he promised to revert Obama's executive orders regarding Cuba. The future of U.S.-Cuba relations now seems highly uncertain, but will likely be more tense than before under the Trump administration.

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