

# Pope Francis' Role in Argentina's "Dirty War". Interview with Michel Chossudovsky

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*The selection of Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio to the papacy;*

*the historical coup d'état in Argentina of 1976 with the instatement of the structural adjustment program;*

*Bergoglio's complicity with the military dictatorship;*

*Argentina's dirty war;*

*the present day trial in Buenos Aires which will bring to light Operation Condor;*

*the broad geopolitical implications of the papal appointment;*

*and Michel Chossudovsky's personal experiences in both Argentina and Chile during both coups.*

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The Vatican conclave has elected Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio as Pope Francis I

In 1973, he had been appointed "Provincial" of Argentina for the Society of Jesus.

In this capacity, Bergoglio was the highest ranking Jesuit in Argentina during the military dictatorship led by General Jorge Videla (1976-1983).

He later became bishop and archbishop of Buenos Aires. Pope John Paul II elevated him to the title of cardinal in 2001

When the military junta relinquished power in 1983, the duly elected president Raúl Alfonsín set up a Truth Commission pertaining to the crimes underlying the "Dirty War" (La Guerra Sucia).

In 2005, human rights lawyer Myriam Bregman filed a criminal suit against Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, accusing him of conspiring with the military junta in the 1976 kidnapping of two Jesuit priests.

Several years later, the survivors of the "Dirty War" openly accused Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio of complicity in the kidnapping of priests Francisco Jalics y Orlando Yorio as well six members of their parish... Read More. Complete text of Michel Chossudovsky's article:

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Wall Street was firmly behind the military Junta which waged "The Dirty War" on its behalf. In turn, the Catholic Church hierarchy played a central role in sustaining the legitimacy of the military Junta.

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