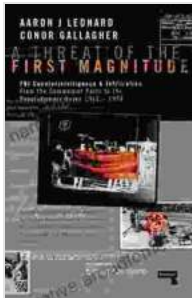


FBI Counterintelligence: Infiltration From the Communist Party to the Present



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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has been at the forefront of the fight against communist infiltration in the United States for over a century. From the early 20th century to the present day, the FBI has investigated and disrupted communist espionage networks, prevented sabotage and violence, and protected American national security.

The Early Years

The FBI's counterintelligence efforts began in the early 1900s, when the Bureau was tasked with investigating anarchist and communist activities in the United States. In 1919, the FBI established its first dedicated counterintelligence unit, the Radical Division. The Radical Division

investigated communist organizations and individuals, and worked to prevent them from infiltrating sensitive government and industry positions.

In the 1920s and 1930s, the FBI's counterintelligence efforts focused on the Communist Party of the United States (CPUSA). The CPUSA was a legal political party, but it was closely aligned with the Soviet Union and its intelligence service, the NKVD. The FBI investigated the CPUSA's activities, and worked to prevent its members from infiltrating government and industry.



The Cold War

The Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union intensified after World War II. The FBI's counterintelligence efforts became even more important, as the Soviet Union sought to infiltrate the United States and its allies with spies and agents of influence.

In the 1950s, the FBI investigated the Rosenbergs, a communist couple who were convicted of espionage and executed for passing atomic secrets to the Soviet Union. The FBI also investigated the Alger Hiss case, in which a high-ranking State Department official was convicted of perjury for denying his involvement in a communist spy ring.

In the 1960s and 1970s, the FBI investigated the activities of the Weather Underground, a radical left-wing group that bombed government buildings and other targets. The FBI also investigated the activities of the Black Panthers, a black nationalist group that was accused of violence and extremism.



FBI agents investigating communist activities during the Cold War

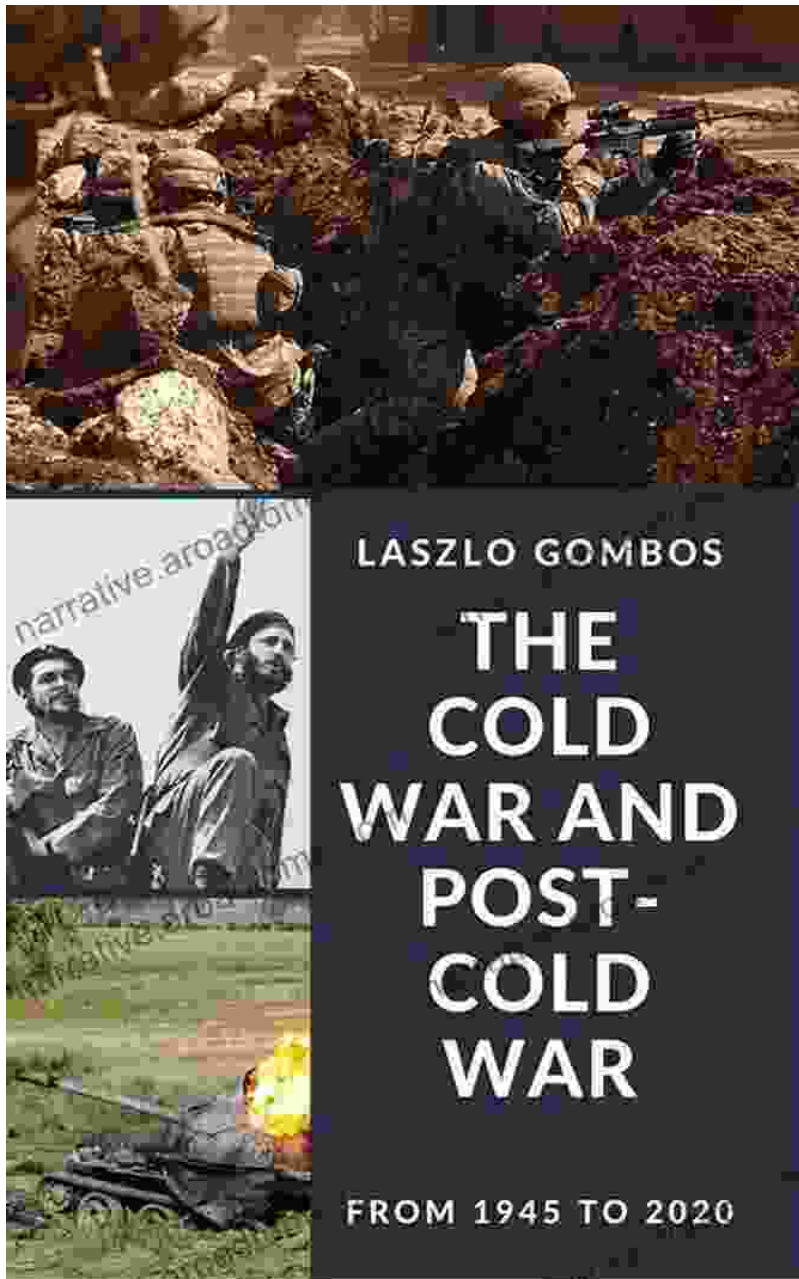
The Post-Cold War Era

After the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, the FBI's counterintelligence efforts shifted from countering the Soviet threat to countering the threats from other countries and non-state actors.

In the 1990s, the FBI investigated the activities of al-Qaeda, the terrorist group responsible for the 9/11 attacks. The FBI also investigated the

activities of the Chinese government, which was accused of stealing American trade secrets and conducting espionage.

In the 2000s and 2010s, the FBI investigated the activities of the Russian government, which was accused of interfering in the 2016 presidential election and other attempts to undermine American interests.



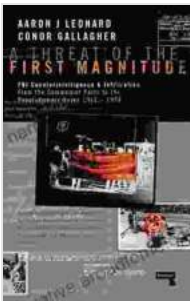
The Future of FBI Counterintelligence

The FBI's counterintelligence efforts are constantly evolving to meet the changing threats facing the United States. In the future, the FBI will likely focus on countering the threats from cyber espionage, foreign influence campaigns, and other non-traditional threats.

The FBI's counterintelligence mission is essential to protecting American national security. The FBI has a long and successful history of investigating and disrupting communist espionage networks, preventing sabotage and violence, and protecting American interests.

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