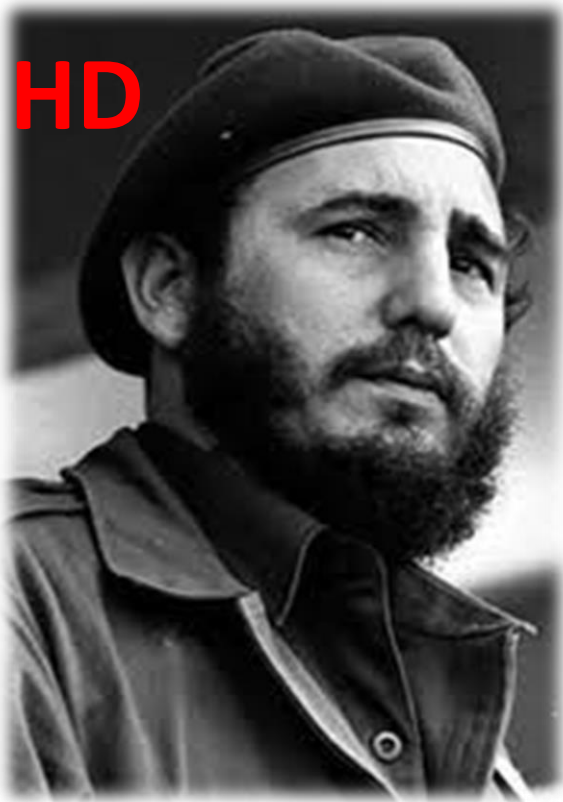




CASTRO : 50 years of Revolution, the overview



Directed by Jacques VICHET A documentary of 52'

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Since the collapse of the Soviet Block in the 90s, Cuba is one of the only nations which maintains to a Marxist-Leninist political system, with a powerful dictatorship, a single party system, and severe restrictions on individual liberties.

Fidel CASTRO is the most important man in Cuba today, and has been for the last 50 years. Few men have left such a strong mark in the history of their country.

He stood at the helm of a number of extraordinary patriotic movements, but, at the same time, he was responsible for the exodus of hundreds of thousands of Cuban citizens.

It is difficult to believe that the same man who eliminated illiteracy throughout much of Cuba, has also executed hundreds of his opponents, forced hundreds of thousands of Cubans to live in exile, increased the child mortality rate, and sucked the life out of the national economy.

On the 31st July 2006, Cuban television announced the hospitalisation of the Marxist leader, and the transfer of power to his brother Raul CASTRO, who had previously remained in the shadows.

On the 17th December 2007, in a letter read out on national television, Fidel CASTRO announced his decision to renounce all of his official public duties.

Since this declaration, the eternal fighter Fidel CASTRO has made only a few, brief public appearances.

We look back through the last 50 years, during which time Fidel CASTRO has been the black sheep of ten successive American Presidents, has escaped hundreds of assassination attempts, organised by the CIA and Cuban opponents, and has succeeded in establishing his place in History as the most pugnacious of Compañeros.