No end in sight: a century of drug wars

Acronyms and abbreviations

IDCR- International Drug Control Regime
DEA- Drug Enforcement Agency
FARC- Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia
DDSP- Democratic Defense and Security Police
UNGASS- United Nations General Assembly Special Session
ICE- Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Glossary

Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO)- President of Mexico since 2018

Medellín Cartel- Drug cartel originating in the city of Medellín

Cali Cartel- Drug cartel originating in the city of Cali

Pablo Escobar- Former Colombian drug lord who was the founder of the Medellín Cartel

Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path)- Communist guerrilla group in Peru

Plan Colombia- U.S. foreign aid, military aid, and diplomatic initiative aimed at combatting Colombian drug cartels

Mérida Initiative- Security cooperation agreement between the U.S., Mexico, and Central America with the aim of combatting drug related crime

Andrés Pastrana- President of Colombia from 1998-2002
Álvaro Uribe- President of Colombia from 2002-2010
Sinaloa Cartel- International drug trafficking organization established in Sinaloa, Mexico
Felipe Calderón- President of Mexico from 2006-2012