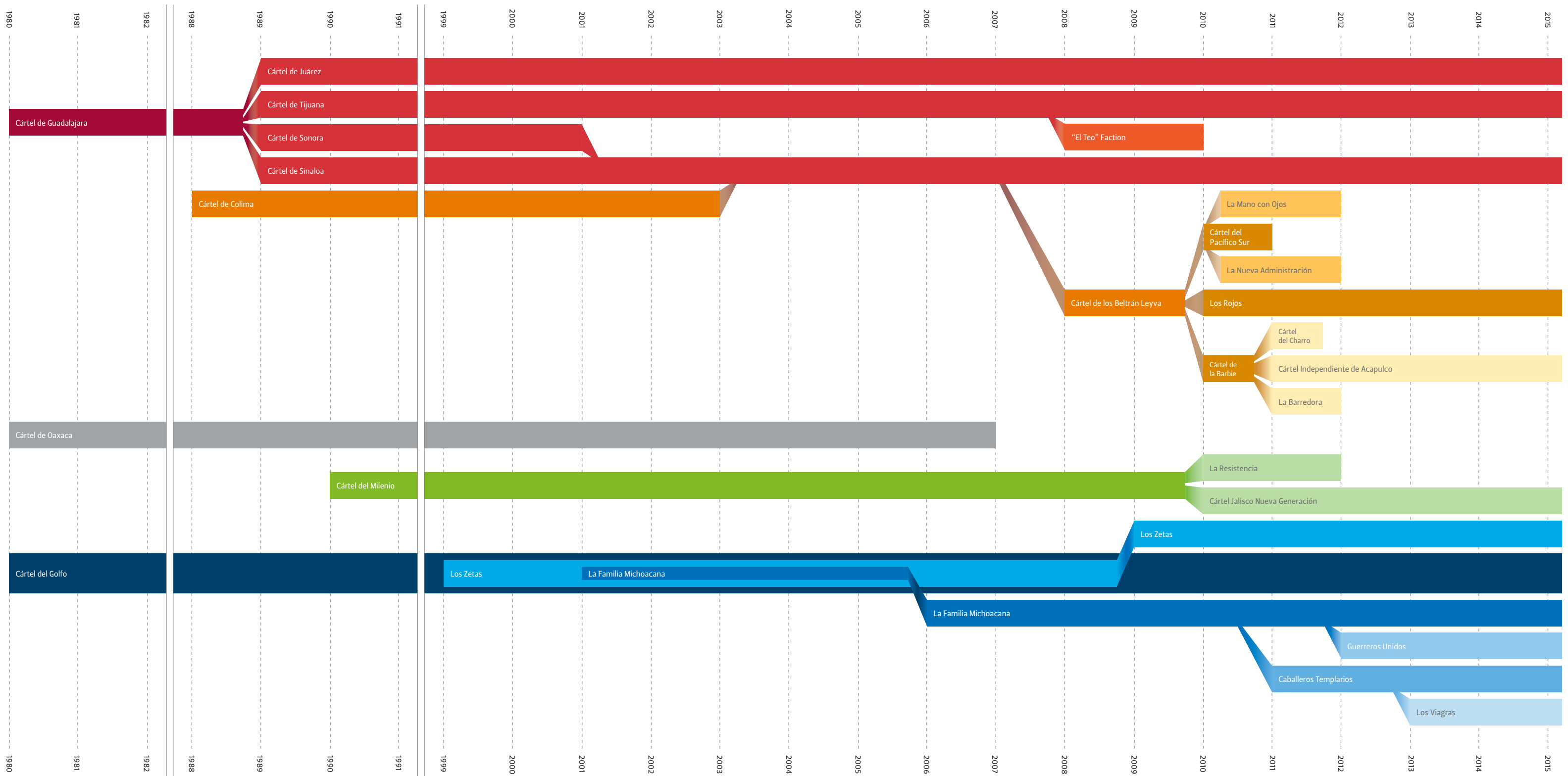


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## Notes

This timeline includes every major group that has been responsible for mass drug trafficking and for which sufficient information is available. Please note that the breakdown and chronology of each cartel may at times be estimated, due to problems inherent to the study of covert organizations, such as conflicting data and missing dates. Design considerations, rather than specific characteristics, determined the placement of each group on the timeline.

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