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Venezuelan Oil CEO Celebrates Maduro Capture, Warns US to Stay on Guard

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Many of the same types of promises made by Latin American communists and Venezuelan tyrants Nicolas Maduro and Hugo Chavez are being offered by certain progressive political factions in the United States, and Americans should be on guard, warned former Citgo CEO Jose Pereira in this episode of Conversations That Matter with The New American magazine's Alex Newman.



Pereira, who was illegally imprisoned by the Maduro regime for alleged crimes against the state, endured horrific treatment at the hands of the dictatorship in Caracas. It is a cause for relief and joy for Venezuelans to finally be rid of the tyrant, as the people tried everything to free themselves, but were unsuccessful. The transition to free elections should proceed as quickly as possible, Pereira said.

The former Citgo chief executive, who spent his entire career in the oil and gas industry, also offers his thoughts on what comes next. While much of the oil wealth was stolen by criminals and communists, the revenues are now able to be used to rebuild the shattered nation. It should be beneficial not just for the people of Venezuela, but for the United States as well.



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