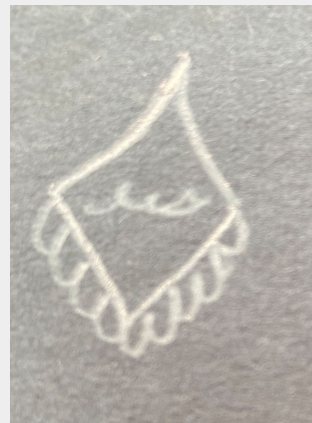
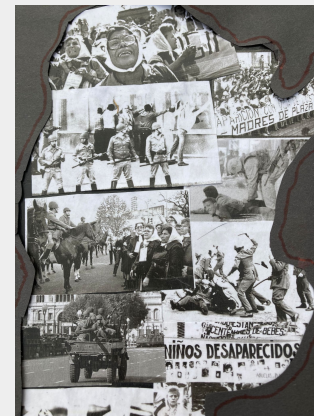


# The 'Dirty War'- The Genocide in Argentina

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# “Within Their Borders” - Collage



# Artist Commentary

Argentina's genocide, also known as the 'Dirty War', is said to be one of the most tragic atrocities in South America. This genocide lasted from 1976 to 1983, while Jorge Videla, the dictator, and the Junta military, were in complete power. Prior to Videla taking power, inflation rose to over 300%, so he and the Junta military took the opportunity to organize a coup against the government. He then targeted and eliminated innocent socialists, leftists, those who were threats to his regime, and even families. The outcome of this genocide was the murder of 30,000 Argentinians, along with 500 children who were taken to be raised in the military. Until 2019, mothers and relatives gathered around the Plaza de Mayo in Buenos Aires, to protest and demand the truth, as to what truly happened to their children that disappeared.

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For my project, I created a collage filled with images and perspectives related to the genocide. I added pictures onto a canvas, then I cut an outline of Argentina on a black poster board. The pictures were of different moments during the Dirty War. These images portrayed the violence towards citizens, the Junta taking over cities, and even modern day protests. The purpose of the Argentina shaped collage is to demonstrate how this was a tragic issue within the country, perpetrated by the government against their own citizens. The red accents in the collage represent the bloodshed of the Argentine citizens. The four handkerchiefs on the border symbolize the thousands of victims who were tortured, killed, and dumped into mass graves. Since then, Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo, hold up their handkerchiefs with the missing children's names written in script.

Jorge Videla's regime opposed in fear those who had different thoughts and ideology, thus attempting to eliminate that population. Throughout this process, countries, especially America, stood by and allowed it to happen. This is an intense and tragic example of indifference in our society. If indifference continues to influence our actions, then genocides like the 'Dirty War' will proceed to destroy lives and communities now and in the future.

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