

"Cointelpro is the first book to disclose, in indisputable and chilling words of FBI officials themselves, the two-pronged attack with which the FBI has attempted to discredit and destroy lawful and effective groups working for social justice: first, by manufacturing and publicizing false charges of foreign control, terrorism or personal immorality in order to undermine the popular appeal of such groups in the community at large; and second, by planting equally false charges of hypocrisy, racism or government informing and agentry in order to destroy unity and effectiveness within the groups themselves. No one who reads Cointelpro can ever again accept a disruptive, unproved charge - or fail to see the "dirty tricks" of the Nixon Era as relatively minor examples of a long and un-Constitutional tradition.