



Statement by the Council of the American Sociological Association on Academic Freedom and Cuba

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The American Sociological Association (ASA), in response to the bi-national report *Retreat from Reason: US-Cuban Academic Relations and the Bush Administration*, calls for free and unhindered academic and educational exchange between the United States and Cuba, and for the removal of restrictions on travel and on transactions incident to such travel by academics, researchers, and students. The free flow of scholars and scholarship across national borders is a fundamental tenet of academic freedom. The ASA Council affirms its on-going support, as reflected in its statement of September 19, 2006, "for the protection of academic independence...through the open movement of faculty and students between universities irrespective of nationality or political views."