

The “forgotten” wikileaks: declassified documents of the United States Department of State and the overthrowing of Latin American governments

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Abstract:

In the following article the proposal is to retrieve classified information of the US government, that has been published by various official organizations during the last decades, and that enables us to know the way in which private and public interests worked together in order to ensure US interests in Latin America. In this context, we will analyze documents published by the United States Department of State, the National Security Archive and the CIA, corpus that includes the guidelines, opinions and decisions of various representatives of the US Departments of State, Defense, Treassury and the CIA, as well as the opinions of influential individuals from the private sector, regarding the democratic administrations of Jacobo Arbenz in Guatemala (1950-1954); Joao Goulart in Brazil (1961-1964) and Salvador Allende in Chile (1970-1973). Following a critical theoretical perspective, the main goal is to figure out and show significant evidence about the way of “doing things” of US government in Latin American during the first decades of the Cold War.

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