**TRUMP FREEZES ALL OF MADURO’S ASSETS?**

***The Trump administration froze all Venezuelan government assets Monday***

***in a dramatic escalation of tensions with Nicolás Maduro***

***that places his socialist administration alongside a short list of adversaries***

***from Cuba, North Korea, Syria, and Iran***

***that have been targeted by such aggressive US actions.***

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**Apparently Trump forgot that he recognized Guaido as president.**

**So if Guaido is president and loved by Trump ...**

**Why is Trump doing this?**

**He wouldn’t.**

**He would only be doing this if his attempt to install a puppet government under Guaido had failed.**

**So apparently ... it has**

***While the order falls short of an outright trade embargo—notably, it spares Venezuela's still sizable private sector—it represents the most sweeping US action to remove Maduro since the Trump administration recognized opposition leader Juan Guaidó as Venezuela's rightful leader in January.***

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**Personally, I think the failed drone assassination attempt against Maduro was the most sweeping action by the U.S. to remove Maduro ...**

**But that’s just how I roll**

***Critically, it also exposes foreign entities***

***doing business with the Maduro government to US retaliation.***

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**That’s exactly how many bullies operate.**

**They pressure their friends into helping them beat up**

**a far less powerful victim; in this case,**

**by threatening to punish their friends if they don’t help them.**

***"The apparent goal is to give the US the ability***

***to apply the law beyond its borders to allies of Maduro***

***like China, Russia, Cuba, Iran and Turkey.***

***Should those foreign entities continue doing business with Maduro***

***they can have their US assets seized."***

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**The Rule of Law died in America on January 20 ... 2017.**

***The executive order signed by President Trump***

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**Trump rules by executive order ... like a dictator.**

**He has for over 2 years and probably will for the next 6.**

**(That’s right: the Loony’s will most likely reelect him)**

***justified the move by citing Maduro's "continued usurpation of power" and human rights abuses by security forces loyal to him.”***

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**Talk about the pot calling the kettle “black.”**

**We have the most dictatorial president in U.S. history**

**and the list of human rights abuses would be too long to list here.**

***The Maduro government has yet to respond. But Guaidó celebrated the US action, saying it would protect Houston-based oil company CITGO—Venezuela's most valuable overseas asset—from attempts by Maduro to mortgage its assets.***

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**That is the most important part of the whole story.**

**Why would Guaido, if he were really working in the interests of his Venezuelan people, celebrate the protection of American oil giant CITGO?**

[**https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Citgo**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Citgo)

**Sometimes, these propagandists make this waaaaaay too easy!**

**(here’s a bonus: I don’t know how true the article below is**

**considering the level of demonization of Venezuela**

**that the U.S. is currently involved in.**

**The article is brief, but try reading it ...**

**but substitute “Trump’s administration” everywhere you see the article refer to “Venezuela.”**

[**https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/venezuela-crisis/venezuela-s-rule-law-has-crumbled-under-maduro-international-legal-n1027406**](https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/venezuela-crisis/venezuela-s-rule-law-has-crumbled-under-maduro-international-legal-n1027406)

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