



Even at the peak of the state, no one tried to hide the bankruptcy with new slogans and remobilization campaigns. Quite the contrary. Launched in 2007 by Raul Castro, the "national debate" has given birth to an array of radical measures approved unanimously by the 1000 delegates of the 6th Congress of the Cuban Communist Party. The private sector is being encouraged to develop, not only in tourism (178 independent professions have been given license) but more importantly, the public sector, the very soul of the socialist economy, is seriously under threat: 90% of the workforce now work for the state, this number should be reduced to 40% by 2020. Some are saying that Raul Castro will be the Thatcher of Cuba.

Since November 2011 Cuban people have the right to buy and sell their homes. Every Saturday morning, buyers and sellers meet on the Paseo del Prado for the "Housing Trade Market".

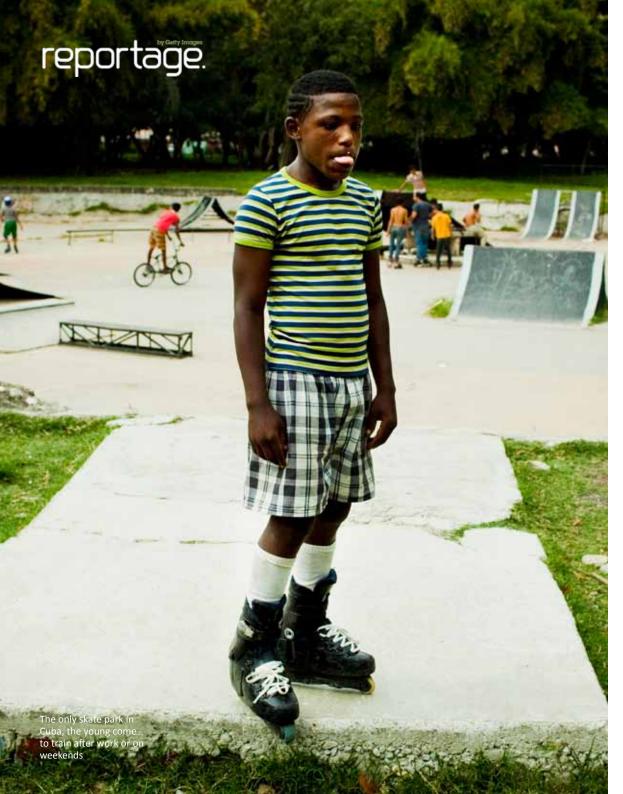
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As part of a national public health program, the Cuban government has set up fitness classes to fight against obesity.



Anna giving manicures in her living-room.





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The sugar mill Rabi Jesus is one of the largest sugar plants in Cuba.



In the tobacco factory H Upmann. Sorting tobacco leaves just arrived at the factory.



The only skate park in Cuba, the young come to train after work or on weekends.



A hair salon has been installed in an apartment in Old Havana.



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