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I am a black citizen, and that the United States approved Civil Rights legislation in the sixties, and...now has a black president, is as much if not more of an accomplishment than what we have achieved in Cuba, where blacks still have no true power or real opportunities.

I no longer have any confidence in any Cuban leader over 75 years of age because, in my opinion, they have all had their moments of glory, which were many, but they are now ready for retirement. We must now pass the mantle to new generations, so they can create a different sort of socialism, because this socialism is now stagnant.

Pablo Milanés (Bayamo, Cuba, 1943)

