

CIA Rebrands 'Moderate' Rebels: Now They're the 'Syrian Democratic Forces'!

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The CIA has rebranded its "army of moderates" (sometimes called the "Free Syrian Army" or "terrorists"). The new freedom-spreading group [will be called the Syrian Democratic Forces](#):

"The Syrian Democratic Forces calls itself a unified national military, aimed at establishing a new democratic Syria. Members include Kurds, Arabs and Assyrian Christians. But those familiar with the group say it's led by the Kurdish YPG, the only partner the U.S. trusts.

"Washington last week announced the overhaul of a rebel training program, which was halted after trainees handed equipment over to al-Qaida. The new Syrian Democratic Forces will absorb some of those trainees. One of them, reached by NPR, says he's been tasked with calling in airstrikes against ISIS and recruiting moderate rebels."

The U.S. says it will provide its Democratic Forces with air support — even though it's a clear violation of international law to conduct air strikes in a country that doesn't want you there.

Saudi Arabia and the U.S. have already made it clear that they will continue flooding Syria with weapons.

Meet the new moderates, same as the old moderates.

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