



Friday 20th of March: Is the USA's recent policy towards Venezuela the right one?

The American president Barack Obama, announced that he would implement new sanctions against the south American country because of alleged violations to human rights, and he also declared a state of “national emergency” due to the “extraordinary risks” that the situation of Venezuela represents to the United States.

In this scenario the American congress approved a set of sanctions against Venezuela because of allegedly being involved in the violation of human rights during the manifestations that took place on the first months of 2014. The sanctions eliminate the visas, and seized the assets of approximately 56 Venezuelan delegates working at the US, charged by the American government of promoting violence at the South American country.

Afterwards the Venezuelan Court of Supreme Justice issued a statement to the United States reminding the country's government that they didn't have any jurisdiction outside of its borders, and that their actions were a violation to the sovereignty of the Venezuelan autonomy and democracy. Later on, the president of Venezuela Nicolás Maduro denounced that some officers of the Venezuelan Air Force were paid by the U.S. government to issue a coup against him.

Unasur, the South American Union of Nations rejected the position taken by the north American government and issued a document requesting them to take back the sanctions they had issued, because “it represents a vehement threat to the sovereignty and it has no regards towards the nonintervention principle over the internal affairs of other Countries” as the chancellor of Uruguay, Rodolfo Nin Novoa affirmed in behalf of Unasur.

The Article 2, paragraph 4 of the UN Charter states:

All Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations.

This begs the question Is the United State's policy towards Venezuela the right one?