

# CIA Off Campus!



1. Why oppose the CIA?
2. What are the links between the CIA and Amerikan academia?
3. What have students/faculty/staff done in the past to oppose CIA activity on campus? What can we do now?
4. Why University/CIA ties are just the tip of the iceberg

# Why oppose the CIA?

The CIA uses *murder, violence, blackmail, lies,* and *other dirty tricks* to preserve the status quo ---characterized by Amerikan political and economic dominance, extreme disparity between wealthy and poor nations, exploitation, absolute poverty, disease, and starvation.

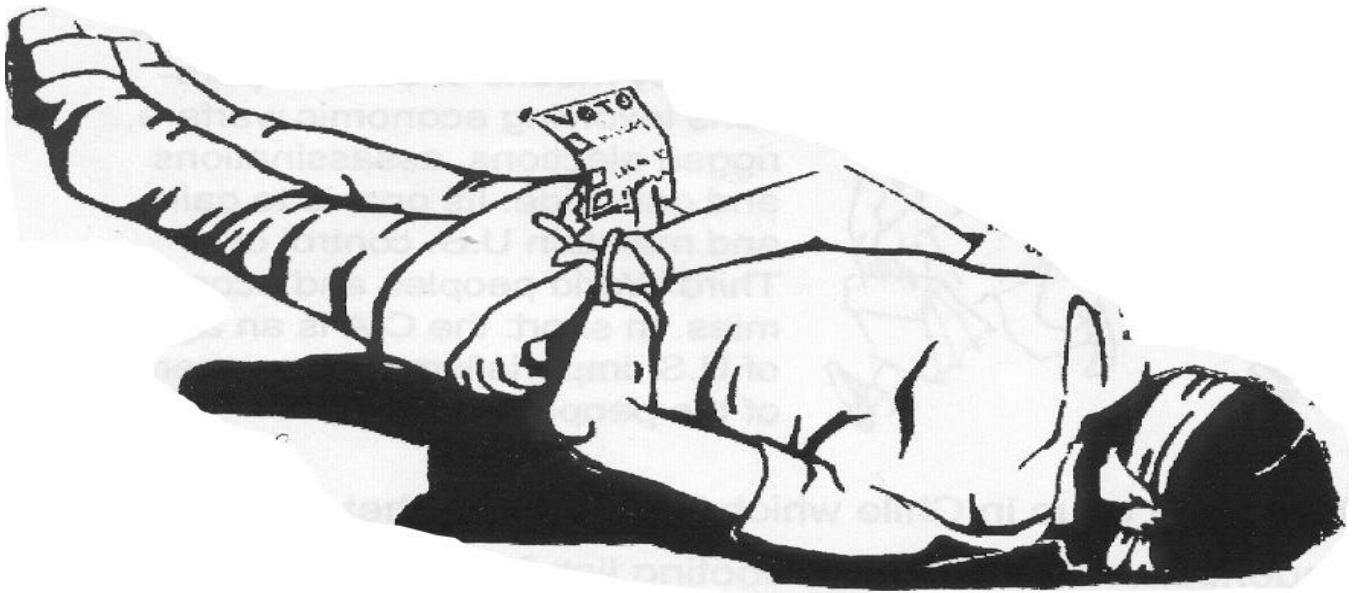
- Seven million children died last year because money that could have been spent on food and medicine was spent on debt service for the world's poorest countries
- The average hourly wage in the Third World approaches 50¢ per hour
- Hundreds of millions of peasants and workers live under puppet regimes, denied the ability to organize production to meet their basic humyn needs, denied the ability to exercise bourgeois rights such as free speech and assembly

# CIA Crimes: A Tiny Thumbnail Sketch

- In 1954 the CIA overthrew the democratically elected Guatemalan government and replaced it with a military regime—which killed 100,000 and disappeared 38,000
- The CIA was behind the fascist coup in Chile which brought Pinochet into power.
- The CIA provided the Indonesian military with “shooting lists” during the 1965 coup which brought Suharto to power. Estimates of the number killed in the 1965 coup range from 250,000 to over 1 million.
- The CIA’s “Operation Phoenix” killed 40,000 Vietnamese.
- The CIA recruited its own mercenary army to combat the Laotian electoral left and covered up the massive U.S. bombings of Laos and Cambodia which killed over 600,000 and created a devastating famine.
- The CIA continued its covert wars, funding the Contra-guerrillas in Nicaragua and propping up dictators like Manuel Noriega, etc. etc. etc.

# What is the CIA doing at Amerikan Universities?

Recruiting killers and thugs,  
training killers and thugs,  
learning how to kill and thug better



Speaking to university heads, then deputy director of the CIA Robert Gates said: “We need your help... [We need the] expertise, experience, and insight in the community of university scholars.”

# Recruiting (1)

*Recruiting is my number one priority* -- Former CIA Director William Casey

- American students are recruited openly (at job fairs etc.) and *clandestinely!*
- Foreign students are clandestinely recruited as “moles” — often professors on the CIA payroll will suggest which students to approach. The CIA is not above using blackmail to “get their man/woman.”
- Over 1,000,000 foreign students have been considered for “mole” activities.

# Recruiting (2)

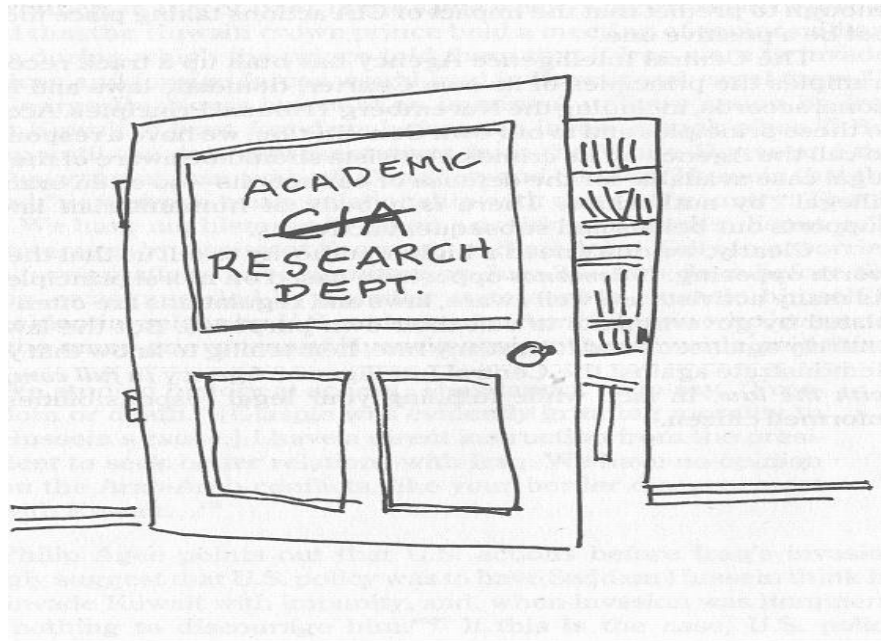
**Officer in Residence Program** -- A semi-open program where CIA agents teach courses in their “area of expertise.” Designed to enhance CIA recruiting.

- Stimulates students’ interest in the CIA
- Strengthen ties with academic researchers

Officers in Residence at: Boston University, University of Miami, George Washington University, Jacksonville University, University of Texas at Austin, Georgetown University, and ...*University of California at Santa Barbara*

**Individual professors on the CIA payroll** -- In the late 70s, ca. 5,000 professors were doing CIA work in some capacity. The CIA has enough professors to staff “a large university.”

# Training / R&D (1)



CIA funds institutes such as the Harvard/MIT Center for International Studies or the African-American Institute (in New York) both to kick start interest in research areas useful to the CIA as well as sponsor research. For example, the CIS published a number of books in two versions: One unclassified for the public and one classified for the CIA.

The CIA also works with schools and individual professors on a contract basis. In 1987 Harvard took on a \$1.2 million project covering “intelligence assessment and foreign policy,” using the Philippines as a case study.

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# Training / R&D (2)

The CIA also uses universities to train its agents and its foreign assets, *a la* the School of the Americas.



- Asia Foundation at Michigan State University - Helped draft puppet south Vietnamese constitution and trained Ngo Dinh Diem's fascist goons
- Center for South and Southeast Asian Studies at UC Berkeley - "the Berkeley Mafia" who became the impetus behind the coup that brought Suharto to power



# Individual professors bring their subject-specific knowledge as well as other skills...

“For every uncloaked professor, there exist a dozen others in hiding.”

UC Berkeley VP Earl Bolton prepared a memo for the CIA describing how to use the “full jargon of the academy” to *defend* the CIA’s crimes. “There is sufficient vagueness in the total traditions of the profession to provide a skillful polemicist with formidable ammunition for defense.”

## Many have worked for the CIA without knowing it!

In 1984, Richard Mansbach (Rutgers) “assigned an undergraduate class to do data-intensive research on Western European political culture. The studies... were secretly passed on to the CIA.”

In 1982 the CIA proposed that all research papers written in the United States be submitted to them for “prior review.”

# So what's in it for universities?

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“Any [University] president who refuses CIA access for recruiting jeopardizes millions upon millions of dollars in government money—I don’t mean CIA money, but U.S. government money in general.” --

Phillip Agee

The expansion of American universities since World War II is directly tied to the socialization of war production, and to “military Keynesianism:” the creation of a state-guarenteed market for high technology, rapidly obsolescing waste production, meaning armaments” (Chomsky).

# So what can we do?

## *Arouse, educate, organize...*

# MIM Notes



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## ***Masses give CIA the boot***

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is still intact, but its attempt to recruit potential agents of imperialism on the campus of the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) suffered a setback last month after a demonstration organized by MIM and the Network for Public Education and Social Justice (NPESJ), a student group not affiliated with MIM.

At a demonstration March 1, MIM pointed out to UCLA students that the CIA's main purpose is to wage war on the world's oppressed nations by means of economic warfare, rigged elections, assassinations and genocide. MIM's critics countered that MIM and the demonstrators were infringing on the CIA's "rights." MIM says: There are no rights, only power struggles! MIM does not advocate disrupting the "speech" of just any reactionaries. But it's not the "speech" of the CIA that commits mass murder and oppression. If all the CIA did was talk, MIM would just argue against them. It's the action—the recruiting of students to commit crimes against the people—that we oppose. If progressives can stop the CIA from spreading some of its poison—make the CIA's job a little harder—that's a power struggle, not an infringement of "rights." The oppressed and victims of the CIA have no "right" to "free" speech when they are dead, imprisoned, exploited and raped. There is a struggle to end that oppression and win freedom for the world's vast majority. There is a long history of students resisting the militarization of U.S. campuses, including CIA recruiting, military training and the development of genocidal weaponry. This effort is an important part of building popular student consciousness against imperialism. ★

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## ***FBI cancels California recruiting session in the face of MIM/RAIL-led student protest***

**A**bout 100 students gathered to protest a scheduled recruiting session of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) on the campus of the University of California at Santa Barbara. The rally, as well as the publicity leading up to it, helped to educate the broader university community about the terrorist tactics infiltrated and spread misinformation through radical organizations throughout the 60s and 70s. NTELPRO was instrumental in the assassination of Black Panther Party leader Fred Hampton and the frame-ups of Geronimo Pratt and American Indian Movement activist Leonard Peltier. When the united states expanded its covert war in Central America in the

also oppose the dastardly system which makes it necessary."

During the rally, a MIM supporter gave a talk describing how the FBI continues to



# What happened with UCSB's “officer in residence”?

Students, staff, and faculty greeted CIA agent George Chritton with demonstrations and calls for his removal.

The Poli Sci department demoted him from lecturer to “academic miscellany” — in part because of his intellectual and professional dishonesty.

Cedric Robinson — who publicized Chritton's ties to the agency — said “He could not substantiate events that the NYT reported as fact 20 years ago. The blank's [in his lecture notes] are extensive.”

# Beyond the CIA...

DIA, FBI, DoD, etc. etc. etc. all fund and direct academic research

For example, the whole field of “area studies” owes its existence to explicit and implicit “militarist and imperialist” concerns (Jean Duroselle, in a UNESCO report)

Project Camelot (1964): How to conduct low-intensity warfare. Develop a “general social systems model which would make it possible to predict and influence politically significant aspects of social change in the developing nations of the world...

“The many programs of the U.S. Government directed towards this objective [defusing revolution] are often grouped under the label of counterinsurgency (some pronouncable term standing for insurgency prophylaxis would be better)...

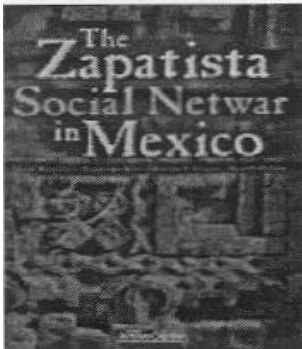
# Beyond academia...

The RAND corporation is a big player in the intelligence community. The lines between the State Department/CIA/DoD and RAND and academia are incredibly blurry...

Danny Ellsberg -- who would go on to leak the Pentagon Papers -- went from Harvard to RAND to the countryside in Vietnam, all as a hired brain for military intelligence. At RAND he analyzed procedures for nuclear war and developed “counterinsurgency” methods.

RAND is still at it...

*Information-age insurgency moves from theory to reality*



### The Zapatista “Social Netwar” in Mexico

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The information revolution is fostering network forms of organization, whereby small, previously isolated groups link up and coordinate joint actions as never before. This, in turn, is leading to a new mode of conflict—“netwar”—in which the protagonists depend on using network forms of organization, strategy, and technology.

*The Zapatista “Social Netwar” in Mexico* offers a thoughtful analysis of a seminal case of “social netwar,” the insurgency begun in Chiapas by the Zapatista National Liberation Army. The Mexican government’s response to the insurgency aroused activists to “swarm”—electronically as well as physically—from around the world into Mexico. Thus, what began as a violent insurgency in an isolated region mutated into a nonviolent though no less disruptive “social netwar” that engaged activists from far and wide and had sweeping repercussions for Mexico. This book examines the rise of this netwar, the information-age behaviors that characterize it, its effects on the Mexican military, and its implications for Mexico’s stability and for the occurrence of future netwars around the

*Hey, I know it's a cheesy slogan but it's true:*

# Revolution is the Solution!

As long as there is a market for research into murder, mayhem, and dirty tricks in the name of Amerikan supremacy:

- The CIA - or its analog - can go underground
- It can creep back after the issue has died down
- It can leave the university entirely
- It will always be able to find some people willing to take their dirty money

We must organize to take away the "right" to profit at the expense of death and suffering for hundreds of millions of people -- by any means necessary

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