

# How the CIA Crack Cocaine Controversy Destroyed Journalist Gary Webb



## Kill the Messenger: How the CIA's Crack-Cocaine Controversy Destroyed Journalist Gary Webb by Nick Schou

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In 1996, investigative journalist Gary Webb published a three-part series in the *San Jose Mercury News* alleging that the CIA had been involved in the crack cocaine epidemic in Los Angeles. Webb's series, titled "Dark Alliance," was based on years of research and interviews with sources close to the investigation. It claimed that the CIA had allowed drug traffickers to operate in Los Angeles in order to fund covert operations in Nicaragua.

Webb's series caused a major scandal and led to calls for a congressional investigation. However, the CIA denied the allegations, and the Justice Department declined to prosecute. Webb was also attacked by other journalists, who accused him of making unsubstantiated claims. As a result of the controversy, Webb's career was destroyed. He was fired from the *Mercury News* and was unable to find another job in journalism.

In 2004, Webb committed suicide. He left behind a note in which he said that he had been "destroyed" by the CIA and the media. Webb's death sparked a new wave of interest in his work, and several books and documentaries have been produced about him.

In recent years, new evidence has emerged that supports Webb's claims. In 2013, the CIA released a report that admitted that it had allowed drug traffickers to operate in Los Angeles in the 1980s. The report also revealed that the CIA had been aware of the drug trafficking activities of Barry Seal, a major player in the Medellín Cartel.

The CIA's admission has led to renewed calls for an investigation into Webb's allegations. However, the Justice Department has still not reopened the case. Webb's family and supporters have accused the government of covering up the truth about his death.

## **The Legacy of Gary Webb**

Gary Webb was a courageous journalist who dedicated his life to exposing the truth. His work on the CIA crack cocaine controversy was groundbreaking, and it has helped to shed light on one of the darkest chapters in American history. Webb's death is a tragedy, but his legacy will continue to inspire generations of journalists to come.

## **Dark Alliance**

The definitive book on the CIA crack cocaine controversy is *Dark Alliance* by Gary Webb. The book tells the story of Webb's investigation into the allegations of CIA involvement in the crack cocaine epidemic. It is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand this important chapter in American history.



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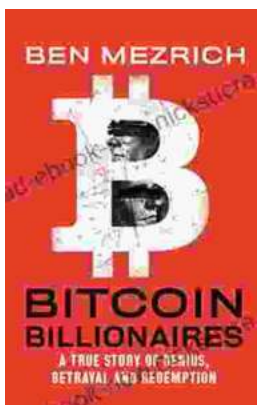
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