

VENEZUELA

MY STORY ... YOUR FUTURE?

HEAR THE REAL-LIFE STORIES OF VENEZUELAN ASYLUM SEEKERS

Venezuelan political activists Andrés Guilarte and Jorge Galicia are now available to come to your university or college campus to share their stories.

Andrés and Jorge had to leave their lives in Venezuela after an oppressive regime crippled the economy, caused widespread starvation, blanketed the nation in blackouts, and silenced and jailed those who dared to speak out and criticize the government. With an eyewitness perspective they answer the question: How did a country with so much wealth and promise completely collapse? Could it happen in the United States? Their answer will surprise you!



ANDRÉS GUILARTE

Andrés is a political activist for the freedom of Venezuela. Only a few years ago, he was a university student, studying international relations at the Central University of Venezuela. On top of exams and typical college student concerns,

Andrés' studies were interrupted by tear gas as government officials targeted students on campus. He spent his college years advocating for his fellow students and fighting back against the rise of tyranny and erosion of freedoms. He was a member of Estudiantes por la Libertad (Students For Liberty Latin America), serving as a coordinator from 2015-16 and a senior leader from 2016-17. In early 2019, he left Venezuela to intern with the Cato Institute in Washington, D.C. Today, he continues to push back against the rise of government control by sharing his story on behalf of The Fund for American Studies (TFAS).



JORGE GALICIA

Christian, lawyer and freedom fighter – these are the words that define Jorge's life. Before socialism devastated his country, Jorge lived a life not unlike that of middle-class Americans. But now, he is one of 4

million Venezuelans who have fled their country following its economic, social and political collapse. Living under a socialist tyranny showed Jorge the dangers of letting the State grow. From a very young age, he has been speaking out about the very real damages caused by socialism and has made it his life's mission to win the fight. He was a member of Estudiantes por la Libertad (Students For Liberty Latin America), serving as a coordinator from 2015-16 and a senior leader from 2016-17. Today, he travels college campuses speaking out and sharing his story on behalf of The Fund for American Studies (TFAS).

INTERESTED IN HAVING JORGE OR ANDRÉS SPEAK ON YOUR CAMPUS?

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