



Cuba: Rejection of request to protest is yet another example of intolerance of freedom of expression

Cuba is not a democratic country, so in some aspects, freedom to act, speak and think is not equal for Cubans. Furthermore, this country has unlawful or undesirable consequences such as extrajudicial killing, forced disappearance, and torture. Political rights and civil liberties are widely abused.

As an example is many people are against the concept of protesting, especially the government so that its citizens can seal their voices to speak. From my standpoint, protesting is not part of lawbreaking; it is people's right to fight for freedom. I solemnly adore those people who are still battling for their freedom of speech because there is a possibility that they may have been imprisoned or get killed. I believe that the protestants are socially and politically aware because they resolve conflicts by doing suspenseful posters and banners, intense flag burning, or compelling chants/voices. Protestants inform the citizens to use social media platforms or help in using their standings or feedbacks in regards to the improvement of the government's system. They are assisting to empower participation in public affairs. With the help of expressing their demands, opinions, and views, it can untangle misunderstandings and complications.

In summary, the word "protesting" may sound like a criticism, but in fact, it is an entrancing public representation. Protestants are fighting for citizens' safety and security despite life-threatening consequences. Therefore, in this part of society, it is not free to act due to political restrictions. Human freedom is essential to every civilization because it can make a change. People become free from their comfort zone and can educate about discrimination. I am hoping that Cuba and other countries must build up human rights to arouse freedom of speech and expression. In addition, I want to leave a quote of Oscar Romero, "the who have a voice must speak, for those who are voiceless."

Source: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2021/10/cuba-rejection-request-protest-another-example-intolerance-freedom-expression/>