

Deep State Terrorism

Although Benjamin Netanyahu did much to give international terrorism a public face in the 1980s, it flourished well before Netanyahu's "International Conference on Terrorism" of 1980. It was covert, not known by that name, and consisted of several known flavors: the Gladio "stay behind" operations that developed after the second world war, and the "Phoenix program", which originated in Vietnam in 1967.

NATO's "Stay-Behind" armies

According to several Western European researchers, the Gladio operation involved the use of assassination, psychological warfare, and false flag operations to delegitimize left-wing parties in Western European countries and even went so far as to support anti-communist militias and right-wing terrorism.

In *NATO's Secret Armies: Operation Gladio and Terrorism in Western Europe*, (2004) historian Daniele Ganser unveils a chilling and clandestine side of post-World War II Europe that many would prefer to remain hidden. This thoroughly researched exposé delves into the secretive network of "stay-behind" armies orchestrated by NATO, set against the backdrop of the Cold War's omnipresent fear of communist expansion. Through riveting narratives and meticulously unearthed documents, Ganser reveals how these covert groups, originally intended as a last line of defense against a Soviet invasion, became embroiled in terrorism, political manipulation, and psychological warfare within their own countries. As you turn the pages of this gripping investigation, prepare to question the historical forces that shaped modern Europe and to ponder the unsettling intersection of statecraft and subterfuge.

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A few notes on Daniele Ganser's *NATOs secret armies*:

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United States Department of State Denial:

The United States Department of State rejected the view that they supported terrorists and maintains that the operation served only to resist a potential invasion of Western European countries by the Soviet Union.²

A Few details on Gladio in Italy from Counterpunch³:

Notes on Gladio in Italy by Brett Wilkins in Counterpunch:

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The Phoenix Program

Douglas Valentine's book *The Phoenix Program: America's Use of Terror in Vietnam* (2014) notes that the stated purpose of the original Phoenix program was to protect the people of South Vietnam from terrorism. The operational reality was the pacification of the South Vietnamese population through terrorism. America's Central Intelligence Agency secretly initiated a sweeping program of kidnaping, torture, and assassination devised to destabilize the infrastructure of the National Liberation Front (NLF) of South Vietnam, commonly known as the "Viet Cong."

Created by the CIA in 1967 and headquartered in Saigon, the Phoenix program coordinated all military, police, and intelligence agencies in South Vietnam in pursuit of civilian members of the VCI. To this end the CIA created Intelligence and Operations Coordinating Centers (IOCCs) at region, province, and district levels. A particular IOCC would amass data on suspects in its area of operations, through informants and the CIA's brutal interrogation centers, and then mount targeted operations using police, regular military, and special operations forces, as well as the CIA's notorious counterterror teams. To facilitate this sweeping method of population control, every citizen's biographical data was fed into a computer at the Phoenix Directorate in Saigon. The Directorate was managed by a senior CIA officer whose job was to funnel information on top-ranking members of the VCI to the CIA station, where the staff attempted to turn these people into penetration agents who could report on the enemy's strategies, plans, and allies in North Vietnam. Any South Vietnamese citizen could become a VCI suspect based on the word of an anonymous informant. The suspect was then arrested, indefinitely detained in a CIA interrogation center like the one that Congressman Rob Simmons managed, and tortured until he or she (in some cases children as young as twelve) confessed, informed on others, died, or was brought before a military tribunal for disposition.

The Phoenix program was considered so successful that it became a model and was used successfully in Latin America.

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² https://www.seattle911visibilityproject.in/911VP_2025_update/deepstate/usinfo-state-denial.pdf

³ <https://brettwilkins.com/2020/07/31/counterpunch-the-bologna-massacre-the-strategy-of-tension-and-operation-gladio/>

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