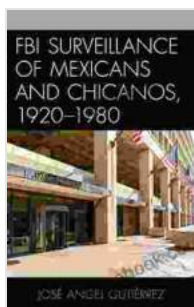


# FBI Surveillance Of Mexicans And Chicanos 1920 1980 (Latinos And American Politics)

## FBI Surveillance of Mexicans and Chicanos: A Historical Examination of Discrimination and Repression ##

## A Comprehensive Overview of the FBI's Targeting of Mexican and Chicano Communities from 1920 to 1980



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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has a long and documented history of surveilling, harassing, and infiltrating Mexican and Chicano communities in the United States. This surveillance began in the early 1920s and continued well into the 1980s. The FBI's targeting of these communities was based on a combination of racism, xenophobia, and political repression.

## **Historical Context**

The Mexican Revolution (1910-1920) led to a significant increase in Mexican immigration to the United States. In the 1920s, the FBI began to view Mexican immigrants as a threat to national security. This fear was compounded by the rise of the Ku Klux Klan and other white supremacist groups, who often targeted Mexican and Chicano communities.

## **The FBI's Surveillance Program**

The FBI's surveillance program of Mexican and Chicano communities was extensive. The FBI collected information on individuals and organizations, infiltrated community groups, and conducted wiretaps. The FBI also worked closely with local law enforcement agencies to target Mexican and Chicano activists.

## **The COINTELPRO Program**

In 1956, the FBI launched the Counter Intelligence Program (COINTELPRO). COINTELPRO was a covert operation designed to disrupt and discredit political organizations that the FBI considered to be threats to national security. COINTELPRO targeted a wide range of groups, including Mexican and Chicano organizations.

## **The Impact of FBI Surveillance**

The FBI's surveillance of Mexican and Chicano communities had a devastating impact. It created a climate of fear and distrust, and it made it difficult for Mexican and Chicano activists to organize and fight for their

rights. The FBI's surveillance also led to the wrongful imprisonment of many Mexican and Chicano activists.

## **Historical Significance**

The FBI's surveillance of Mexican and Chicano communities is a dark chapter in American history. It is a reminder of the dangers of racism, xenophobia, and political repression. The FBI's surveillance program also provides important lessons about the importance of protecting civil liberties and the need for accountability in government.

The FBI's surveillance of Mexican and Chicano communities is a complex and multifaceted issue. It is important to understand the historical context in which the surveillance took place, as well as the impact it had on the targeted communities. The FBI's surveillance program is a reminder of the dangers of racism, xenophobia, and political repression. It is also a reminder of the importance of protecting civil liberties and the need for accountability in government.

*## Annotated Bibliography ##*

### **"The FBI's COINTELPRO Program and the Mexican American Movement" by William E. Ramírez**

This book provides a detailed overview of the FBI's COINTELPRO program and its impact on the Mexican American movement. Ramírez argues that COINTELPRO was a systematic campaign of repression designed to destroy the Mexican American movement and its leaders.

## **"FBI Surveillance of Mexican Americans: The Dossiers of the Los Angeles Field Office, 1942-1977" by Patrick J. McNamara**

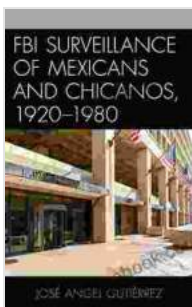
This book presents a collection of declassified FBI files on Mexican Americans in Los Angeles. The files provide a firsthand look at the FBI's surveillance program and its impact on the Mexican American community.

## **"Mexican Americans and the FBI: Repression and Resistance" by Richard R. Rodriguez**

This book examines the FBI's surveillance of Mexican Americans from the 1920s to the 1970s. Rodriguez argues that the FBI's surveillance was a form of political repression designed to control and suppress Mexican American activism.

## **"The FBI and the Chicano Movement: A Case Study in Repression" by Alfredo Mirandé**

This book examines the FBI's surveillance of the Chicano movement in the 1960s and 1970s. Mirandé argues that the FBI's surveillance was part of a larger strategy to suppress Chicano activism and maintain control over the Mexican American community.



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