

A photograph of Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez. He is wearing a dark green military-style jacket and a watch on his left wrist. He is speaking into a microphone and has his right fist raised in a gesture of solidarity or emphasis. The background is a red banner with some white text, partially obscured.

Today in History

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▲ Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez died from cancer at age 58. Re-elected three times, the left-wing leader thrived on confrontation with Washington

1933: Election returns in Germany gave the Nazis and their allies 52 percent of seats in the Reichstag

1963: The plastic hula-hoop, inspired by the bamboo hoops used by children in gym class, was patented

1983: Bob Hawke led the Labor Party to power in Australia, defeating the Liberal government of Malcolm Fraser

1998: NASA announced the discovery of significant deposits of ice on the moon