

# A BRIEF HISTORY OF US INTERVENTION IN THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE



Honduras

1911

US aids coup against elected leader, Miguel Dávila.

1920  
US-friendly President is overthrown; US sends military to assure new government's compliance.

Guatemala



El Salvador

1932

US suppresses a peasant rebellion led by Farabundo Martí.

1944  
After government is ousted by student-led uprising, US legitimizes subsequent coup to restore former party.

El Salvador



Guatemala

1947

President Arévalo gives workers the right to unionize. United Fruit Company asks the US to intervene.

1952  
US organizes coup against Arbenz government. Uprising is suppressed by a US counterinsurgency.

Guatemala



El Salvador

1960

US refuses to recognize junta promising free elections; instead supports right-wing counter coup.



1978  
US supports coup by Rios Montt, who begins brutal campaign against the Maya.

Guatemala



Honduras

1980s

US trains Contra rebels in their war against Nicaragua's Sandinistas. Military aid hits \$77.5 million by 1984.

1980 to 1992  
US funds and trains dictatorship resulting in 70,000 deaths. Salvadorans flee to US but some are deported back.

El Salvador



Honduras

2009

President Zelaya is exiled in coup after threats to US-backed constitution. US refuses to back calls for his return.

2014  
US threatens to withhold millions in aid unless El Salvador ends preferences for locally sourced corn and bean seeds.

El Salvador



El Salvador

2018

US ends Temporary Protected Status for the 200,000 Salvadorans living in the United States.