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This study argues that Bush and Clinton operated within the same Cold War framework that shaped the Cuba policy of their predecessors, but also demonstrates that U.S. policy after 1989 was driven principally by the imperatives of domestic politics. The authors show how Bush and Clinton corrupted the policy-making process by subordinating rational decision making in the national interest to narrow political calculations. The result was the pursuit of a policy that had nothing to do with its stated objectives of promoting reforms in Cuba and everything to do with getting rid of Fidel Castro's regime and the institutional structures of the Cuban Revolution.

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“... I have bent over backwards to try to reach out to them, and to try to provide more opportunities for people-to-people contacts, to get better transfer of medicine into Cuba and all kinds of other things. And every time we do something, Castro shoots planes down and kills people illegally or puts people in jail because they say something he doesn't like.”

Bill Clinton, Speech,
November 1999

“... when [he] heard that the three top U.S. television networks were pulling out their anchors because of breaking news about a White House intern named Monica Lewinsky ‘Fidel was furious,’ he said, ‘Those damned Yanquis always fuck up everything.’ ”

Gabriel Garcia Marquez,
quoting Fidel Castro
during the Pope's visit
to Cuba in January 1998

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