



After the creation of the Republic of Cuba, racial prejudices inherited from 400 years of slavery prevailed even more aggressively among Cubans. This is precisely the basis upon which the Independent Party of Color was created in Havana, on August 7, 1908. It was the only party that clearly advocated for blacks to exercise their full rights as citizens, in accordance with the Republic's Constitution. This party was accused of racism from its very inception. It was mercilessly and ceaselessly attacked until it was outlawed, in 1910, through the "Morúa Amendment" which, in turn, laid the groundwork for the so-called Uprising of the Independents of Color, which brought about one of the greatest tragedies and cruelest massacres of the black population in Cuban history.