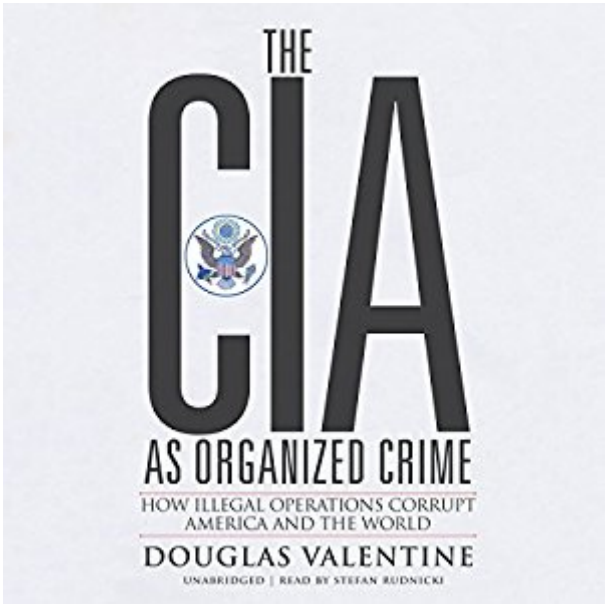
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The CIA As Organized Crime: How Illegal Operations Corrupt America And The World



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Synopsis

The author of three books on CIA operations, Douglas Valentine began his research into the agency’s activities when CIA director William Colby gave him free access to interview agency officials who had been involved in various aspects of the Phoenix program in South Vietnam. It was a permission Colby was to regret. The CIA would eventually rescind it and made every effort to impede publication of The Phoenix Program, which documented an elaborate system of population surveillance, control, entrapment, imprisonment, torture, and assassination in Vietnam. While researching Phoenix, Valentine learned that the CIA allowed opium and heroin to flow from its secret bases in Laos to generals and politicians on its payroll in South Vietnam. His investigations into this illegal activity focused on the CIA’s relationship with the federal agencies mandated by Congress to stop illegal drugs from entering the United States. Based on interviews with senior officials, Valentine wrote two subsequent books, The Strength of the Wolf and The Strength of the Pack, showing how the CIA infiltrated federal drug enforcement agencies and commandeered their executive management, intelligence, and foreign operations staffs in order to ensure the unimpeded flow of drugs to traffickers and foreign officials in its employ. Ultimately, portions of his research materials were archived at the National Security Archive, Texas Tech University’s Vietnam Center, and the John Jay College of Criminal Justice. This book includes excerpts from the aforementioned titles, along with subsequent articles and transcripts of interviews on a range of current topics, with a view to shedding light on the systemic dimensions of the CIA’s ongoing illegal and extralegal activities. These articles and interviews illustrate how the agency’s activities impact social and political movements abroad and at home. A common theme is the CIA’s ability to deceive and propagandize the American public through its impenetrable, government-sanctioned shield of official secrecy and plausible deniability. Though investigated by the Church Committee in 1975, CIA praxis then continues to inform CIA praxis today. Valentine tracks the agency’s steady expansion into practices targeting the last population to be subjected to the exigencies of the American empire: the American people themselves.

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Customer Reviews

Run, donÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t walk, and get yourself a copy of this book. The author has been warning us for decades about the clear and present danger that is the CIA. I was unaware of ValentineÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s work for most of those years, perhaps because our media outlets (even the ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“anti-establishmentÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• ones like Democracy Now and The Intercept) have been compromised. ValentineÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s work has been suppressed since his ground-breaking book on the Phoenix Program.Not that I didnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t know anything about the sordid history. I knew about MK-Ultra, some of the agencyÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s drug running and empire-building exploits. This work goes much deeper and paints a much bigger picture. The extent of the agencyÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s influence is much greater than I had imagined.This is not another history book about dirty tricks. It is not just about our insane foreign policy and empire building. The cancer of corruption, of outright crime, has metastasized into every agency of the government right here in the US itself. Those dirty tricks and crimes have become domestic policy- in fusion centers and Homeland Security, in the militarization of local police and in Congress, from Wall Street to Main Street. Border Patrol, the DEA, Justice and State have all been compromised. Want to know why the DEA is losing the war on drugs, how torture has become policy? Want to know why the government no longer represents your interests? Look no further.The problem is now. We are the new targets.Read it and weep, but for GodÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s sake, please read it.A highly informative and comprehensive book, and a scathing, fearless indictment of government corruption.I cannot overstate it’s importance.

If you want the inside scoop on the CIA and it’s criminal past; this is the book. Additionally, why the Phoenix Program is pertinent for our own times. This book connects the dots. If you have been wondering why Homeland Security has fusion centers; why the USA Anti-Patriot Act, NDAA and Rex 84 have been passed by Congress; you will get your answer here. A book every intelligent

American needs to read and place in a prominent place in their library. Oh, and don't forget after you read it; spread the word !!! (this book is based upon actual face to face interviews and documents)

Of the extraordinarily valuable and informative works for which Mr. Valentine is responsible, his latest, CIA As Organized Crime, may prove to be the best choice as an introduction to the dark realm of America's hidden corruptions and their consequences at home and around the world. This new volume begins with the unlikely but irrevocable framework by which Mr. Valentine's path led to unprecedented access to key Agency personnel whose witting participation is summarized by the chapter title: "How William Colby Gave Me the Keys to the CIA Kingdom."By illuminating CIA programs and systems of surveillance, control, and assassination utilized against the civilian population of South Vietnam, we are presented with parallels with operations and practices at work today in America's seemingly perpetual war against terror.Through the policies of covert infiltration and manipulations, illegal alliances, and "brute force" interventions that wreak havoc on designated enemy states, destroy progress and infrastructure under the claim of liberation, degrade the standards of living for people in the perceived hostile nations, "...America's ruling elite empowers itself while claiming it has ensured the safety and prestige of the American people. Sometimes it is even able to convince the public that its criminal actions are 'humanitarian' and designed to liberate the people in nations it destroys."Mr. Valentine has presented us with a major body of work which includes: The Strength of the Wolf; The Strength of the Pack; The Pheonix Program, to which we may now add The CIA as Organized Crime, and for which we are profoundly indebted.

After just reading "The CIA as Organized Crime", I have to admit, quite frankly, I was shocked. I knew the CIA was corrupt but I never dreamed just how corrupt it really is. Mexican Cartels? Forget it. The CIA runs more drugs into this country that makes the contribution by the Mexicans look like a spit in the ocean. And, what's worse, the drugs are distributed to the poor Black and Hispanic communities as a means of control. The ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Phoenix ProgramÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• which was developed in Vietnam uses Special Forces and Seal Teams to commit wholesale murder on a massive scale. In one situation as Valentine points out, a CIA agent led a Seal Team into a village and murdered all 22 inhabitants: old men, women, children and one infant. They just didnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t kill them, they butchered them, disembowelling the children subsequently reporting that they ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“took outÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• 22 VC and were given medals! There were no VC. And, the Phoenix Program is still in use today in Iraq, Afganistan, and other countries

around the world. The CIA is responsible for instigating over 50 wars in various parts of the world since the end of WWII.ItÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s a grim look at an organisation that is comprisedÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â •with few exceptionsÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â •of psychopathic killers. By comparison, the CIA makes La Cosa Nostra look like a group of school-yard bullies.

This is a devastating and must-read study of the social and political calamity created by the CIA over the last sixty years. The portrait shows the criminal character of the agency and finally of the government it is said to serve. The portrait is a double shock because it shows not just a sordid corruption but a malevolent 'dark side' mafia-style corruption of american civilization and government. That the CIA controls the drug trade is not the least of the stunning revelations of this history.

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