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Abstract

The presentation deals with the evolution of both the Sicilian mafia and the antimafia movement during the last years. The Sicilian mafia has adopted a new, subtle strategy. As a reaction to the success of the antimafia action of the second part of the 90s, the mafia is increasingly moving towards an invisible and financial form of crime. It has chosen to avoid violent actions to deflect the attention of the law enforcement agencies, the media and the public opinion. The antimafia action of both the institutions and the civil society has achieved extraordinary results during the second part of the 90s. However it has encountered some difficulties when tackling the higher level of the mafia, i.e. its connection with some members the political establishment.

Today, the war is not won yet. For this it is important to remember the past and keep in mind the lessons learned and to avoid the errors committed.