

2020 GUIDE to Combat Misinformation

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**Myths Vs.
Reality**

“Joe Biden is socialist/communist”

FALSE

Joe Biden is a “**Moderate**” Democrat. Joe has never supported communist or socialist policies.

Joe Biden’s nomination, from amongst a diverse group of candidates, sends a clear message that the Democratic Party believes Biden’s **centrist** policy proposals are the best way to help Americans in comparison to more divisive policy proposals. [\(LINK\)](#)

“Joe Biden is socialist/communist”

FALSE

Joe Biden is a highly respected American politician who **has garnered the support of over 300 Republican leaders** in his bid for the Presidency of the United States due to his democratic values and principles, as well as his record as a lifelong public servant.

Colin Powell, John Kasich, William Cohen, Rick Synder, Todd Whitman and Susan Molinari are examples of Republicans who support Joe.

[\(LINK, AP ESP\)](#) / [\(LINK, BBC ESP\)](#)

"Trump will help Venezuela"

FALSE

Donald Trump has never had a consistent or viable strategy towards Venezuela. Trump even had his doubts around supporting Juan Guaidó, who he called weak, while referring to Maduro as "strong". [\(LINK, BBC News\)](#)

Donald Trump is responsible for weakening Guaidó's power and influence in the region, with his failed, inconsistent and unilateral strategy towards Venezuela. Trump has also lost important allies in the region and made it harder for Venezuela to get on a path towards reestablishing democracy [\(LINK, BBC News\)](#)

“Trump will help Venezuela”

FALSE

Trump ignores Venezuelans in exile and refuses to grant TPS (Temporary Protected Status) to Venezuelans fleeing the Maduro regime.

At least 663 Venezuelans have been deported from the US to Venezuela between June del 2017 and May 2019. [\(LINK, ESP\)](#)

-OPINION: Venezolanos con Trump ¿Lógica o Ilusión? [\(LINK, Podcast del 305 al 310\)](#)

-OPINION: If Trump cares about Venezuelans in the United States, why refuse them TPS? [\(LINK, ENG\)](#)

-OPINION: The hypocrisy of Trump with Venezuelans [\(LINK, ESP\)](#)

-Miami Herald: Trump is not our savior from socialism. He is the caudillo we fled. [\(LINK, ENG\)](#)

“Trump paid for his Wall with México with money seized from Venezuela”

TRUE

In 2019, \$601 million from the U.S. Treasury Forfeiture Fund were used to build Trump’s wall in the Southern border with México.

UNIVISIÓN: La batalla legal entre EEUU y Venezuela por los miles de millones de dólares confiscados a funcionarios corruptos. [\(LINK, ESP\)](#)

“Trump will invade Venezuela”

FALSE

In September 2020, U.S. Special Envoy, Elliot Abrams, clearly stated that a “military intervention” in Venezuela to solve the country’s crisis reminded him of “magical realism”. **It was never a real option**; the Trump administration has been playing with Venezuelans’ trauma and pain for the last 4 years and are now changing the narrative before the Nov 3rd election.

[Interview with Elliot Abrams: \(LINK\)](#)

[El Nuevo Herald Article: \(LINK\)](#)

**“Maduro has financed
Trump & his allies”**

TRUE

Trump financed his Inauguration party with a **\$500,000.00 contribution made by CITGO, then controlled by the Maduro regime.**

In fact, CITGO was one of the biggest donors to the inauguration festivities. Never before in its history had Citgo donated money to any U.S. candidate [\(LINK, CNBC\)](#)

“Maduro has financed Trump & his cronies”

TRUE

David Rivera, a former Republican State congressman (FL) and Trump ally, accepted millions of dollars from the Maduro regime via a lobbying agreement with CITGO.

The FBI and Federal agents are still investigating Rivera for accepting millions of dollars from PDVSA in 2017 to clear the image of the Maduro regime in Washington. In the August 2020 FL Primary Elections, Rivera was elected member of the Miami Republican Party executive committee. [\(LINK, Miami Herald\)](#)

“Maduro has financed Trump & his cronies”

TRUE

Corey Lewandowski, Trump's first campaign chief and current advisor to the Trump/Pence 2020 campaign accepted tens of thousands of dollars from PDVSA in order to gain access to the Trump administration.

Avenue Strategies, a consulting firm founded by Corey Lewandowski, signed a contract whereby CITGO paid a \$25,000 monthly fee in order to “gain access to the Trump administration” while the U.S. was in the midst of taking over Citgo's assets. [\(LINK, Politico\)](#)

"Trump is tough on Cuba"

FALSE

The Trump administration uses tough rhetoric when it comes to the Cuban regime, yet they cozy up to other dictators and create new conflicts of interests for the USA. In addition, Trump and his circle engage in corrupt and hypocritical practices benefitting their personal interests over the national interest of the USA.

Do not be fooled, the Trump administration has no interest in holding the Venezuelan or Cuban regimes accountable or advocating for democracy, human rights or improving the well being of the people of Venezuela or Cuba. The Trump administration and their cronies only pander politically to those constituencies in the U.S. for personal gain and to garner votes.

“Trump began the sanctions against Venezuela”

FALSE

The initial individual sanctions to members of the Maduro regime were via an Executive Order signed by the Obama-Biden administration on March 9, 2015. The U.S. Dept. of the Treasury was given the power to impose economic sanctions in this executive order. The sanctions imposed included Venezuela’s Chief of the Armed Forces and the Director of SEBIN, among others.

Executive Order: ([LINK, White House Archives](#))

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Joe &
Venezuela

What will Joe do for Venezuela?

Biden will grant el TPS to Venezuelans during his first 100 days in office. ([LINK, Video y Artículo](#))

As President, he will also lead the international community in recuperating all assets stolen by the Maduro regime, returning that money to the Venezuelan people where it belongs.

What will Joe do for Venezuela?



As President, **Biden will mobilize the international community and seek the necessary funds needed for Venezuelans to rebuild their country** like the way he led the U.S. in supporting Colombia during its most challenging times (aid in Plan Colombia)

Biden will also lead a global coalition to help combat the humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, restore democracy, and help the Venezuelan people rebuild their country.

What will Joe do for Venezuela?

Biden will continue to sanction those responsible for drug trafficking, human rights violations and corruption - all while pressuring other countries in the region and in Europe to do the same.

What has Joe done for Venezuela?

2014: Joe Denounces Maduro

“President Nicolas Maduro has thus far tried to distract his people from the profound issues at stake in Venezuela by concocting totally false and outlandish conspiracy theories about the United States. Instead, he should listen to the Venezuelan people, and look to the example of those leaders who have stood up to oppression in the Americas, or risk repeating the injustices they fought against with such bravery.”

What has Joe done for Venezuela?

2015: Joe meets with Lilian Tintori and relatives of Venezuelan activists

Biden called for an end to impunity and demanded the liberation of Leopoldo Lopez and other political prisoners. Vice President Biden supported USAID in providing considerable resources and technical expertise to civil society organizations supporting democracy and human rights in Venezuela.

[\(LINK, Twitter\)](#)

What has Joe done for Venezuela?

2015: The Obama-Biden administration holds Maduro's operatives responsible for corruption and human rights violations

On March 9th, 2015, the U.S. signed an Executive Order granting the Department of the Treasury all the necessary tools to bring to justice criminal activities, corruption and human rights abuses in Venezuela.

The Obama-Biden administration used this power to impose initial individual sanctions against 7 members of the Maduro regime and its security forces, including the head of the National Guard and the director of the intelligence service, SEBIN.

What has Joe done for Venezuela?

2015: Election of the National Assembly, a victory for democracy.

Biden led a regional effort alongside other Latin American Presidents to protect the victory of the opposition in the National Assembly elections of 2015 (securing the success of these elections and protecting the results from any potential tampering from the Maduro regime).



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