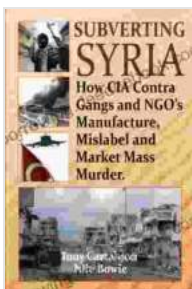


# How CIA-Contra Gangs and NGOs Manufacture, Mislable, and Market Mass Murder

In the annals of covert operations, the CIA's involvement with the Contra rebels in Nicaragua stands as one of the most egregious examples of state-sponsored terrorism. The Reagan administration, eager to overthrow the leftist Sandinista government, provided the Contras with weapons, training, and other support, even though they were known to engage in drug trafficking, kidnapping, and mass murder.

One of the most notorious CIA-backed Contra groups was the Nicaraguan Democratic Force (FDN), led by the infamous Edén Pastora. In 1985, the FDN carried out an attack on the town of La Esperanza, killing hundreds of civilians, including women and children. The attack was widely condemned by human rights groups, but the Reagan administration continued to support the Contras, claiming that they were fighting for freedom and democracy.



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The Contras were not the only CIA-backed group responsible for mass murder in Nicaragua. The CIA also provided support to the United Nicaraguan Opposition (UNO), a coalition of anti-Sandinista groups that included the Nicaraguan Resistance Army (ARN). In 1986, the ARN carried out an attack on the village of San José de las Mulás, killing more than 100 civilians.

The CIA's support for the Contras and other anti-Sandinista groups was not only a violation of international law, but it also contributed to the deaths of thousands of innocent civilians. The Reagan administration's cynical use of covert operations to overthrow a democratically elected government set a dangerous precedent for future administrations.

In the years since the CIA's involvement in Nicaragua, the agency has continued to use covert operations to support its foreign policy goals. In many cases, these operations have been carried out in conjunction with non-governmental organizations (NGOs). NGOs are often portrayed as being independent and impartial, but in reality, many of them are funded and directed by the CIA. This allows the CIA to carry out its covert operations while maintaining a veneer of deniability.

One of the most notorious examples of the CIA's use of NGOs was the case of the Nicaraguan Foundation for the Development of Democracy (FUNADE). FUNADE was founded in 1984 by Edén Pastora, the former leader of the FDN. FUNADE was ostensibly a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting democracy in Nicaragua, but it was actually a front

for the CIA. FUNADE received millions of dollars in funding from the CIA, which it used to support the Contras and other anti-Sandinista groups.

FUNADE was just one of many NGOs that the CIA used to support its covert operations in Nicaragua. Other NGOs that received CIA funding included the Institute for Democracy in Nicaragua (IDEN) and the National Endowment for Democracy (NED). These NGOs played a key role in the CIA's efforts to overthrow the Sandinista government, and they continue to be used by the CIA to support its foreign policy goals in other countries.

The CIA's use of NGOs to carry out its covert operations is a serious threat to democracy. NGOs are supposed to be independent and impartial, but when they are funded and directed by the CIA, they become tools of the US government. This allows the CIA to carry out its covert operations with a veneer of deniability, and it makes it more difficult for the public to hold the government accountable for its actions.

The CIA's use of NGOs is also a threat to the rule of law. NGOs are often exempt from many of the laws that apply to other organizations, and this makes them ideal vehicles for the CIA to carry out its covert operations. The CIA can use NGOs to launder money, smuggle weapons, and carry out assassinations, all without fear of prosecution.

The CIA's use of NGOs is a dangerous and illegal practice that threatens democracy and the rule of law. It is time for the US government to end its support for these organizations and to hold the CIA accountable for its actions.

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In addition to providing support to the Contras and other anti-Sandinista groups, the CIA also used NGOs to manufacture, mislabel, and market mass murder. This was done through a variety of means, including:

- **The use of propaganda to demonize the Sandinista government and justify the use of violence against its supporters.**
- **The creation of false or exaggerated reports of human rights abuses by the Sandinistas.**
- **The use of NGOs to provide cover for CIA-backed death squads.**
- **The use of NGOs to launder money for the Contras and other anti-Sandinista groups.**

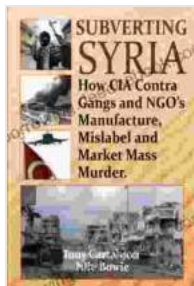
The CIA's use of NGOs to manufacture, mislabel, and market mass murder was a cynical and effective strategy. It allowed the Reagan administration to overthrow the Sandinista government and install a puppet regime that would be more compliant with US interests. It also set a dangerous precedent for future administrations, which have used similar tactics to justify their own wars of aggression.

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The CIA's involvement in Nicaragua is a dark chapter in US history. The agency's support for the Contras and other anti-Sandinista groups led to the deaths of thousands of innocent civilians. The CIA also used NGOs to manufacture, mislabel, and market mass murder. This was a cynical and effective strategy that allowed the Reagan administration to overthrow the

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