## Colombia Gives Free Trade A Chance

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"In short, while Chavez has wreaked economic ruin to drive military confrontation, Colombia has sped toward a prosperity that would only be enhanced by a free trade pact with the U.S. Denial of such a pact sends a strong signal that Congress has no interest in encouraging Colombia to continue on its positive path. Colombia's refusal to get into a fight with Chavez signals a strong preference for peace through trade and development. If Congress won't approve Colombia's free trade pact after such a demonstration of courage under fire, then it's no better than Chavez."

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This item argues for the position Agreement should be ratified on the topic Colombia-United States Free Trade Agreement.

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