In the wake of U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson's first visit to Latin America, where China and Russia were both mentioned, Joseph Humire remarks on these external influences within the country. In an article for Gatestone Institute, he writes that China and Russia are the most visible actors in Venezuela, but Iran should not be ignored. Although the extent of Iran's influence in Venezuela is debated, Humire says that ***"their primary role is preparing the Venezuelan battlefield through a range of operations in irregular warfare, using non-state actors and surrogates to gain influence over the population. [Irans'] influence is often not visible on the ground, but is felt through the repression anti-regime of protestors in 2017 and earlier."*** To read more on the Venezuelan crisis and its external actors, follow the link below. Read the entire article at Gatestone Institute, here.