The 2016 FIU Cuba Poll
How Cuban Americans in Miami View U.S. Policies toward Cuba

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The 2016 Cuba Poll

• Telephone surveys of 1,000 randomly selected Cuban-American residents of Miami-Dade County.
• Interviews completed in August 2016.
• Margin of error is plus or minus 3.1%.
• 12th in the series of Cuba Polls conducted since 1991.
• Results weighted to be representative of the Cuban-American community of Miami-Dade County as a whole.

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How Well Has the Embargo Worked?

- Very Well: 6.3% (5.8%)
- Worked Well: 12.3% (11.4%)
- Not Very Well: 21.3% (19.4%)
- Not At All: 60.2% (55%)
- Don’t Know: 7.4%
- NR: 1.2%
How Well Has the Embargo Worked? (By Age)

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percent

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18-39 40-59 60-75 76 & older
Favor or Oppose Continuation of Embargo?

- Continue Embargo: 36.8% (31.6%)
- End Embargo: 63.2% (54.3%)
- Don’t Know: 9.4%
- No Response: 4.7%
Favor or Oppose Continuation of Embargo? (By Year Left Cuba)

- Pre-1980:
  - Continue embargo: 55%
  - End embargo: 45%

- 1980-1994:
  - Continue embargo: 38%
  - End embargo: 62%

- 1995-2016:
  - Continue embargo: 20%
  - End embargo: 80%
Favor or Oppose Continuation of Embargo? (by Age)

[Bar chart showing the percentage of people favoring or opposing the continuation of the embargo by age group: 18-39, 40-59, 60-75, 76 & older.]

- 18-39: 28% favor, 72% oppose
- 40-59: 28% favor, 72% oppose
- 60-75: 45% favor, 55% oppose
- 76 & older: 65% favor, 35% oppose
Favor or Oppose Continuation of Embargo? (by Registered to Vote)

Yes: 58
- Continue embargo: 42
- End embargo: 16

No: 76
- Continue embargo: 24
- End embargo: 52

percent

0 20 40 60 80 100

Yes | No
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continue embargo | continue embargo
end embargo | end embargo
Opinions on the Maintenance of the Embargo over Time (1997-2016)

Support for New Policies Initiated by U.S. Government

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Support for New Policies Initiated by U.S. Government (by Year Left Cuba)


- **strongly favor**
  - Pre-1980: 50
  - 1995-2016: 8

- **mostly favor**
  - Pre-1980: 12
  - 1995-2016: 24

- **mostly oppose**
  - Pre-1980: 14
  - 1995-2016: 65

- **strongly oppose**
  - Pre-1980: 0
  - 1995-2016: 65
Support for New Policies Initiated by U.S. Government (by Where Born)

- **Not Born in Cuba**
  - Strongly Favor: 25%
  - Mostly Favor: 15%
  - Mostly Oppose: 26%
  - Strongly Oppose: 34%

- **Born in Cuba**
  - Strongly Favor: 26%
  - Mostly Favor: 9%
  - Mostly Oppose: 19%
  - Strongly Oppose: 46%
Support for New Policies Initiated by U.S. Government (by Age)

- **18-39**: 56% strongly favor, 9% mostly favor, 24% mostly oppose, 11% strongly oppose
- **40-59**: 49% strongly favor, 23% mostly favor, 8% mostly oppose, 12% strongly oppose
- **60-75**: 33% strongly favor, 15% mostly favor, 14% mostly oppose, 16% strongly oppose
- **76 & older**: 24% strongly favor, 15% mostly favor, 10% mostly oppose, 25% strongly oppose
Support for New Policies Initiated by U.S. Government (by Registered to Vote)

- Yes: 32 (strongly favor), 12 (mostly favor), 20 (mostly oppose), 35 (strongly oppose)
- No: 4 (strongly favor), 25 (mostly favor), 63 (mostly oppose)

Percentages:
- Yes: 32% (strongly favor), 12% (mostly favor), 20% (mostly oppose), 35% (strongly oppose)
- No: 4% (strongly favor), 25% (mostly favor), 63% (mostly oppose)
Support for the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations

- Support: 65.3%
- Oppose: 29.4%
- Don't Know: 5.3%

69.0% Favor
31.0% Oppose
Support for the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations (by Year Left Cuba)

![Bar Chart]

- **Pre-1980**
  - Support relations: 43%
  - Oppose relations: 57%

- **1980-1994**
  - Support relations: 65%
  - Oppose relations: 35%

- **1995-2016**
  - Support relations: 91%
  - Oppose relations: 9%
Support for the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations (by Age)

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Percent

Yes: 61%
No: 39%

Yes: Favor relations
No: Oppose relations
Support for Cuban Adjustment Act

- Strongly Favor: 47.3% (46.2%)
- Mostly Favor: 14.2% (13.9%)
- Mostly Oppose: 13.4% (13.1%)
- Strongly Oppose: 25.0% (24.4%)
- Don’t Know: 2.3%
Support for Cuban Adjustment Act (by Year Left Cuba)

- **Pre-1980**
  - 44 strongly favor
  - 17 mostly favor
  - 11 mostly oppose
  - 29 strongly oppose

- **1980-1994**
  - 24 strongly favor
  - 16 mostly favor
  - 14 mostly oppose
  - 46 strongly oppose

- **1995-2016**
  - 9 strongly favor
  - 15 mostly favor
  - 69 mostly oppose

The chart shows the percentage support for the Cuban Adjustment Act by year left Cuba with categories: strongly favor, mostly favor, mostly oppose, and strongly oppose.
Support for Cuban Adjustment Act 
(By Registered to Vote)

![Bar chart showing support percentages for Cuban Adjustment Act]

- **Yes**
  - Strongly favor: 31
  - Mostly favor: 16
  - Mostly oppose: 14
  - Strongly oppose: 39

- **No**
  - Strongly favor: 19
  - Mostly favor: 7
  - Mostly oppose: 12
  - Strongly oppose: 62

Percentages are shown on the vertical axis.
Support for Requiring Proof of Political Persecution before Receiving Government Assistance

- Strongly Favor: 53.3% (50.5%)
- Mostly Favor: 12.1% (11.4%)
- Mostly Oppose: 14.9% (14.1%)
- Strongly Oppose: 19.8% (18.8%)
- Don’t Know: 4.7%
- No Response: 0.5%
Support for Requiring Proof of Political Persecution before Receiving Government Assistance (by Year Left Cuba)

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Percent
Support for Unrestricted Travel for All Americans

- Allow Travel: 73.5% (71.4%)
- Do Not Allow: 26.5% (25.7%)
- Don’t Know: 2.9%

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Support for Unrestricted Travel for All Americans (By Year Left Cuba)

- Pre-1980: 50% allow travel, 50% do not allow
- 1980-1994: 27% allow travel, 73% do not allow
- 1995-2016: 7% allow travel, 93% do not allow
Support for Unrestricted Travel for All Americans (By Age)

- 18-39: 87% allow travel, 13% do not allow
- 40-59: 80% allow travel, 20% do not allow
- 60-75: 62% allow travel, 38% do not allow
- 76 & older: 49% allow travel, 51% do not allow
Attitudes Toward Unrestricted Travel over Time (1997-2016)

Do not allow | Allow unrestricted travel

1997: 23% do not allow, 77% allow
2000: 53% do not allow, 47% allow
2004: 48% do not allow, 52% allow
2007: 55% do not allow, 45% allow
2008: 67% do not allow, 33% allow
2011: 57% do not allow, 43% allow
2014: 69% do not allow, 31% allow
2016: 74% do not allow, 26% allow
Have You Traveled to Cuba?

- Have traveled: 55.1%
- Have not traveled: 44.9%
Have You Traveled to Cuba? (By Year Left)

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percent
Should People Living in U.S. Be Allowed to Invest in Cuban Businesses?

- 57.4% Allow Investment
- 36.4% Do Not Allow Investment
- 6.2% Not with Raul/Fidel
- 5.9% Do Not Allow Investment
- 6.2% Not with Raul/Fidel
- 3.3% Don’t Know
- 1.4% No Response
Should People Living in U.S. Be Allowed to Invest in Cuban Businesses? (By Year Left Cuba)

- Pre-1980: 6 people, 35% allow invest, 59% do not allow
- 1980-1994: 7 people, 50% allow invest, 42% do not allow
- 1995-2016: 5 people, 77% do not allow, 18% allow invest

Not with Raul/Fidel
Should People Living in U.S. Be Allowed to Invest in Cuban Businesses? (By Age)

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Percentages:
- 18-39: 79% allow, 14% do not allow
- 40-59: 61% allow, 34% do not allow
- 60-75: 41% allow, 53% do not allow
- 76 & older: 30% allow, 59% do not allow
Should People Living in U.S. Be Allowed to Invest in Cuban Businesses? (By Registered to Vote)

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Not with Raul/Fidel
Political Party Registration

53.5% Republican
21.9% Democrat
24.6% Independent

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Republican 53.5%
Democrat 21.9%
Independent 24.6%
Political Party Registration (by Year Left Cuba)

- Pre-1980:
  - Republican: 70
  - Democrat: 18
  - Independent: 12

- 1980-1994:
  - Republican: 56
  - Democrat: 25
  - Independent: 20

- 1995-2016:
  - Republican: 31
  - Democrat: 39
  - Independent: 30

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Political Party Registration (by Where Born)

- **not born in Cuba**
  - **Republican**: 45
  - **Democrat**: 23
  - **Independent**: 32

- **born in Cuba**
  - **Republican**: 56
  - **Democrat**: 21
  - **Independent**: 23

The chart shows the distribution of political party registrations among those born in Cuba and not born in Cuba.
Party Registration (by Age)

- **18-39**
  - Republican: 48
  - Democrat: 22
  - Independent: 30

- **40-59**
  - Republican: 24
  - Democrat: 52
  - Independent: 0

- **60-75**
  - Republican: 17
  - Democrat: 61
  - Independent: 0

- **76 & older**
  - Republican: 8
  - Democrat: 74
  - Independent: 0

Political Party Registration over Time (1997-2016)

- Republican
- Democrat
- Independent

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If Election Were Held Today... Clinton or Trump?
(Asked Only of Registered Voters-July 11-August 14, 2016)

- Clinton: 32.9%
- Trump: 37.4%
- Neither: 18.8%
- Undecided: 11.0%
- NA: 5.2%

Clinton: 31.4%
Trump: 35.5%
Neither: 17.8%
Undecided: 10.4%
NA: 5.2%
If Election Were Held Today… Clinton or Trump? (by Year Left Cuba)

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Legend:
- Clinton
- Neither
- Undecided
- Trump
If Election Were Held Today… Clinton or Trump? (by Age)

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- Undecided
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