

EXPANDED ANSWER 63:

Sports and Pageantry. With the status of evolving into a new country, the privilege of entering the world arena of sport, beauty, and other opportunities for pageantry becomes ours. While not without significant costs, the ability to become small players on the world stage would appeal to many and would enhance the feelings of self-worth that could be instrumental in raising the prospects of those who have suffered in poverty for so long.

Not all of the athletes and other entrants or participants on our teams would need to have been born in Vieques, so outside talent could be enlisted to allow us to become more competitive. The entourage included with pageantry events expands the participation and exposure for many more citizens than just the main competitors.

The Summer Olympics offers 16 categories and 306 events in which to compete and the Winter Olympics 15 and 102, respectively. There are 4 primary (and dozens of lesser known) international beauty contests, the biggest being the Miss Universe. There are many new opportunities to draw attention to our island and its people over and above the minor participation opportunities offered by PR.