

The CIA in Guatemala: A History of Intervention and Repression

The CIA in Guatemala: A History of Intervention and Repression is a comprehensive account of the CIA's involvement in Guatemala from the 1950s to the 1990s. The book explores the CIA's role in the overthrow of the democratically elected government of Jacobo Árbenz in 1954, the subsequent military dictatorship, and the Guatemalan Civil War.



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The book is based on extensive research, including interviews with former CIA officers, Guatemalan government officials, and human rights activists. It provides a detailed account of the CIA's covert operations in Guatemala, including its support for the military dictatorship and its role in the assassination of Guatemalan citizens.

The book also examines the CIA's role in the Guatemalan Civil War, which lasted from 1960 to 1996. The CIA provided military and financial support to the Guatemalan government, which was responsible for the deaths of tens of thousands of Guatemalan civilians.

The CIA in Guatemala: A History of Intervention and Repression is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of the CIA or the history of Guatemala. The book provides a detailed and comprehensive account of the CIA's involvement in Guatemala, and it sheds light on the CIA's role in the overthrow of democratically elected governments, the establishment of military dictatorships, and the commission of human rights abuses.

The CIA's Role in the Overthrow of Jacobo Árbenz

The CIA played a major role in the overthrow of the democratically elected government of Jacobo Árbenz in 1954. The Eisenhower administration was concerned about Árbenz's socialist policies, and the CIA was tasked with removing him from power.

The CIA's plan involved a propaganda campaign to discredit Árbenz, as well as the training and arming of a rebel force to invade Guatemala. The rebel force, led by Carlos Castillo Armas, invaded Guatemala in June 1954. Árbenz was forced to resign, and Castillo Armas was installed as president.

The CIA's Support for the Military Dictatorship

The CIA continued to play a role in Guatemala after the overthrow of Árbenz. The agency provided military and financial support to the military dictatorship that ruled Guatemala from 1954 to 1985. The dictatorship was responsible for the deaths of tens of thousands of Guatemalan civilians.

The CIA's support for the military dictatorship was based on the belief that the dictatorship was necessary to prevent the spread of communism in Guatemala. However, the dictatorship's human rights record was so poor that it actually increased support for communism in Guatemala.

The CIA's Role in the Guatemalan Civil War

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The Legacy of the CIA in Guatemala

The CIA's involvement in Guatemala has had a lasting impact on the country. The agency's support for the military dictatorship and its role in the Guatemalan Civil War have left a legacy of violence and human rights abuses.

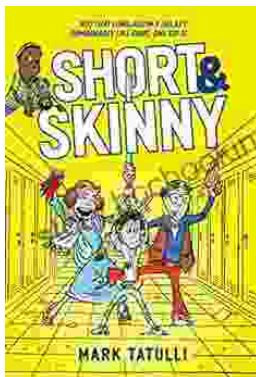
The CIA's involvement in Guatemala is a reminder of the dangers of covert operations. When the CIA is given free rein to operate in a foreign country, it can have devastating consequences for the people of that country.

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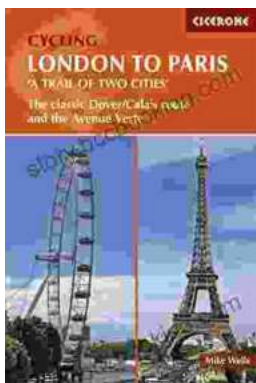


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