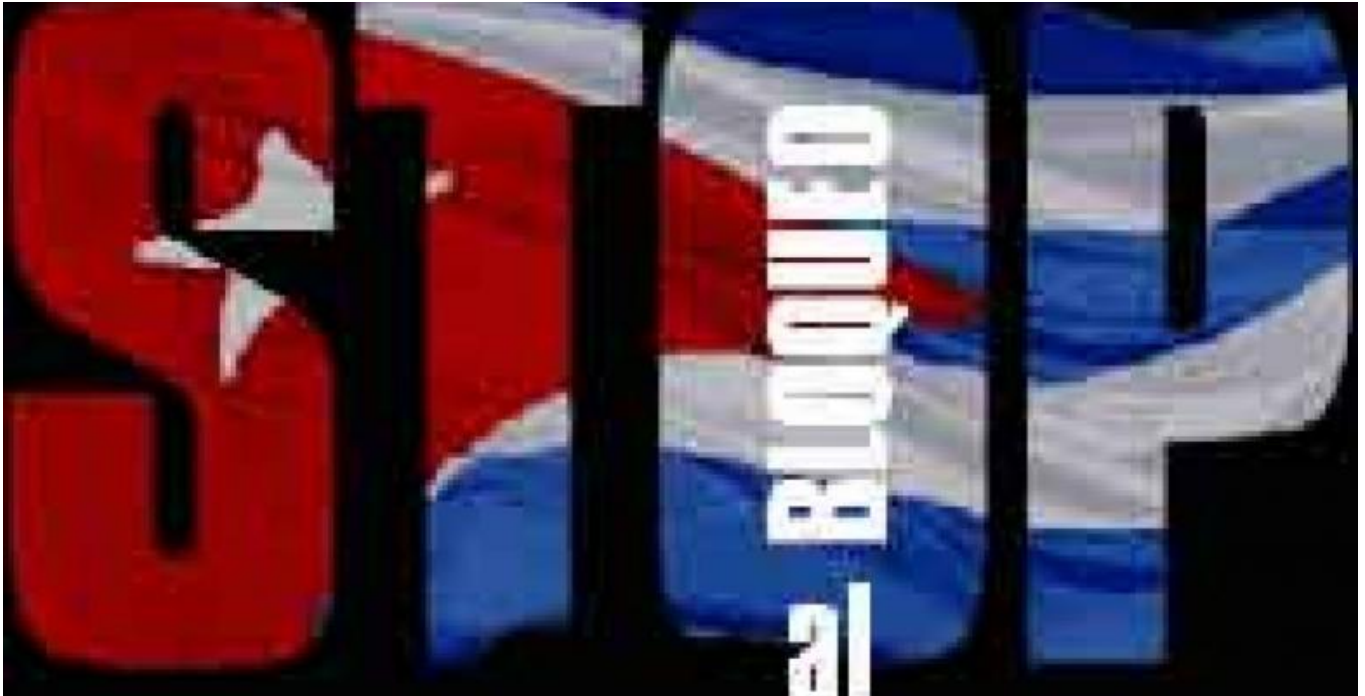

Poll in USA Shows Increasing Opposition to Blockade against Cuba

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Major U.S. pollsters showed in recent months a growing of rejection by the population and social sectors of the country to maintain the blockade against Cuba.

This opposition, as well as being majority among Cuban-origin people living there, reaches the most diverse U.S. groups in an expression that practically cornered ultra-conservative defenders to continue with the punitive measure.

Important institutions, among them Bendixen pollster, the Public Policy Polling, the Florida International University, the Hearst Corporation, the Pew Research Center, and the Associated Gik company, confirmed the noted above.

They noted that voters from different parties support the removal of barriers against Cuba and allowing all Americans to travel to Cuba.

They also confirmed in their surveys that most of the so-called Cuban-Americans spoke against the continuation of the blockade that has already surpassed 50 years of existence.

On October 12, 2014, the New York Times published an editorial stating that the benefit it would mean for the two countries the elimination of the blockade and increase mechanisms for cultural exchange.

On October 23, 2014, Rev. Jesse Jackson wrote an article in the Florida Courier in which he rejected the blockade and stressed the work Cuba does in the fight against Ebola virus and the cooperation the United States could establish with the island in this matter.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the archbishop of Miami, Thomas Werski, the chairman of the National Foreign Trade Council, Bill Reinsch, the president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, Bob Stallman, among others, supported the restoration of relations with Cuba.

On December 18, 2014, former Secretary of State, Colin Powell, stated that it was time to turn the page in term of the U.S.-Cuba relations. All these opinions were analyzed in the mentioned surveys that collected the true feelings of the American people.
