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**Revolutionary Central America out of Control:
The Drama of Uprisings, U.S. Responses, Surprising Outcomes**

- 1) -- Global Background – Changes in US relations with the rest of the world in the 1970s

- 2) – Why the explosion of revolution in Central America (Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala)?

- Second-wave Central American Insurrections (popular-based uprisings) in 1970s, 1980s, 1990s

- 3) – Nicaraguan Revolution (July, 1979) led by Frente Sandinista de Liberación Nacional

- 4) – Civil wars in El Salvador (1979-1992) and Guatemala (1960-1996)

- 5) – U.S. responses – Carter vs. Reagan, New Cold War, Reagan Doctrine (1981-1988) – and logic of Jeane Kirkpatrick arguments and responses [see Reader]

- 6) -- Opposition to US policies, abroad and at home

- 7) -- Surprising outcomes: negotiated solutions, undertaken by Central American leaders themselves. Drama of Central American Peace Accords (1987) ending threat of regional war, and negotiated solutions to civil wars in Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Guatemala