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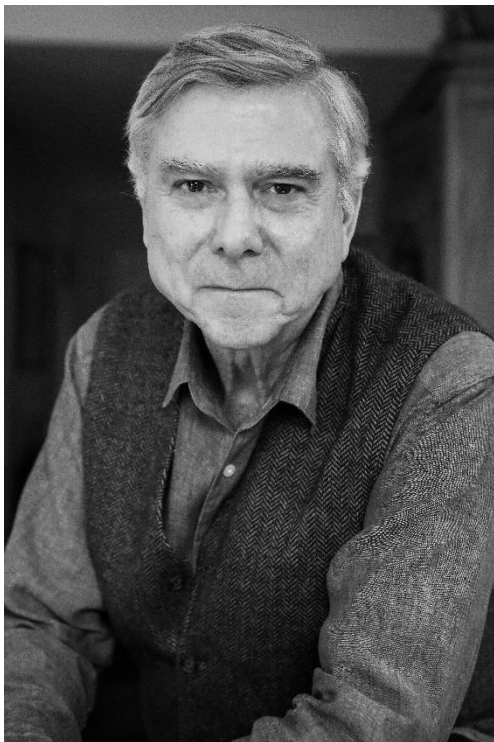
Legacy of Lies, El Salvador 1981-1984

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Abstract:

In the early 1980s, the Cold War clashes that had bloodied other parts of the world shifted to Central America. Following the overthrow of Nicaragua's Somoza government by the left-wing Sandinista rebels in 1979, the United States sought to prop up El Salvador's right-wing military government as a backstop against home-grown insurgents and rising Soviet and Cuban influence. Its role helped fuel a lethal 13-year civil war.

Legacy of Lies contains previously unpublished black-and-white images that American photographer Robert Nickelsberg produced on behalf of Time magazine and is supplemented by essays by renowned journalists. Robert Nickelsberg worked as a Time magazine contract photographer for nearly thirty years, specializing in political and cultural change in developing countries.



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Robert Nickelsberg worked as a *Time* magazine contract photographer for nearly 30 years, specializing in political and cultural change in developing countries. He is the author of *Afghanistan – A Distant War*, published in 2013 by Prestel, which represents his 25 years of work in Afghanistan. Nickelsberg's second book, *Afghanistan's Heritage: Restoring Spirit and Stone*, done in conjunction with the U.S. Department of State, was published in English, Dari and Pashto in May 2018. In April 2024, Kehrer Verlag published *Legacy of Lies, El Salvador 1981-1984*, a collection of black and white images shot during the civil war in El Salvador, 1981-1984, for Time magazine. Nickelsberg lives in Brooklyn, New York.