

[nb. Although some of you have given up on Wikipedia for its many omissions and errors, I continue to find it very useful, especially for thumbnail introductions to a wide variety of topics, including those mentioned here.]

Since 9-11, the terms "surveillance state," "police state" and "secret government" have become commonplace in discussions of a democracy engulfed in fake news, the tweets of a pathological liar, and the increasingly blatant ripoffs of the commons by a billionaires' plutocracy.

As a student of history, my recent and current reading in this area have led from a look into Cointelpro

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and related domestic psyops activities of the FBI and CIA in the US from the 50s to the 70s beginning with Operation Paperclip,

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to the atrocities of, among others, Operation Mockingbird and Projects Artichoke, Bluebird and MK ULTRA),

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and thence to other inter-related Cold War activities of the CIA including but not limited to:

1) Operation Gladio, the secret "stay behind" armed forces throughout Europe after WW II

[https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation\\_Gladio](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Gladio)

2) Operation Condor, the covert operations throughout Latin America involving the overthrow of democratically-elected governments and installation of brutal dictatorships in several countries

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This last reference leads full circle back to the domestic CIA covert experiments with drugs and mind control explored (with a focus on collusion between government and mainstream media) in Alexander Cockburn and Jeffrey St. Clair, "Whiteout: The CIA, Drugs and the Press" (London/NY: Verso, 1998).