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Unser America [Our America]

Konrad, Kristina. *Unser America* [Our America]. Zurich: Maximage GmbH, 2005. 84 min. https://vimeo.com/59976427.

> "Nicaragua was the Vietnam of my generation." The filmmaker returns to neoliberal Nicaragua, battered by war and corruption: a Nicaragua which 20 years previously had offered one of the last social utopias that was the rallying point for thousands from around the world. There was a hope that the small country would be able to triumph over poverty and discrimination within a system of political plurality, a mixed economic system, and remain independent of world political blocks: the hope that David really could beat Goliath. The film returns to the past and attempts to cautiously sense a path forwards in a new unknown situation: memories and observations of the current state of affairs. In the middle point are women who had taken up arms years ago, and how they now struggle to survive today. What remains from the dream for independence and justice? (Source: Maximage on IMDb)

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Further readings:

- Hager, Robert P. Jr. "The Origins of the 'Contra War' in Nicaragua: The Results of a Failed Development Model." *Terrorism and Political Violence* 10, no. 1 (1998): 133–64.
- Humea, Francesca, and Derek Summerfield. "After the War in Nicaragua: A Psychosocial Study of War Wounded Ex-Combatants." *Medicine and War* 10, no. 1 (1994): 4–25.

Related links:

- Official Film Website

http://www.maximage.ch/filmography/documentary/unser-america/

- History of Nicaragua (Historyworld)
  http://www.historyworld.net/wrldhis/PlainTextHistories.asp

Websites linked in this text:

- http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0499090/
- http://www.carsoncenter.uni-muenchen.de/index.html
- https://www.environmentandsociety.org/multimedia/collection/environmental-films-project