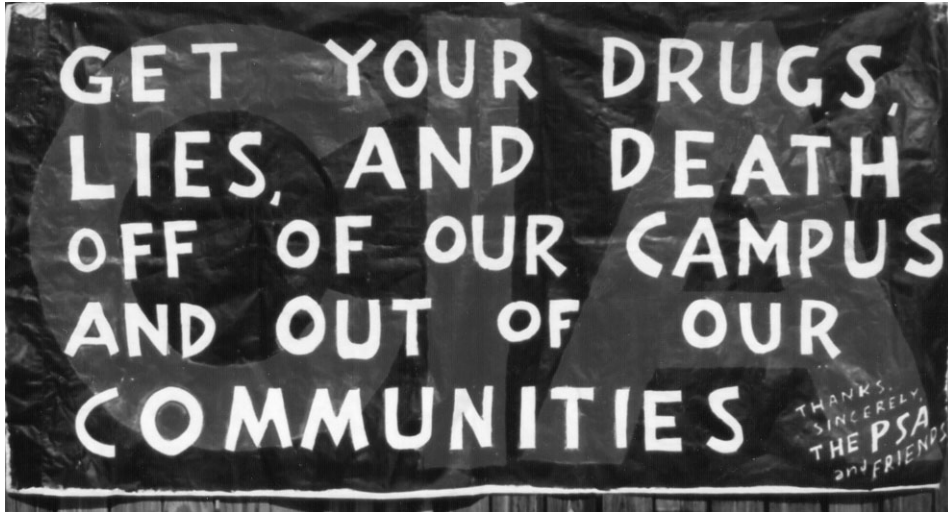


CIA Terrorists off Campus

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(University of New Mexico Progressive Student Alliance banner, 1996)

Introduction

The CIA engages in and sponsors far more terrorism than Al-Quaeda, any other “terrorist” organization, or any of the seven US labeled “terrorist” sponsoring states (Iran, Iraq, Cuba, Syria, Libya, North Korea, and Sudan). The Agency pushes drugs in the US to finance its operations. The CIA supported Saddam Hussein, helped the Baath party seize power, supported the Islamic fundamentalists who later formed Al-Quaeda, and is responsible for dozens of coups and military dictatorships. Every year, the CIA hires a thousand employees from college campuses and it also has faculty members on its payroll. After the September 11 attacks, the CIA’s budget has increased from an estimated \$3.5 to \$5 billion (Federation of American Scientists, <http://www.freedomforum.org/templates/document.asp?documentID=16416> and <http://www.fas.org/irp/cia/ciabud.htm>). Now more than ever is the time for us to kick the CIA off campus and to strike a blow against US sponsored terrorism.

What is Wrong with the CIA

The CIA and Saddam Hussein

The CIA first became involved with Saddam Hussein when he was part of a six-person squad that attempted to assassinate the Iraqi prime minister Qasim who had made several friendly moves towards the Soviet Union. The assassination failed and Saddam escaped to Beirut where the CIA paid for his apartment, put him through a training program, and then continued to support him when he moved to Cairo. In 1963, a CIA supported coup overthrew Qasim and Saddam returned to Iraq where he got involved in the new Baath government and eventually rose to become president. The US supported Iraq, under Hussein’s presidency, during its war with Iran from 1980-1988 and its attacks and repression of its own people – notably the Kurds in the north and the Shiites in the South.

The CIA and Osama Bin-Laden

In 1978 a pro-Soviet regime came to power in Afghanistan. Islamic fundamentalists formed the mujahideen to overthrow the government, and in response the Soviet Union sent in its army. The US provided critical support to the mujahideen, through the Pakistani Intelligence Service, of at least \$6 billion for training,

arms, and financing from 1978-1992. Between 1982 and 1992, 35,000 people from 43 Middle Eastern and predominantly Islamic countries joined the military struggle as mujahideen. Over 100,000 people came to Afghanistan or Pakistan, mostly for religious schooling, as it became the focal point for the growing global Islamic fundamentalist movement. Bin Laden donated and raised money from Saudi Arabia amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars, and also fought directly in the mujahideen struggle for three years. In 1988 he split from the main Islamic Afghani rebel group to form the Al-Quaeda. It is in Afghanistan where Bin Laden developed his strong fundamentalist beliefs.

In 1990, after the Soviets withdrew from Afghanistan, Bin Laden returned to Saudi Arabia. After the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, he offered to create a fundamentalist army to defend Saudi Arabia, but was turned down by the Saudi monarchy who instead let the Americans install military bases on Saudi soil. Upset, Bin Laden left Saudi Arabia and started to build up a terrorist network that has engaged in several significant attacks.

The CIA created an environment in which Islamic fundamentalism flourished and financed the training of people who later became terrorists.

The CIA Pushes Drugs

"In my 30 year history in the DEA, the major targets of my investigations almost invariably turned out to be working for the CIA.." (Dennis Dayle, chief of an elite DEA unit in Central America).

The CIA has often used drugs as a way of financing its operations or of finding allies to oppose leftwing governments. Several of the places where it has been involved in the drug trade include Marseilles, France (1947-1951), Southeast Asia (1950s to early 1970s), Noriega and Panama (1970s-1980s), the Contras in Central America (1980s), and mujahideen in Afghanistan/Pakistan (1980s). By 1981, Pakistan and Afghanistan were supplying 60% of the US heroin. In August 1996 the San Jose Mercury News published an investigative story linking the US government to crack in South Central LA.

A Couple Reasons Why Not to Work for the CIA

Note this list is just a small sample of the CIA's more notorious actions.

- 1948 – CIA buys Italian elections, stopping communists from winning
- 1953 – CIA overthrows the democratically elected Mohammed Mossadegh of Iran in a military coup, after he threatened to nationalize British oil. Replaces him with the Shah.
- 1954 – CIA overthrows Jacob Arbenz's elected Guatemalan government on behalf of United Fruit Company for daring to try land reform. The succeeding military dictatorships kill over a hundred thousand people in the next forty years.
- 1957 - 1973: CIA organizes about one coup each year in Laos, to keep the leftist Pathet Lao out of government.
- 1960 to present - dozens of attempts to assassinate Castro.
- 1961 – CIA assassinates elected Congo prime minister Patrice Lumumba, and four years later installs Mobutu who accumulates several billion dollars in Swiss bank accounts before he is kicked out in the late 1990s leaving Congo in an extremely messy civil war.
- 1964 – CIA backed coup overthrows Joala Goulart's government of Brazil
- 1965 – CIA supplies a list of 5000 Indonesian "communists" to the military to kill, overthrows elected president Sukarno, replacing him with Suharto. Suharto remains in power for over thirty years until mass demonstrations force him to resign.
- 1967 – Greece - military coup two days before the elections stops the left from winning.
- 1973 – Overthrew Salvador Allende, elected president of Chile.

- 1975 – CIA involvement in a virtual coup that overturned the Whitlam Labour government in Australia in 1975, when it was feared that Whitlam might interfere with Washington's military and intelligence bases in Australia.
- 1979 – CIA supports training of Afghanis and Islamic fundamentalists from other countries who join together to fight the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. CIA funnels its support through Pakistan's intelligence service (ISI).
- 1981-1986 - CIA supports Contras in an attempt to overthrow the leftwing government of Nicaragua.
- 1989 – US invades Panama, overthrows Noriega who was on CIA payroll since 1966.
- 1990 – Haiti - Eight months after the US candidate loses the election, a CIA supported coup overthrows leftist priest Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

(Excerpted from: <http://home.att.net/~Resurgence/CIAtimeline.html>)

Organizing Against the CIA

The CIA on Campus –Recruitment, Agents in Residence, and Scholarships

The CIA's involvement on campus includes student recruitment, student internships, a history of recruiting foreign students, and placing CIA officers in university residence. Student recruitment is estimated to be around a thousand students per year of which approximately 20% are recruited into covert operations (David Wise, New York Times, ctd. in Mills). The CIA offers lucrative undergraduate and graduate internships in DC that last six months and pay \$18875 (as of 2003). It also has scholarships that target lower and middle income students (family of four income of under \$70,000). A student can get up to \$18,000/year for tuition, books, and supplies in exchange for a commitment to work for the CIA for 1.5 times the length of their scholarship. The CIA uses faculty and administrators to identify students whom it should recruit. To solidify the agency's ties with academia, in 1985 it started paying the salary for between eight and twelve CIA agents to serve as visiting university faculty. The CIA has a history of targeting foreign students to become agents when they return to their country. In August, Congress approved a \$8 million program for an intelligence ROTC – to train students to become agents for the CIA (and perhaps other intelligence agencies), without the physical military training.

(<http://www.armyrotc.com/news/marketing/Expanding%20The%20ROTC%20Concept.pdf>).

Possible Campaign Goals

The most obvious goal is to have the university officially ban the CIA (perhaps as part of a broad ban on all organizations that routinely violate human rights and international law) from recruiting on campus. If the Intelligence ROTC program becomes a reality, you should try to keep your school out of it.

Tactics

While there are a hundred general activist tactics that are useful in opposing the CIA, some tactics to use on this specific issue include:

- Speakers: including former CIA agents, victims of the CIA's repression (notably people from Latin America), and foreign policy experts.
- Challenging visiting agents who are doing recruiting to public debates.
- Leafleting and protesting outside of recruitment sessions.
- Disrupting the recruitment by infiltrating the sessions and asking tough questions or disrupting it from the inside.
- Blockading or doing a sit-in to physically stop recruitment.

Additional Resources

Organizing Against the CIA

CIA Off Campus. Ami Chen Mills. South End Press. 1991. The best resource you could have for this issue! Widely available online for cheap (\$6-\$10 used, like half.com, or amazon.com).

CIA and US Foreign Policy

Blum, William. "Killing Hope: U.S. Military and CIA Interventions since World War II" Monroe, Maine: Common Courage Press, 1995.

CIA and Bin Laden

MSNBC article from 1998.

<http://www.msnbc.com/news/190144.asp>

Article by Michel Chossudovsky, Professor of Economics, University of Ottawa. Sept. 12, 2001.

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/articles/CHO109C.html>

Article by Ahmed Rashid.

http://www.public-i.org/excerpts_01_091301.htm

Green Left Weekly article. 2001

<http://www.greenleft.org.au/back/2001/465/465p15.htm>

Defected CIA Agents

Possible speakers.

- Philip Agee
- Ralph McGehee (Note: he may be in poor health.)
- William Blum

CIA and Saddam Hussein

Exclusive: Saddam key in early CIA plot. UPI. 2003

<http://www.upi.com/view.cfm?StoryID=20030410-070214-6557r>

Regime Change: How the CIA put Saddam's Party in Power. Book Excerpt.

<http://www.hartford-hwp.com/archives/51/217.html>

Roger Morris (former National Security Council staffer). "A Tyrant 40 Years in the Making," New York Times, 14 March 2003.

<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/bush/morris.htm>

CIA and Drugs

<http://www.egroups.com/group/cia-drugs> – not sure if it is active (maybe moved to yahoo groups cia-drugs@yahogroups.com)

Crack and the CIA video by guerrilla news.

<http://www.guerrillanews.com/crack/>

Crack the CIA coalition.

<http://www.radio4all.org/crackcia/>

Article by a former CIA agent in Guatemala.
<http://www.radio4all.org/crackcia/castillo.html>

Lengthy website on CIA and Drugs with many links.
<http://www.csun.edu/CommunicationStudies/ben/news/cia/>

Brief History of CIA and Drugs
<http://www.csun.edu/CommunicationStudies/ben/news/cia/970504.hist.html>

“The Politics of Heroin in Southeast Asia”
Alfred W. McCoy with Cathleen B. Read and Leonard P. Adams II
Online book.
<http://www.drugtext.org/library/books/McCoy/default.htm>

CIA and Academia

Website with links to articles from the past forty years.
<http://www.cia-on-campus.org/>

<http://www.namebase.org/books01.html>

CIA at Yale. 1995
<http://www.yaledailynews.com/article.asp?AID=7927>

Fox News – CIA recruitment booming since Sept. 11
<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,35696,00.html>

CIA/FBI recruiting on Campus – Los Angeles Times. 1999.
<http://platum.tripod.com/spy.htm>

Miscellaneous

The Atlantic. 1998. Article on CIA plain incompetence.
<http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/98feb/cia.htm>

Wake Up Magazine – several articles on the CIA.
<http://www.wakeupmag.co.uk/menus/articlemenus/intellservices.htm>
(Including a link on university involvement which says that the CIA recruits 1000 people/year from campuses, including 200-300 whom become clandestine officers.)
<http://www.wakeupmag.co.uk/articles/propaganda1.htm>

Article about the CIA losing a trial back in 1987.
<http://old.valleyadvocate.com/25th/archives/triumph.html>

Another anti-CIA website
<http://www.serendipity.li/cia.html>

Anti-CIA website
<http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/Congress/7727/cia.htm>

Federation of American Scientists website on the CIA.
<http://www.fas.org/irp/cia/>

CIA - Relations with Academe, the Clergy, and the Media (a bibliography)
http://intellit.muskingum.edu/cia_folder/ciarelations_folder/ciarelationstoc.html

Pro-CIA or Official Resources

The American Prospect. Article advocating increasing ties between academia and the CIA. 2002.
<http://www.prospect.org/print/V13/21/mooney-c.html>

The Official CIA Website

<http://www.cia.gov/>

<http://www.cia.gov/employment/index.html> – employment

The CIA Entrance Examination. By John Patrick Quirk. Hungry Minds Inc, 1988. (Hard to get, out of print – I haven't read it but it is a sample examination of the CIA which is meant to give you a good impression of what they're looking for).