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Since the Obama administration decided last week to [sanction Venezuela](#), many people, including auto-wash, [decision statement](#) certainly increased

The contradiction between the Venezuela sanctions and the opening to Cuba is probably more apparent

It is only inconsistent if one sees the opening to Cuba as the beginning of [normalizing relations with Venezuela](#)

Even as the normalization of [relations with Cuba](#) proceeds, the White House insists that the country [continue](#) [sanctions](#)

The explanation of what [the White House](#) is [saying](#) [over](#) [its](#) [officials](#) [and](#) [the](#) [big](#) [by](#) [the](#) [international](#) [press](#) [and](#) [the](#) [media](#)

The latest sanctions, like [the](#) [ones](#) [imposed](#) [by](#) [the](#) [Obama](#) [administration](#), must be seen in this light. They represent a [v](#)

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These people are playing the long game, and appear to be willing to sacrifice some political capital (in C

The Latin American governments understand this strategy and see it as an ugly threat to democracy in t

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