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'I can do anything I want with Cuba' – Trump

The US president has claimed he may have the "honor" of taking the Caribbean island

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US President Donald Trump © Win McNamee/Getty Images

US President Donald Trump has said he expects to have the "honor" of "taking Cuba in some form," claiming he could do "anything I want" with the Caribbean nation.

Trump made the remarks on Monday in the Oval Office despite ongoing talks between Washington and Havana as the island grapples with a deepening energy crisis and widespread blackouts amid a US oil blockade.

"I do believe I'll be... having the honor of taking Cuba. That's a big honor," Trump said, adding: "Taking Cuba in some form."

Pressed by reporters, Trump said the US could take different actions toward the island. "Whether I free it, take it. I think I can do anything I want with it, you want to know the truth," he said, without elaborating.

Trump spoke as Cuba plunged into a nationwide blackout on Monday. Nearly 11 million people were left without electricity as fuel shortages strain the country's aging power stations.

Following the US president's comments, the New York Times reported that American officials have signaled in negotiations that removing Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel could be a key

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objective in bilateral talks, though Washington has not publicly confirmed the demand.



The talks mark the first time in more than a decade that Havana has publicly acknowledged formal discussions with Washington. They follow weeks of power cuts, fuel shortages, and rising public anger after Venezuelan oil shipments were halted following the US seizure of President Nicolas Maduro and Washington's efforts to block

other suppliers.

Trump has repeatedly threatened a "total oil blockade" of Cuba and warned that countries selling crude to the island could face tariffs.

Díaz-Canel said last week that any dialogue with Washington must be based on "equality and respect for the political systems of both countries," stressing sovereignty and self-determination. He added that Cuba has received no oil shipments for three months due to a "wicked" blockade, which he said has affected many, including children needing medical treatment.

Russia has condemned the US economic blockade of the island, calling the sanctions unlawful and destabilizing. Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Moscow supports the "brotherly Cuban people in defending their national sovereignty."

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US Congress is worthless and bribed. Biden did whatever he wanted and was never prosecuted. See how the US has become a dictatorship.

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And Israel can do anything it wants with you, Carrot Dotard.

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 **Loko** 3/17/2026 at 12:14 PM 5


Cuba will never surrender to the satanic, Zionist terrorist Trumpy

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 **Don** 3/17/2026 at 3:03 PM -1


Cuba never exploited its advantages by forming a strategiv alliance within BRICS (except gutless India which has to be kicked out). In Santiago there was about a month's supply of oil whereas it shud have had reserves from Venezuela for a year. IMHO theya re being kicked in the butt bc their Havana leadership is worst then that of the UAE.

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 **eisen66** 3/17/2026 at 12:12 PM 2


And they wonder why tourism numbers to the U.S. have collapsed. He has demonised Americans and the world views them very differently now and certainly not favourably.

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 **Joe Momma** 3/17/2026 at 1:36 PM -3



Tourism to russia is down 80% compared to 5% in the US. I russia there's a good chance a bomb could land on you as russia now gets bombed daily like a 3rd world nation. Sorry comrade. The truth is always out there..lol

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 **GS** 3/17/2026 at 1:39 PM 3

Joe, if you want to look at a 3rd world nation, look in your back yard. To make things worse, jihad is coming to you — just wait.

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 **Joe Momma** 3/17/2026 at 2:07 PM  0

My back yard looks the same as it always does. Not like russia which gets bombed daily like a 3rd world nation.

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 **Sam Sarah** 3/17/2026 at 3:02 PM  0


Bombing 3rd world nations is what the US does best... Nothing to be proud of.

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 **Claude Taillefer** 3/17/2026 at 2:21 PM  0



You should see Ukraine's tourism numbers !

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 **Claude Taillefer** 3/17/2026 at 2:20 PM  1

It also, affects Americans the other way. I have American customers who have cancelled trips all over the place. I said to one of them, The world has nothing against you. Americans may be the safest people on the planet. The Orange problem is merely a speck of sand in the sandstorm that is history. According to them, we feel ashamed of being Americans and are unwilling to travel. These are very educated people. I suspect that, being from Silicon Valley, they are mostly Democrats from California, but they still represent almost half of the country. And I suspect most Independents feel the same way.

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 **Claude Taillefer** 3/17/2026 at 3:00 PM  1



Well, the Americans extinguished millions of Cubans (roughly 4 million) of them by denying them food, medicine and basic human necessities for 67 years. Might as well enslave them again, steal their ocean front property, sugar and coffee, prostitutetheirchildren and murder anyone who gets in the way, basically turn the place into another Puerto Rico, better than starving them to ...

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 **citris1** 3/17/2026 at 3:00 PM  1

The United Snakes is ruled by a madman.

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 **Ludwig Pinienwald** 3/17/2026 at 2:59 PM  1

That's how the arrogant-because-ignorant US Nazi Clown, the wannabe emperor of a criminal, declining empire of EVIL and KILLING LIES talk. Eventually he will realize the Cuban people is much stronger than a King puppet. It withstood the Spanish and the Gringo empires, latter for more than 60 years.

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 **Akobe** 3/17/2026 at 2:58 PM  0

Cuba has done nothing wrong to US

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 **Akobe** 3/17/2026 at 2:51 PM 0

Trump will never go to heaven. He will go to hell.

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 **Jim** 3/17/2026 at 2:48 PM 1

Yeah, he wants to replace the Cuban president with Marco Rubio.

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 **Aunt Bee** 3/17/2026 at 2:43 PM 0


NO YOU CAN'T. Trump is out of control and needs to be in an asylum with no keyboard or communication.

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 **M** 3/17/2026 at 2:36 PM 1


One criminal running over the world

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 **Colonel Gaddafi** 3/17/2026 at 2:20 PM 0


The civilized multipolar world must unite in this historic struggle against United States neoimperialist crimes and oppression

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 **Thomas Lappert** 3/17/2026 at 2:15 PM 1


Trump has no morals. He will reap what he sows.


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 **Claude Taillefer** 3/17/2026 at 2:14 PM 1

The Ultra Ugly American

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 **ServerLoad Poring** 3/17/2026 at 2:14 PM 0

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For me 

So comprende

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 **Tom Max** 3/17/2026 at 2:12 PM 0

Trump in neither skilled politician nor diplomat. Running foreign policy is not the same as making deals on real estate market. Instead of making the world safer and better with other super powers on board like Russia and China he keeps flooding Ukraine and Taiwan with weapon like other morons before him fueling wars, destabilizing, making more enemies, than friends.

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 **ron sisal** 3/17/2026 at 2:10 PM 0

 The world wants to see the largest Cuban cigar stuck up the fat tRUMP!

FREE THE CUBAN PEOPLE!!!

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 **Махин** 3/17/2026 at 2:04 PM

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This is the exact mentality of Epsteins.


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 **Don Hermiston** 3/17/2026 at 11:08 AM

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When H.L. Mencken wrote, 'As democracy is perfected, the office of president represents, more and more closely, the inner soul of the people. On some great and glorious day the plain folks of the land will reach their heart's desire at last and the White House will be adorned by a downright moron,' was Mencken prophetic and speaking of the current administration?

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 **Audrie S** 3/17/2026 at 11:30 AM ↕

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Morons seem to be all they are capable of electing. Or should we say 'allowed' to elect...


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 **E Jay** 3/17/2026 at 1:56 PM ↕

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Mencken did not live past the era of segregation and never saw the information age come about, he has no relevance to the US political scene as it is today.


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 **babaloey100** 3/17/2026 at 2:02 PM ↕

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Morons are national heroes in the USA.

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 **Oh Shit** 3/17/2026 at 2:00 PM

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Speaking like the true Madman he truly is, his end is past due!

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