



# Journalism in Cuba

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# Brief History of Cuban Journalism

- 1782, First newspaper, Gazette de la Habana
- 1790, First magazine Papel Periodico de la Habana
- All media fell under Spanish press laws formulated in the Sixteenth Century
- In Cuba's war for independence many reform periodicals began





# History Continued...

- Gerardo Machado period was the golden age of journalism for Cuba
- Following 1930 the golden days of journalism ended
- 1959, Fidel Castro comes to power and marks the beginning of modern journalism in Cuba





# Modern Journalism and Media

- Three national newspapers which are:
  - Granma
  - Juventud Rebelde
  - Trabajadores
- Government controls 5 national and 65 regional radio broadcast stations along the international service of Radio Habana Cuba
- Four TV networks, the largest of which is Cubavision





# Modern Continued...

- Main program for Cubavision is Televisión Cubana
- 23% of people has internet access
- Internet presence is CubaWeb which is a large directory of government and government-controlled websites





# Overview of Journalism in Cuba

- The highest award in journalism given in Cuba is the “Jose Marti National Award of Journalism”
- The Union de Periodistas de Cuba (Union of Cuban journalists)
- EXACT OPPOSITE OF THE UNITED STATES
- Example of Cuban journalism:
- <http://www.granma.cu/idiomas/ingles/cuba-i/19noviembre-tolerancia.html>





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