

A photograph of Barack Obama and Raul Castro shaking hands. Obama is on the right, wearing a dark suit and a blue striped tie, smiling. Castro is on the left, wearing a dark suit and glasses, also smiling. They are standing in front of a background of green plants.

## Today in History

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▲ **Barack Obama became the first sitting U.S. president to visit Cuba since 1928, cementing a thaw in U.S.-Cuba relations after more than 50 years of enmity**

**43 BC:** The Roman poet Ovid was born as Publius Ovidius Naso. He was exiled from Rome in 9 AD

**1602:** The powerful Dutch East India company was established

**1792:** Revolutionary France adopted the guillotine as the official means of execution. It remained as such until the death penalty was abolished in 1981

**1987:** The HIV/AIDS treatment drug, AZT, was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration