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Introduction

In the 2023 CBS News Archives YouTube video posted, here viewers are exposed to the 1959 interview Fidel Castro appeared on as a guest during Face the Nation. (CBS News, 2023). After Castro's overthrow of Cuba's previous dictator, Batista, Castro was brought to sit down and answer questions concerning his political and social ideas concerning governance, politics, and engaging with other territories such as the United States. (CBS News, 2023). One thus understands as Castro engages in the interview with a sense of calamity and ease despite the questions the American interviewers ask concerning having a communist country so close to its American shores. (CBS News, 2023). Being educated on Castro's answers, as well as the interviewer's illustration of fear, allows society today to further understand the impact the Cold War had on politics and how many civil riots and disputes, left unsolved, may have similar dire effects as well.

Further Analysis

From discussing the makeshift government, he created, the Cuban forces opposing his fight with the support of United States arms, free elections, and thus the concept of democracy, feelings towards the Dominican Republic and the Cuban army and Communist parties overall, Dr. Castro, as he is referred to throughout the video, allows for the world to understand not only how he managed to overthrow a previous dictator but why it was needed overall. (CBS News, 2023). This time in society was also the height of the Cold War that continued primarily between the United States and its allies and the Soviet Union and its allies. As one notes this fact, one is

aware of why Dr. Castro may have seemed laxer while giving his answers as opposed to the American party was unaware of where this new leader stood in terms of politics. (CBS News, 2023). As Dr. Castro answers these questions from whether Cuba should be provided further arms for battle now to his take on viewing the Dominican Republic as an enemy, Dr. Castro proves to be an unsteady leader who simply followed the beat of his drum. Not only did Dr. Castro suggest to the American interviewers that having arms and military support from the American government was needed, but he believed the Cuban people themselves could and would fight for the sake of defending their land and lives, as he did prove during his overthrow of Batista. (CBS News, 2023). Albeit Cuba is a small country, throughout the interview, one understands as the American people felt uneasy about Castro's rise to power as he wanted to focus on his people without any interventions from the United States overall. (CBS News, 2023). The entire video illustrated exactly how the United States government and people felt about any other nation, regardless of size, who sought to break free from American interventions in one's country.

Conclusion

While the 1959 Fidel Castro interviews alongside American interviewers and newscasters educated and illustrated to many the relations between the United States and its surrounding nations, many today may not be aware of this history. News stations and further social media platforms of today need to ensure that such history remains in circulation as it continues to educate people today on the various past relations that existed during the state of war between various sides and ideals. With further education on the past and history, American citizens of today can ensure that they do not repeat past mistakes and adapt to varying ideals to better relations for all related nations. The clip here allowed society today to note how various nations,

alongside its people, wished to refrain from having the American government interfering in their daily lives and how American media and government saw this as a threat and continues to today.

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