

Open Letter to the President of Nicaragua

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Dear President Ortega,

I am writing to you not as a politician, not as an activist, and not as an expert.

I am writing as an ordinary Nicaraguan who loves this country.

A country of volcanoes, lakes, mango trees, tropical rain, baseball fields, crowded buses, family gatherings, and people who somehow continue smiling even when life becomes difficult.

Sometimes I think foreigners do not really understand Nicaragua.

They see headlines.

We see daily life.

They see politics.

We see our mothers going to the market before sunrise.

We see fathers leaving home while it is still dark.

We see grandparents sitting in rocking chairs in front of their homes, watching the neighborhood pass by.

We see children in school uniforms laughing on dusty streets.

That is the real Nicaragua.

And it is beautiful.

Many things have improved during the past two decades.

Roads that once seemed impossible now connect cities and villages.

Hospitals have been built.

Schools have been renovated.

Electricity reaches places that once lived in darkness.

Many families have seen improvements in their lives that previous generations could only dream about.

When I travel through the country, I see paved roads where there used to be mud.

I see new public buildings.

I see towns that look cleaner and more organized than they did years ago.

These things matter.

People notice them.

People appreciate them.

And yet, President, there is another Nicaragua.

A Nicaragua that does not always appear in official reports.

The Nicaragua of rising prices.

The Nicaragua where a family calculates every purchase before entering a supermarket.

The Nicaragua where many young people dream not of building a future at home, but of leaving for Costa Rica, Spain, or the United States.

The Nicaragua where parents quietly wonder whether their children will have better opportunities than they had.

The Nicaragua where many pensioners survive more through family solidarity than through financial comfort.

The Nicaragua where some houses have beautiful tiled floors while others still struggle with leaking roofs during the rainy season.

This Nicaragua exists too.

And it deserves to be seen.

One of the most remarkable things about our country is that despite poverty, despite hardships, despite political disagreements, Nicaraguans remain deeply attached to family.

In many countries, old people live alone.

In Nicaragua, grandparents are often at the center of family life.

Children know their grandparents.

Grandparents know their grandchildren.

Families help each other survive.

This may not appear in economic statistics, but it is one of our greatest national strengths.

I am also proud that Nicaragua remains a country where people still know their neighbors.

Where shopkeepers recognize customers.

Where somebody will often help push a broken vehicle off the road without expecting payment.

Where people still greet each other on the street.

The modern world is losing these habits.

We have not lost them yet.

Please protect that.

Because roads and buildings matter.

But social trust matters too.

At the same time, I hope for a future where our young people stay because they want to stay, not because they have no other option.

A future where universities produce world-class engineers, scientists, entrepreneurs,

and doctors.

A future where our best students do not feel they must leave Nicaragua to fulfill their ambitions.

A future where economic success reaches not only the centers of power and wealth, but every neighborhood, every village, every family.

History will judge every government.

That is inevitable.

But history is not written only in speeches and elections.

It is written in kitchens.

In classrooms.

In hospitals.

In retirement years.

In the ordinary lives of ordinary people.

And that is why I hope the next chapter of Nicaragua's story will be remembered not only for stability and infrastructure, but for prosperity that reaches everyone.

Because Nicaragua deserves nothing less.

Respectfully,

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P.S. A Citizen's Audit of the Country

It is easy to judge a leader by speeches. It is much harder to judge leadership by the

everyday lives of millions of citizens.

To better understand the current state of Nicaragua, I have attempted to evaluate the country's performance on four key areas that affect ordinary people every day.

- Stability and Security: 4.5 / 5

Nicaragua remains one of the safer countries in Central America. Many citizens value the relative stability and public order that the country has maintained compared to several neighboring nations struggling with crime and gang violence.

- Economy and Standard of Living: 3 / 5

Infrastructure has improved and basic services have expanded, but many families still struggle with low wages, rising prices, and limited economic opportunities. Emigration remains a dream for many young people seeking better prospects.

- Social Well-Being: 3.5 / 5

Access to healthcare, education, and public services has improved in many areas. However, pensioners, low-income families, and residents of poorer rural regions continue to face significant challenges.

- Development and Future Prospects: 4 / 5

Roads, electrification, public buildings, and modernization projects have transformed many parts of the country. The next challenge is creating enough high-quality opportunities to persuade talented young Nicaraguans to build their futures at home.

Final Score: 3.75 / 5 — A Country That Has Advanced, But Has Not Yet Arrived

Nicaragua today is more connected, more developed, and more stable than it was a generation ago. These achievements should not be ignored.

At the same time, too many citizens still feel that economic progress has not fully reached their own households. The country's greatest challenge is no longer simply

building infrastructure, but creating prosperity that ordinary families can feel in their daily lives.

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