

Organization Data Sheet: Dominicans Don't Play

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A. When the organization was formed + brief history
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dominicans Don't Play (DDP) is an American-based Dominican gang with an international presence• It was formed in the early 1990s in New York, and is the second largest NY Dominican gang after Los Trinitarios.¹• Their disputes with Los Trinitarios have resulted in various high-profile murders.• The Spanish government noticed DDP's presence in Madrid in 2004.²
B. Types of illegal activities engaged in,
a. In general
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drug trafficking, weapons trafficking, protection, armed robbery, assault
b. <i>Specific detail: types of illicit trafficking activities engaged in</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cocaine trafficking in the US and Spain,³ weapons trafficking in Spain.⁴
C. Scope and Size
a. Estimated size of network and membership
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Total membership is unknown, and there is little information available. There were an estimated 70-80 members in Madrid in 2006.⁵
b. Countries / regions group is known to have operated in. (i.e. the group's operating area)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eastern US, Dominican Republic, Spain
D. Leader Characteristics
a. Who is/are the leader(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.
b. Leadership timeline
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.
c. Leadership style (autocratic, diffuse, etc.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.
E. Organizational Structure
a. Topology (cellular, hierarchical, etc.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.
b. Membership – is there formal or informal membership in the organization or network? What role do informal or nonmembers play in trafficking and other criminal activities?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Membership is formal.
c. Command and Control (decentralized or centralized)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.
F. Resources
a. Financial
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.
b. Human
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.
c. Logistical
i. Forgery, safe-houses, etc.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.
ii. Key routes

Information derived from several sources and searchable databases.

All research conducted according to the project manual.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
d. Transportation
i. Land
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
ii. Sea
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
iii. Air
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
iv. Intermodal container
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
G. Trafficking Methods and Modalities
a. Corruption
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
b. Concealment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
c. Deception
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
d. Circumvention (avoiding border entry points)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
H. Prior / Existing Relationships
a. Other criminal organizations (cooperative and conflictual)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DDP maintains a “partnership with Colombian Cartels”⁶ which supplies cocaine. • DDP has a rivalry with Los Trinitarios.
b. Corrupt politicians, law enforcement , political parties and other state entities, etc.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of the Dominican military are actively involved in drug trafficking, specifically smuggling drugs into the Dominican Republic.⁷ It is unknown if the military has ties with DDP.
c. <i>Specific detail: Any alliances / past dealings with terrorist groups.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No known dealings with any terrorist groups
I. Ideological / Ethnic / Familial Orientation (if any)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominican ethnic affiliation.
J. Technical Sophistication
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
K. Penchant for Innovation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
L. Activities in United States
a. Includes both criminal and non-criminal activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
b. <i>Specific detail: trafficking activities ; logistical activities</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug trafficking and distribution, weapons trafficking in Spain.
c. Linkages with US groups
i. Market/transaction links
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
ii. Stable supplier
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unidentified Colombian group.
iii. Franchise arrangement

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
iv. HQ and Branch office
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
M. Evaluations
a. Strengths
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willingness to work with other groups
b. Weaknesses and vulnerabilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
c. Additional insights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Other Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

¹ "Dominicans need to respect the law urgently, lawmaker says," *Dominican Watchdog*, January 3, 2011, http://dominicanwatchdog.org/page-Dominicans_need_to_respect_the_law_urgently,_lawmaker_says.

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³ "Madrid Arrests Cripples Dominican Don't Play Gang." *Dominican Today*, November 5, 2009.

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⁴ Ibid.

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⁶ "American Gang Crisis Alert: School Recruitment and Response."

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