

Paper 1 Practice #16

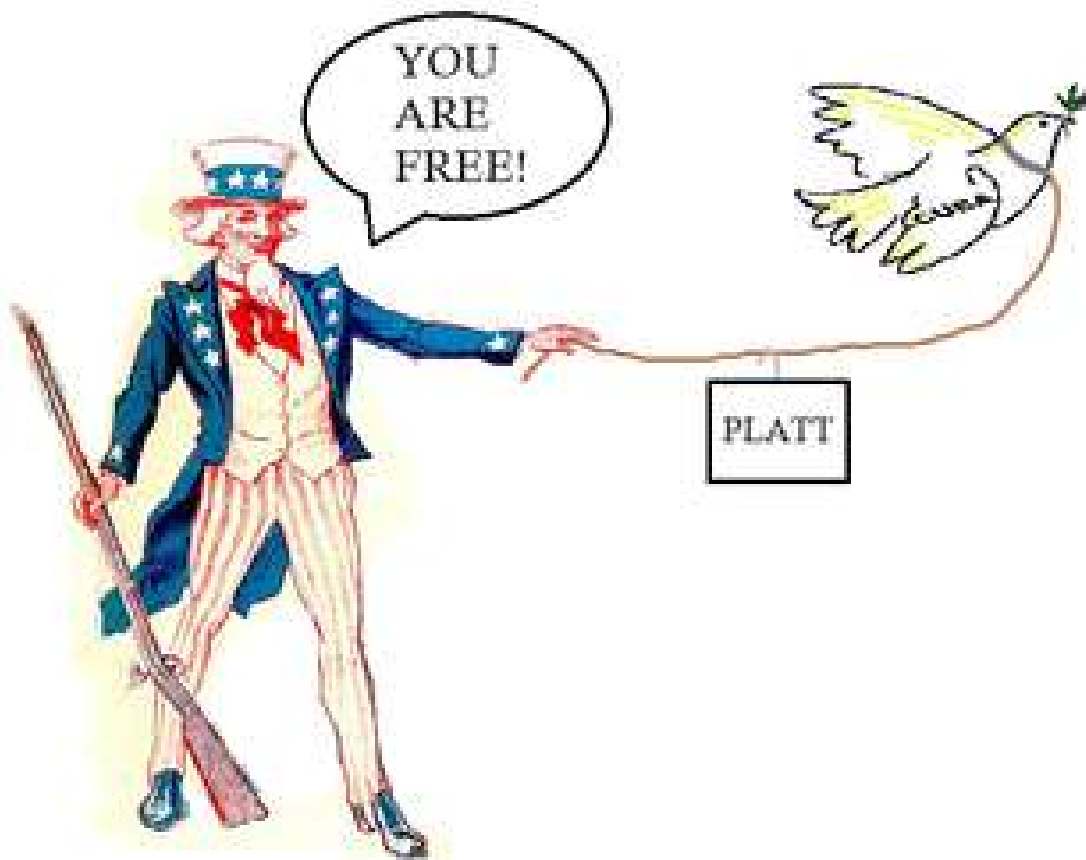
Teller Amendment:

In April 1898 Senator Henry M. Teller (Colorado) proposed an amendment to the U.S. declaration of war against Spain which proclaimed that the United States would not establish permanent control over Cuba. It stated that the United States “hereby disclaims any disposition of intention to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction, or control over said island except for pacification thereof, and asserts its determination, when that is accomplished, to leave the government and control of the island to its people.” The Senate passed the amendment on April 19. True to the letter of the Teller Amendment, after the Spanish troops left the island in 1898, the United States occupied Cuba until 1902.

Key Provisions of the Platt Amendment (1901)

- Cuba could not make any treaties limiting its independence
- Cuba could not go into debt
- The U.S. could intervene in Cuba if necessary
- The U.S. could buy or lease land for “coaling” stations.

1. What is the message of the following cartoon with regard to the Platt Amendment? (8 pts.)



2. What is the message of the following cartoon with regard to the Platt Amendment? (8 pts.)

Published in *Puck Magazine* on February 27, 1901



The caption reads "Encouraging the child: 'That's right my boy! Go ahead! But remember, I'll always keep a father's eye on you!'"

Cartoon from *Puck Magazine*, April 1901

This American cartoon was published a month after the Platt Amendment. The caption reads; “Good governance vs revolution . . . an easy choice.”

3. Who or what does each character represent? (9 pts.)
4. What is happening in the image? (4 pts.)
5. What is the message of the cartoon above with regard to the Platt Amendment? (8 pts.)
6. With reference to its origin, purpose and content, assess the values and limitations of this source to an historian studying U.S.-Cuban relations in the 20th century. (14 pts.)

Source Skills

Quote from U.S. President Kennedy from October 24, 1963:

I believe that there is no country in the world, including any and all the countries under colonial domination, where economic colonization, humiliation, and exploitation were worse than in Cuba, in part owing to my country's policies during the Batista regime. I approved the proclamation that Fidel Castro made in the Sierra Maestra, when he justifiably called for justice and especially yearned to rid Cuba of corruption. I will even go further: to some extent it is as though Batista was the incarnation of a number of sins on the part of the United States. Now we shall have to pay for those sins. In the matter of the Batista regime, I am in agreement with the first Cuban revolutionaries.

7. To what extent do you agree with the quote from Kennedy above? Explain. (10 pts.)

8. Compare Kennedy's quote with the April 1901 cartoon. Identify the similarities and differences between the two views. (10 pts.)

Read the source below and answer the question that follows:

The Autentico and Orthodoxo parties proved incapable of responding effectively to Batista's seizure of power. The Orthodox were leaderless and the Autenticos could not lead. After 1952, Cuba's two principal parties became irrelevant to a solution of the political crises. Both parties, to be sure, condemned the violation of the 1940 Constitution but neither party responded to the army usurpation with either a comprehensive program or compelling plan of action.

- From Louis Perez Jr., 'Cuba circa 1930-1959' in Leslie Bethell (ed.), *Cuba: A Short History*, Cambridge University Press. 1993

First Question, part a

9. According to the source, why was opposition to Batista ineffective? (6 pts.)

Read the source below and answer the question that follows:

Bombs exploded in the capital. Two stores were attacked and in the exchange between police and the assailants, three uniformed men were killed and several wounded. Twenty civilians died. On interurban and rural transportation lines, drivers of trucks and buses, as well as automobile passengers, were attacked and killed. When the strike failed, the terrorists sabotaged the electric companies and plants, throwing many rural cities into darkness. For three days a section of Old Havana had no lights. To make repairs more difficult, the aggressors blew up one of the main outlets which used special cables not found in the Cuban market.

- Fulgencio Batista in *Cuba Betrayed*, 1962

10. According to the source, which methods did the rebels use to fight? (5 pts.)
11. With reference to its origin, purpose and content, assess the values and limitations of this source to an historian studying the nature of the Cuban Revolution. (14 pts.)