

Yugoslavia

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Subject:	Yugoslavia: Information On Those With Connections To The United States, Especially Those Who Have Been Granted Asylum Status.
From:	INS Resource Information Center, Washington, DC
Keywords:	Yugoslavia / Serbia / Anti-American / US / Asylum / Violence

Query:

Would the wife of someone who had been granted asylum in the United States face danger should she return to Yugoslavia?

Response:

Resources consulted by the RIC did not indicate that there had been reports of incidents in which citizens of Yugoslavia had been harmed because of a connection to an asylum-seeker in the United States. In addition, there were no reports found which focused on anti-American violence in this area.

However, several sources did indicate that there exists a pervasive anti-American sentiment among many in Yugoslavia. One report indicates that for the last year, the media in Yugoslavia has engaged in daily anti-American rhetoric (Associated Press. 18 March 1998). More recently, the US State Department and other sources see the US involvement in the Kosovo crisis as a spark for anti-American violence and sentiment (*The Boston Globe*. 23 February 1999; Agence France Presse. 19 February 1999). None of these sources indicated who in Yugoslavia was likely to harbor an anti-American sentiment or who would be at greatest risk of violent attacks.

This response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the RIC within time constraints. This response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim to refugee status or asylum.

References:

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