



Latin America

US imperialism strikes back with a vengeance

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In the last decade or so, US imperialism has galvanised, organised and financed retrograde social and political forces with the explicit aim of overthrowing all progressive governments in Latin America. The objective is US uncontested regional hegemony. US imperialism has politically capitalised on the severe difficulties created by the world economic crisis of 2008 on the regions' commodity-export dependent economies but has also taken advantage of political weaknesses that beset some of the progressive movements and governments south of the Rio Grande.

The combined pressure of the effects of the economic crisis and US aggression have allowed the US to score important successes: Obama's timid normalisation with Cuba has been almost fully reversed, the Venezuelan Revolution is under siege, and right wing forces have elected a fascist as president in Brazil just to mention a few of these.

We will examine the prospects of survival for Latin American progressive politics faced with such unfavourable context.

ALL WELCOME!

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