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Thoughts about the U.S. Decision to Overthrow the Guatemalan President, Jacobo Arbenz, in 1954

For homework, you are to decide whether or not the United States made a justifiable decision when they staged a coup in 1954 to overthrow Jacobo Arbenz, the Guatemalan president.

Use your notes and the information we discussed in class to answer the following two questions:

1. Was the decision by the United States to overthrow Arbenz's government in Guatemala justified? In other words, based on the threats of communism and the fact that United Fruit's land was going to be bought by the government and given away to poor people, do you think the United States Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) made the right decision to help remove Jacobo Arbenz?
2. Would your opinions be different if you were part owner of United Fruit? What if you were from Guatemala and were going to get some of United Fruit's land?

Write your initial thoughts on the back of this sheet. Then type your responses in essay format using no more than 13 point font, single-spaced. The paper should be about a page in length and should have information directly from the slideshow to back up your argument. Note: The slideshow can be found online on Honey Creek's website.

This is due when we return from break, Monday, April 8th or Tuesday, April 9th.

