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Venezuelan Socialism

Under Siege

A CONCRETE ANALYSIS



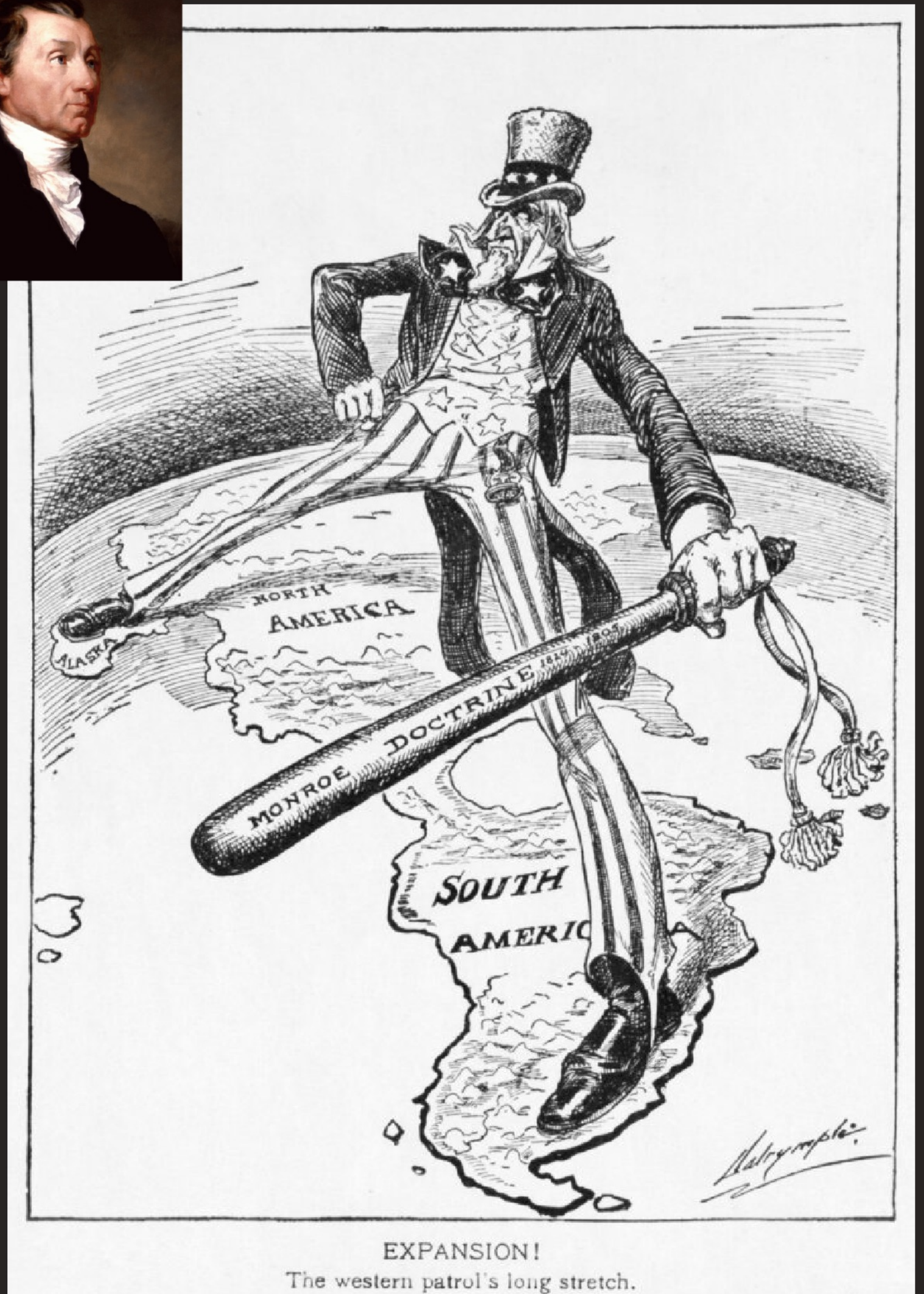
In the early hours of January 3rd, the US kidnapped Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro Moros and First Lady Cilia Flores as part of a massive military attack on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

To understand what's happening and where things might go, we must develop a historically grounded analysis of the concrete conditions →



Monroe Doctrine

On December 2nd, 1832, US President James Monroe gave a speech in which he warned European powers not to 'interfere' in the Americas, which the US ruling class claimed as its own backyard.



This imperialist policy came to be known as the "Monroe Doctrine." It has guided almost two centuries of US colonial intervention in Latin America, including at least 41 successful regime change efforts between 1898 and 1994 — approximately one every 28 months.



The Bolivarian Revolution

In 1982, Hugo Chávez, a 28-year-old soldier in the Venezuelan army, formed what became known as Bolivarian Revolutionary Movement-200 (MBR-200).

Inspired by Simón Bolívar, the leader of the struggle against Spanish colonialism (“*El Libertador*”), MBR-200 sought a “transformation” away from the hideousness of neoliberalism waged by the domestic oligarchy and its imperialist backers.

In 1992, MBR-200 attempted a coup, which, although unsuccessful, paved the way to Hugo Chávez winning the presidency in 1998. One year later, the Venezuelan people ratified the Bolivarian constitution, which laid the legal groundwork for a “new, humanist, solidarity-filled society” rooted in popular participation.



Venezuela Advances

Under the leadership of Chávez and the Bolivarian government, the Venezuelan people built **a popular process for “twenty-first-century socialism,”** which includes elements of:

Nationalism: In 2001, the Bolivarian government re-nationalised its oil industry, forcing multinational companies to pay higher royalties. This allowed the government to increase social spending by 61% (\$772 billion).

Developmentalism: State-led “misiones” (missions) sought to engage the masses in national development. Examples include **Mission Zamora** (widespread land reform), **Mission Mercal** (production of low-cost, high quality food), and **Mission Barrio Adentro** (increasing access to medical care).

Sources: Prashad, Peoples Dispatch (2026); Prashad, Tricontinental Institute (2024); Tricontinental Institute & Simón Bolívar Institute, *The Strategic Revolutionary Thought and Legacy of Hugo Chávez Ten Years After His Death* (2023); Lackowski, CounterPunch (2026); Derone, Orinoco Tribune (2026). **Image:** panos pictures.



Communalism: Comprising 200 to 400 households,* communal councils enable people to directly manage local resources for social reproduction. Combined into higher-level commune structures, there are currently 4,950 communes in Venezuela ranging from 1,000 to 50,000 inhabitants.

Regionalism: The Bolivarian Government built greater continental unity through regional structures like CELAC**, which facilitates cooperation among the 33 states in Latin America and the Caribbean, excluding the US and Canada. It also used its oil wealth to build closer regional ties (e.g. PetroCaribe, which provided discounted oil to Caribbean nations).

***Note:** This is fewer in rural or indigenous areas.

****Note:** Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC)



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The Hybrid War on Venezuela

Through its pursuit of twenty-first-century socialism, Venezuela has decreased the rate of poverty by 37.6% and reduced inequality by 54%. This is despite being under constant siege by the US, which has attempted to crush the Bolivarian process through a multi-pronged “hybrid war,”* including:

Economic strangulation: The US has throttled Venezuela's economy through unilateral sanctions. Between 2017 and 2024, the Trump-initiated “maximum pressure campaign” caused Venezuela to lose oil revenue equivalent to 213% of its GDP, approximately \$77 million per day.



***Note:** A hybrid war is the “coordinated use of economic coercion, financial strangulation, information warfare, legal manipulation, diplomatic isolation, and selective violence, deployed to destabilise and reverse sovereign political projects.”



Political destabilisation: The US has consistently supported right-wing forces in Venezuela. It has long propped up María Corina Machado, the primary opposition figure, and even unilaterally appointed Juan Guaidó, a little-known right-wing politician, as “interim president” after Maduro won the 2018 presidential election.

Military coercion: In 2015, Barack Obama signed an executive order claiming Venezuela posed an “unusual and extraordinary threat” to US national security. This enabled enhanced military coercion, including an attempted coup by ex-US special forces in 2020 (known as “Operation Gideon”).

Hyper-Imperialist Aggression

In 2020, the US charged Maduro and other Bolivarian officials for “narco-terrorism,” a fabricated narrative used to legitimise its escalating hybrid war on Venezuela.

In August 2025, the US encircled Venezuela with a massive military build-up. After months of illegal drone strikes on alleged drug traffickers, the US mounted a full-scale military operation on January 3rd, 2026.

Codenamed “Operation Absolute Resolve,” the US used EA-18G Growler aircrafts, equipped with the most advanced electronic warfare systems in the world, to jam military communications and disable missile defense systems, enabling the swift removal of Maduro and his wife Cilia Flores.

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LEADER OF THE SPECIALLY DESIGNATED GLOBAL TERRORIST
CARTEL DE LOS SOLES

Nicolás Maduro Moros
FOR NARCO-TERRORISM CONSPIRACY, COCAINE IMPORTATION
CONSPIRACY, CONSPIRACY TO USE AND CARRY MACHINE GUNS AND
DESTRUCTIVE DEVICES IN FURTHERANCE OF A DRUG CRIME

Donroe Doctrine

In its 2025 National Security Strategy, the US states that it will “reassert and enforce the Monroe Doctrine” according to a “Trump Corollary.”



This “Donroe Doctrine” is a strategic re-sharpening of the US’ quest to maintain global hegemony. As it comes under economic pressure from a rising Global South, led by China, the US is doubling down on its unmatched military power to secure its waning economic position.

Venezuela is the ideal target for this “hyper-imperialist” method. It is led by a socialist government, has the largest proven oil reserves in the world, and it sits just over 500 miles from Puerto Rico (i.e. the US’ backyard).



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The Bolivarian Process Is Alive

After Maduro's abduction, Vice President **Delcy Rodríguez** was sworn in as interim president.

Rodríguez comes from a long line of struggle. Her father, Jorge Antonio Rodríguez, was tortured and murdered by the US-backed Punto Fije regime due to his leadership role in the Socialist League. Rodríguez, together with Maduro, later became a cadre in the same organisation.

As a committed revolutionary, Rodríguez, along with other senior figures like Interior Minister Diosdado Cabello, **helm a Bolivarian government that is operational and resolute in its defense of Venezuelan sovereignty.**

Negotiation Under Siege Is Not Surrender

After making clear that Venezuela “*would never again be anyone’s colony,*” Rodríguez invited the US to “work jointly on an agenda of cooperation” that respects “international law.”

Importantly, negotiation is not surrender, but rather a tactic to preserve the survival of the Bolivarian process.

It is rooted in a concrete analysis of conditions, which includes overwhelming US military power, naval blockade, and regional encirclement by right-wing governments.

As organisers in the imperial core, our duty is to create more favourable conditions for the survival of all socialist states under the boot of US imperialism. They are the anchors of our collective liberation.