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Fidel Castro, a former leader of Cuba's government, got interviewed by American reporters for the "Face the Nation." The interview between Castro and the American reporters expressed their anxieties. American intervention with a smaller country can cause a crisis and lead to a revolution in one's country and Castro who was an interviewee explains what happened within Cuba. Castro states that he does not want crisis and chaos within Cuba, he wants peace. Another anxiety Castro feared was that Cuban's opinion may differ from his. Americans fear that a communist party are permitted to participate in the Cuban election and this also made Castro a threat to America. The Americans also feared existing revolution Cuban soldiers teaching new soldiers trouble. The U.S. does not want people with communist ideology to participate in the election.

Before the interview, Castro had a Revolution against the Batista government in Cuba and succeeded in taking over. After winning against the Batista government, Castro implements the provisional government within Cuba. Within the interview, Castro kept on mentioning, the "opinion of the people", this apparently shows that Castro listens to Cuban's opinion. Castro believes Cubans are confident that if an election were to happen the next day then the provisional government will continue to govern the Cubans. According to Castro, Cubans do not like foreign ideas and intervening in their present government. If foreigners interfere in Cuba's peace, Cubans will create a revolution which will lead to a crisis and Castro did not want that. However, Castro fears that his idea may change Cuban opinion and may not support him. Cuban wants the

provisional government to repair the damages that were created by the previous government. Apparently, Cubans are happy with Castro's contribution and there was no need for foreigner's ideas. One of the American reporters asked Castro whether the communist party will participate in the election. According to Castro, no matter the political party, the communist will participate in the election and they will be respected. The American reporter's question shows that American fear the idea of the Communist Party's participation and if the communist party does arise then they are a threat to America. The U.S. does not want people with communist ideology to participate in the election because if that person becomes a president then the country will become a communist country and the U.S. are trying to prevent the spread of communism globally. Another American reporter asked Castro whether soldiers who fought in the revolution are training Cuban soldiers to fight other hotspots in the Caribbean. This shows American fear Castro will continue the revolution in the Caribbean and smaller countries in that America intervenes.

Fidel Castro went on "Face the Nation" as an interviewee by American reporters. Castro and the American reporters had anxieties after Castro won the revolution against the Batista government. Castro feared the rise of the crisis within Cuba and confidently believes in Cuba's opinion. However, Castro also feared that Cuban opinions will differ from his ideas. While Americans feared that a communist party was allowed to participate in the election in Cuba. This interview shows that during the cold war, politically the Americans try to prevent communism from spreading globally but there are people who had a communist ideology.

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