

# The CIA in Guatemala: A Chilling Account of Dirty Secrets and Covert Operations

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*American Widow's Story of Her Mayan Activist Husband's Death — and US Complicity*

Earlier this week, we ran a [two-parter](#) on the US, Guatemala, corruption, the CIA, genocide, torture, and more. Reader interest was considerable.

We now invite you to watch this video of a presentation made by [Jennifer Harbury](#), an American whose late Guatemalan husband, a Mayan indigenous activist, was “disappeared” by the military. After hunger strikes and investigations, she learned that [Efraín Bámaca Velásquez](#) had been tortured and then killed — and that the CIA knew all about it. Her story is a powerful one.

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