

Unit 5 Crime Wave in the Southern Cone

IV Sympathetic Supporters

The 1970's and 1980's were decades of upheavals in Central America. How did Argentina influence events in Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador? What were the U.S. policies towards Latin American and its upheavals in the latter part of the 20th century?

1. In small groups, research Argentina's influence on Central American upheavals. Investigate Argentina's military and counterinsurgency assistance to combat left-wing subversion in Central America. Was "Operation Charly" a real strategy or propaganda? What was Argentina's role in Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala from 1977-1986? Write your notes in the space below and be prepared to share your information during class discussion.

2. After discussing the results of the above activity, research one of U.S. Presidential policies towards Latin America. How did the administration react to human rights issues and upheavals? What events or beliefs influenced foreign policy in Latin America? What is the legacy of these policies? Below is a list of presidents from the 1970's to the present.

Richard Nixon	George H.W. Bush
Gerald Ford	Bill Clinton
Jimmy Carter	George W. Bush
Ronald Regan	Barack Obama

Share information about U.S. presidential policies in Latin America and the legacy of those policies.