

TUFTS, THE CIA, AND US IMPERIALISM

Tufts halts CIA campus recruiting

MEDFORD, Mass. (UPI) — Tufts University officials said Tuesday their suspension of CIA on-campus recruiting of undergraduates is the "prudent course to take" while deciding whether to enforce a permanent ban.

The suspension — ordered by David Maxwell, dean of undergraduate studies — followed an Oct. 3 student protest that halted remarks by a CIA recruiter to an audience of potential job appli-

cants.

The recruiter was unable to complete his speech.

The suspension did not involve job recruiting at Tufts' Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, a graduate school with an enrollment of about 250.

The temporary suspension will last until the Tufts administration and faculty draft a formal policy to deal with on-campus recruiting, said Ralph Buglass, spokesman

for the 7,000-student university.

A faculty meeting took no action on Maxwell's recommendation of an immediate ban on CIA recruitment of undergraduates, postponing further consideration until a meeting next month.

The CIA's group presentation and individual interviews earlier this month were the first on the Tufts Medford campus since 1981, Buglass said. No further sessions are scheduled.

What is the CIA about?

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is one of many thuggish governmental agencies. **Although the agency claims their activities are carried out for the sake of promoting and preserving “democracy”, the brutality of their listed activities should quickly eliminate this illusion:**

- Toppling governments and killing leaders that threaten US influence through mass murder campaigns, military coups, or arming guerilla groups (1)
- Propping up brutal puppet regimes in their place (2)
- Creating torture programs (3)
- Causing massive epidemics through their “war on drugs” (4)
- Suppressing people's movements at home and abroad (5)



While the agency has admitted to committing a wrong here or there, the blame is normally placed on an individual or two within the agency, leading to their removal. Of course, some media sources and big intellectuals will go a bit further and condemn the entire agency: for these groups, the numerous atrocities committed by the CIA are too obvious to pass up as being the result of just a couple rotten individuals. Still, this condemnation of the CIA does not grasp the entire picture.

The CIA is one of many departments that carries out the “dirty work” of the US state so as to maintain the political influence and economic stake of the US government, big bankers and corporations at home and abroad .



So when a threat is posed to an American corporation who exploits the land and labor of XYZ country, or to the section of capitalists in XYZ country who are bought off by their share in the corporation's exploitation, or to American financial domination by XYZ bank or the IMF, or to the regime in XYZ country that protects and secures American interests through law and force, **the CIA is one of the many arms of the US government that will intervene to eliminate the threat.** This threat may be another wealthy, powerful country challenging US hegemony in the region, or people's movements in a given country that wish to throw off the yoke of US imperialist domination.



While this is the purpose for the CIA's existence, there have been recent signs of an inability of the minority, wealthy class in the US to effectively carry out their interests: in part caused by departmentalism within the state, where different agencies have worked to secure the short term interests that aid their department, which have contradicted the longer term interests of the US empire (6). This is an indication of contradictions within the US ruling class, as well as a decaying US empire, **both of which provide openings that can be seized on by the majority of people in this country who have no interest in the US state oppression at home and its imperialism abroad.**

What does Tufts gotta do with all this?

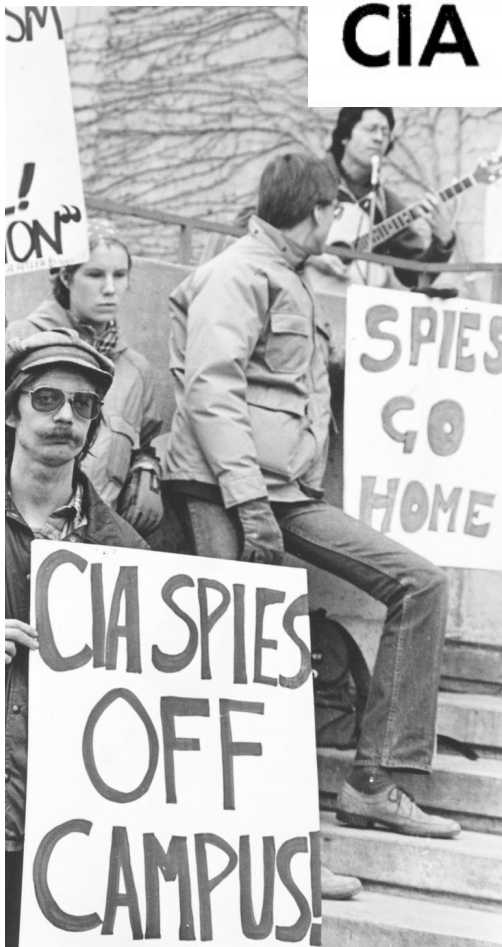
HELP SOLVE COMPLEX
PROBLEMS AND PARTICIPATE
IN CUTTING EDGE RESEARCH!
BUT SHHH, DON'T ASK WHAT
IT'S FOR OR HOW WE'RE
FUNDED!



The CIA, as well as the other intelligence, security, and military governmental agencies, do not work in isolation. A vast economic and logistical network of organizations, which includes universities, works in tandem with these agencies, the government, and the elite class at large to carry out their operations. Universities like Tufts provide the research, technology and labor pool to support the US state's ability to extract the natural resources from, force loans upon, police, drone strike, coup, and overall subjugate other nations to the political and economic interests of the minority ruling class in the US

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CIA Needs 'Em Young, Brainy



Tufts participates in the Department of Homeland Security's "Centers of Excellence" (COE): a consortia of universities that get a shit ton of money from the government in exchange for conducting research and developing new technologies that improve the ability of our government to surveil the population, strengthen repression on the border and deportation of migrants. Through this program, Tufts received tens of millions of dollars to develop a technology called SENTRY, which has promoted ever greater surveillance of campuses, sporting events, and cities. (7)

Of course **Tufts doesn't only develop technologies in exchange for the funding, Tufts also works to replenish the staffing of these agencies.** One of the major ways that this is carried out is through career fairs and recruitment events that host these agencies (8). Tufts promotes careers with the companies who design and manufacture weapons and technologies for these military and intelligence agencies such as Raytheon, General Electric, General Dynamics, and Lockheed Martin, all hosted on campus nearly annually. **Defense contractors all profit off of the ever increasing military budget, the savage invasions and attacks that have been carried out on 24 countries since WWII, and the American military presence in ¾ of countries across the globe.**

But what can we do as students?

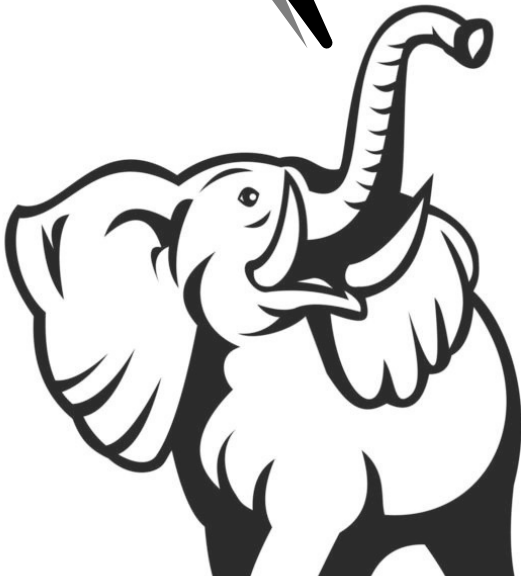
All of us students come to university to gain knowledge, participate in college social life, and wind up with a degree in the end that secures a job. These are all reasonable desires and expectations to have when coming to college. But we can't let the aspiration to have job security and a well paying salary obscure our understanding of what these jobs are about



It's important that we look beyond the title of any given job and think more critically about what the function of these government agencies and defense contractors is overall in the plunder abroad and repression at home. All of which is in the aim of preserving the wealth and political might of a ruling elite.



**DONT THINK ABOUT HOW THE
DEFENSE CONTRACTORS
MAKE MONEY OFF OF WARS THEY
INSTIGATE, JUST THINK ABOUT THE
JOB SECURITY AND ALL THE
BENEFITS--LIKE AN ESPRESSO
MACHINE IN YOUR OFFICE!**



The Tufts students protesting the CIA have come together to carry the baton of student opposition to these defense contractors, government agencies, and our university's role in overall US imperialism: a baton that has been passed on through years of anti-recruitment, anti-imperialist organizing that students have taken up at Tufts. We hope through more serious organizing and protests such as these that we can continue to expose these war profiteering groups for what they truly represent, and how our universities are complicit in the crimes of these corporations and agencies. In the 60's and 70's the CIA and other war criminals couldn't openly recruit on campuses for fear of sparking a massive protest! It is time to bring that energy back to campuses.



it's kind of crazy that when the CIA was fighting secret wars in central and south america we had a crack epidemic and since occupying afghanistan we've had an opiate epidemic. so many weird coincidences

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References

(1): Syria 1949 coup, & 1956, China 1950–1953, Egypt 1952, Iran 1953 coup, Guatemala 1954 coup, Indonesia 1958 (attempted) coup, Cuba 1959-62, Vietnam 1963, Congo 1961 asassination, Laos 1960: coup, D.R. 1961 asassination, Brazil 1964 coup, Iraq 1963 coup, Cambodia 1970 coup, Chile 1973 coup, Bolivia 1971 coup, Argentina 1976, and more

(2) Philippines 1945-53, South Korea 1945: the United States Army Military Government in Korea, Cuba 1952: Batista government, Argentina 1976: Videla military dictatorship, and more.

(3): Guantanamo Bay, 4): Opioid epidemic through poppy seed production in Afghanistan, US Crack-Cocaine epidemic in the 80s through cocaine trafficking from Nicaragua, (5): Philippines 1945-53, Greece 1947-49, Costa Rica 1948, Angola 1975-1991.

(6): The elites in this country have spent trillions trying to set up puppet regimes in places like Afghanistan and have miserably failed. Because of the CIA's interest in turning a profit through poppy-seed production in Afghanistan, they wound up giving far more power to warlords and drug dealers than was beneficial for the US. With these forces in power, the political influence that the US state was undermined by the narco state the CIA created: See "Consumed by Corruption" - Washington Post, "Brother of Afghan Leader Said to Be Paid by C.I.A." - NYT and "Afghanistan is the world's opium king." - CNN for more

(7): Their research and technology developments was intended to “integrate elements such as crowd-scanning sensors mounted atop light poles, video feeds, cell phone traffic, aerial drone footage, and social media posts.” See Northeastern University's article: "Northeastern University wins \$36M federal contract to build a system to protect schools, churches, and stadiums"

(8): Tufts has hosted the US Department of State, the US Army, the US Navy, the US Marine Corps, the FBI and the US Coast Guard at the 2019, 2020, and 2022 general career fairs.