

## Video: Guns, Drugs and the CIA

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*Two of the most persistent offensives of the Reagan presidency have been the war against communism in Central America and the war on drugs here at home.*

*But investigations of America's secret war in Nicaragua have revealed mounting evidence that the Central Intelligence Agency has been fighting the Contra war with the help of international drug traffickers. It is not a new story.*

*From the 1980s Archive, we bring the attention of our reader the FRONTLINE investigation traces the CIA's involvement with drug lords back to the agency's birth following World War II.*

*It is a long history that asks this question: "In the war on drugs, which side is the CIA on?"*

*Our program was produced by Leslie and Andrew Cockburn.*

*It is called Guns, Drugs, and the CIA and is reported by Leslie Cockburn.*

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