

Obama's Footprint Blocks Trump's Success in Western Hemisphere

Uproot Personnel, Apply the Cuba Reversal to Guatemala

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On June 16 in Miami, President Trump [met](#) with Guatemalan President Jimmy Morales to speak about the need for security and prosperity in Central America.

Pence reiterated the US commitment to aid programs; he made special mention of Guatemala's Justice Ministry, as well as the International Commission Against Impunity and Corruption ([footprint](#) that Obama left in Guatemala).

In Morales, Pence encountered a political novice and [mandate](#) is to protect Guatemala from extra-legal organizations that threaten the liberties of its citizens. [out of a job](#). An official spokesman explained that the retired officer did not have a "constructive working relationship"

with the CICIG.

Nómada, a progressive website, [coalition](#) of the Justice Ministry, the CICIG, and the US embassy. Those parties, *Nómada* said with evident satisfaction, “can rest assured because they have a trusted counterpart” in the new interior minister.

Under Obama, the US embassy in Guatemala was an outpost of [Todd Robinson](#), an Obama holdover who today acts as if he were representing the views of the Trump administration.

With help from Obama’s three US ambassadors and Guatemala’s Justice Ministry, guerrilla militias have taken the place of legitimate authorities and extended their [descend](#) directly from guerrilla groups trained and financed by Fidel Castro; their partisans have been working for decades to overthrow Guatemala’s constitutional republic.

The militias, whom we have personally encountered, are agents of impoverishment and [According to](#) the UN high commissioner for refugees, the US has seen a nearly five-fold increase in asylum seekers from Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras since 2008, on account of “surging violence.”

The rule of the militias in rural Guatemala is an obvious barrier to the Trump-Pence program for greater security and development. Taking them out would [protects](#) the militias. After Trump’s accession, Robinson had the cheek to announce – clearly without Washington’s okay – that “nothing will change” in US policy.

In his meeting last week, the US vice president was not really talking to Guatemala’s [passing measures](#) that will put the country’s judiciary into the hands of the country’s radicals.

“It is ironic and sad,” López said, “that we have needed to dress in white, like the Cuban