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Although the United States-led armed intervention in Grenada met with an immediate reaction of disapproval, the eventual domestic and international criticism of the action was muted. This article analyzes the legal implications of the invasion in an effort to assess the possible long-range impact of such actions on world public order. The reactions to the event in the United Nations, the Organization of American States, and the nearby Caribbean countries are summarized, and an analysis of the legal grounds on which the United States intervention was justified is undertaken. The discussion examines the rescue of United States nationals, the request by the Grenadian Government, and the collective action of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States as possible justifications for the intervention in light of pertinent provisions of international law. The author contends that the legal bases for the invasion are at best tenuous, and that when such actions are undertaken by a super-power they are especially likely to further weaken the few existing constraints on the use of force.

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