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Jan 22 Webinar: What we can learn about Cuba's 'code of freedom' for families

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Rights for LGBTQ+ people
Equality for chosen families
Respect for youth, elders
and disabled people

WEBINAR:
SUNDAY
January 22

3 pm Eastern / 2 pm Central /
12 noon Pacific

What we can learn from CUBA's 'code of freedom' for families

On Sept. 25 something incredibly important happened just 90 miles from U.S. shores. After three years of democratic discussion and education at all levels of society, the people of socialist Cuba voted by a two-thirds margin for a new *Code of Families*.

The new code enshrines in law the rights of LGBTQ+ people and women in marriage and adoption. It changes the fundamental relationship between parents and children to one based on responsibilities and rights. It elevates chosen families to the same status as blood families. It protects the rights and dignity of elders and disabled people. It embraces the rights that are being stripped away from people in the U.S., or that we never had at all.

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- How was Cuba able to accomplish this historic transformation of families while faced with climate-change disasters and the COVID-19 pandemic?
- And why are the U.S. media silent about this accomplishment?
- What can we learn from Cuba's experience building solidarity at a time when our rights are under vicious attack by the capitalist class, its political parties and violent white supremacist groups?

REGISTRATION LINK

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SPEAKERS:

Special message from
Mariela Castro Espín
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On Sunday, Jan. 22, a webinar panel will report on “What we can learn from Cuba’s ‘code of freedom’ for families.” The people of socialist Cuba voted by a two-thirds margin for the new Code of Families on Sept. 25. The vote was won after three years of democratic discussion and education at all levels of society.

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The panel will discuss:

- How was Cuba able to accomplish this historic transformation of families while coping with the U.S. blockade against Cuba, which has continued unabated during the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent climate-change catastrophes?
- Why is the U.S. media silent about this unprecedented accomplishment?
- What can we learn from Cuba’s experience building solidarity at a time when rights for LGBTQ+ people, reproductive care, equality for chosen families, as well as respect for youth, elders, and the disabled are under vicious attack by the capitalist class, its political parties and violent white supremacist groups?

Mariela Castro Espín, director of Cuba’s National Center for Sex Education (CENESEX), will present a message in the webinar panel. Some of the other

speakers will include Berta Joubert-Ceci for Women In Struggle / Mujeres En Lucha; Cheryl LaBash, co-chair of National Network on Cuba; Gloria Verdieu from Prisoners Solidarity Committee; Mahtowin Munro from United American Indians of New England; Melinda Butterfield, a Struggle-La Lucha co-editor; and Ellie McCrow from Pratt Workers United. There will be opportunities to address questions to the speakers following the panel presentations.

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