

Dear Luis Carlos Díaz (Journalist in Venezuela),

My name is Jayden Hernandez, I have been living in Venezuela since I was a young child. I have grown up in this country. As I grew up, I also noticed the criminal activities increase while I've been here. I do have to admit though I have been in a gang since I was a teenager. I have always stuck to being a lower member of the gang. I haven't been involved since I started my own family here in Venezuela. I decided that taking the position of Hugo Chávez would be the correct fit for the country of Venezuela. I know what you are thinking, why does a gang member think he can do by taking over Venezuela? I can show you why. I am going to find ways that will decrease the crime rate all around Venezuela. I will have different leadership skills, prove ways that I can decrease the crime rates here, and what I will be prioritizing the most.

Although I was in a gang I was still committed to my family. Being in a gang during the day then going home to my family taught me responsibility. I didn't commit crimes that would reflect back on me or someone else like homicide cases. I learned over the years that people have different thoughts and opinions on things. Everyone has a different perspective and beliefs that no matter what you do will always affect someone else in a different way. People in organized crime groups and gangs are in those gangs based on their beliefs. They probably get along or are able to relate with the other people around them. I know other people who were in other gangs. Although my collection of people didn't understand where they were coming from, I did. I always see things in a way that you have to put yourself in other shoes. Or look at the situation through their perspective. I feel like this is a very important skill to have when it comes to leadership. No matter who the leader is has to be able to see everyone's point of view and come up with a compromise, that will make everyone happy.

I believe the number one way that we can decrease the crime rate in Venezuela is weapon control. Weapons are what cause such a riot over Venezuela because everyone has one. One thing I disagree with that the government does is people who are pro-government get weapons to secure the government. Instead of soldiers or guards doing that job, citizens of Venezuela are given permission to harm another person, who disagrees with another's beliefs. So the reason why everyone thinks it is okay to have weapons, is that the government issues out guns to people who agree with them. We could take away those weapons and take down the weapons that are being sold on the black market. We could find a way that could up security, or eliminate some of the black market sales.

My last reason as to why I should rule Venezuela is because I once lost a family member because of crime. I had a sweet daughter with my wife Mila once. Kidnapping is the second major crime that makes Venezuela number one for the highest crime rates. My family was walking down the block, we would also stop at the market during our walk. We watched a man pull up to a red light in his car and stop. When a group of people ambushed his car and proceed to rob him. While we stopped and watched this group of people rob the man and his car, to look back and our daughter was missing. They created a distraction so they could kidnap our child. If I were to be in charge of this country, I would make sure that kidnapping is the number one priority. Losing a child is one of the most devastating things a parent can go through. No one should have to experience that in their lives but in Venezuela, kidnapping is number two for the

most common crime. I would put an end to make sure no family should ever be split apart ever again.

In conclusion, I hope everyone is able to see why a guy like me could take over a country like Venezuela. In the whole world, Venezuela is one of the highest countries for highest crime rates. We can change this if we are able to make a change in our lifestyle. Leadership skills are very important like seeing everyone's perspectives. Get control over weapons to decrease the crime rates. Finally, tell you what I promise to prioritize the most. I think a small change like this could impact the whole country unexpectedly.

Sincerely,

Jayden Hernandez