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COMPARING DEMOCRACY AND ELECTIONS in Cuba, Venezuela and the United States

Lecturer

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The U.S. approach to democracy and elections is either promoted as the guiding norm for the world or simplistically dismissed as being money-driven. However, its real inner workings are exposed in this lecture through an original case study of Barack Obama. In different circumstances, Cuba has chosen another path to democracy and elections. Its initial stages, spearheaded by José Martí and others, can be traced back to the second half of the 19th century. The innovative 1959 armed revolution is a continuation of this, thus demonstrating Cuba's capacity to renew itself. The Venezuela Bolivarian Revolution has been experimenting with yet another route to democracy since the 1998 elections.



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