

SFRY – THE BEGINNING OF THE END
A Brief History of the Causes of Conflict from the Perspective of the CIA

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Summary: The Socialist Yugoslav Federation came to an end not only because of the incapability of the Communist party but also because the reservoir of political will that hold Yugoslavia together is gone at the end of 80's. At the beginning of 90's federal system had no longer exist and Yugoslavia was dissolved as a state. The breakdown of Yugoslavia was caused by political, economic, religion and ethnic factors. Even successful economic reforms could not hold the country together. The strongest cohesive forces became the strongest anti-cohesive. They were at work in Yugoslavia within Slovenia, Croatia and Serbia. They are mix of national pride, local economic aspiration, and historically antagonistic confessionnal and cultural aspirations. Neither the Yugoslav Army nor the Communist Party was able to hold the federation together because both of these two institutions were in shambles of interethnic conflicts.

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