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THE ECONOMY



DECLINE OF THE DOLLAR: Flexibility Or Decline Of The Empire?

A Left Forum panel featuring Doug Henwood (Left Business Observer), Jane D'Arista (Financial Markets Centre), Chris Rude (writer), and

David Harvey (Graduate Center, CUNY)

Panelists define and explain the inner workings of capitalism that led to the current crisis, looking specifically at housing, sub-prime, and other critical dimensions of our global financial system. They also speculate on why there is no labor uprising--as well as suggesting some solutions. 2008. Organized by Socialist Register. 74 minutes.

DIMENSIONS OF THE FINANCIALIZATION CRISIS

A Left Forum panel featuring David McNally (York University), Jane D'Arista (Financial Markets Centre), Michael Kratke (University of Amsterdam), and Robin Blackburn (New School University)

Panelists express their views about how and why the current economic crisis occurred and offer predictions about how bad it's going to be. Topics covered focus particularly on the housing crisis, subprime, foreclosures, and more. Organized by the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation. 2008. 70 minutes.



OIL AND NUKES: THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF THE IRAN CRISIS

A Left Forum panel with Tom O'Donnell, Evrand Abrahamian, & Fatemeh Moghadam

A discussion of the growing dangers of war with Iran and the political and economic forces behind the rhetoric driving both sides. Speakers emphasize the role of long-term oil development plans among neo-conservatives. Also discussed are Iran's internal politics and economy. 2006. 60 minutes.

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EMPIRE

CRACKS IN THE EDIFICE

A Left Forum plenary featuring Naomi Klein, Mahamood Mamdani, Tariq Ali, and Adam Hochschild. Panelists discuss various "cracks" in support for U.S. empire-building, resulting from years of waging war in Iraq and Afghanistan; from attempts to "colonize" Africa through so-called humanitarian efforts--particularly in Darfur--and from failed neo-economic policies resulting in growing public perceptions of challenges to the class war being waged by elites. 2008. 90 minutes.

U.S. OCCUPATION OF IRAQ & THE PROBLEM OF PALESTINE AND AFGHANISTAN

With Joseph Gerson (U.S.), Michael Warshawsky (Israel), Nabila Faani (Afghanistan), Achin Vanaik (India), Hanna Rishmawi (Palestine), and Rani Masri (U.S.)

The panelists in this WSF session present the case against the U.S. (and Israel) for continued imperialist actions in Iraq and elsewhere; they also detail the suffering brought by corporate globalization. WSF 2004. 56 minutes.

U.S. POLICY IN AFGHANISTAN

Sonali Kolhatkar and Jim Ingalls discuss the current situation, Afghanistan history, and the continued dismal media coverage. They also focus on women and resistance. 2005. 80 minutes.

ENVIRONMENT

CORPORATE THEFT OF WATER

Maude Barlow, chair of the Council of Canadians, describes how corporations, with the collusion of governments, steal water from communities, mostly in third world countries, and sell it back to citizens at outrageous prices. An interview with Barlow by Sonali Kolhatkar of KPFC Pacifica radio follows Barlow's talk. World Social Forum 2004. 42 minutes.



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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & LIVING DEMOCRACY

Robert Bullard discusses the environmental justice movement's role in redefining environmentalism to include where we live, work, play, and worship. **Vandana Shiva** criticizes the inequality and bankrupt policies of the IMF and WTO. She describes the living democracy movement in India, which is about every being having the right to democratic participation in the resources of this planet. 2002. 50 minutes.

REVOLUTION OR SUBMERSION: The Politics Of Global Warming

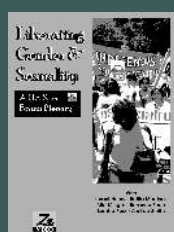
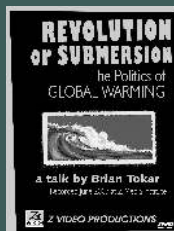
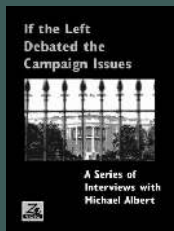
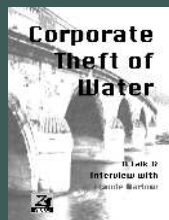
Brian Tokar, an author, activist, and social ecologist, looks at popular discussions of today's looming ecological crisis and explains why they are lacking in political coherence or a systemic critique of the causes. As a result people are told that lifestyle changes and market mechanisms are the only way to solve the problem of climate disruptions, toxic pollution, and destruction of ecosystems. He indicates that a revolutionary movement is needed for a true alternative. ZMI 2007. 70 minutes.

DOMESTIC POLICY

IMMIGRATION IN THE BELLY OF THE BEAST

Cathi Taqtaquin (National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights) chairs this panel featuring **Alexis Mazon** (Coalicion de Derechos Humanos), **Gerald Lenoir** (Black Alliance for Just Immigration), **Trishala Deb** (Audre Lorde Project), **Jose Matus** (La Alianza), **Ed Ott** (NYC Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO), **Glory Kilanko** (Women Watch Afrika), and **Ruben Solis** (Southwest Workers Union)

This panel at the 2007 United States Social Forum covers immigration in the U.S. from a variety of perspectives: Latino/a, African American, Native American, LGBTQ youth, union organizing, and human rights. Discussions range from the punitive legislation being considered as "reform" to persecution along the U.S./Mexico border to coalition building. June 2007. 74 minutes.



TEN MINUTES TO MIDNIGHT: The Emerging Police State

A Left Forum panel with **Michael Steven Smith**, **Dalia Hashad**, **Michael Ratner**, & **Heidi Bogosian**

Four attorneys specializing in civil rights, human rights, and constitutional law discuss the renewal of the USA PATRIOT Act in 2006. March 2006. 60 minutes.

IF THE LEFT DEBATED THE CAMPAIGN ISSUES

If the Left could participate in the presidential electoral debates in the U.S., how would they: explain the purpose of elections and why so few vote; expose U.S. foreign policy and present alternatives; discuss the economic system; expose the nature of education in preparing people for their class "roles" in the economy? What would a Left candidate counter with when the discussion turns to Cuba or Venezuela or other countries in the Bush administration's so-called Axis of Evil? **Lydia Sargent** questions **Michael Albert** on the issues raised in a typical mainstream candidates' debate. January 2008. 55 minutes.

ACTIVISM

ARGENTINA'S OCCUPIED FACTORIES

Over the past five years there has been a movement to occupy failing factories and run them via workers self-management. This documentary, based on a tour of occupied factories and discussions with various participants at every level, reports on the features and lessons of the experience. October 2005. 55 minutes.

ECHOES OF A REBELLION

On December 19/20, 2001, resistance to the neoliberal policies imposed by the IMF and World Bank exploded into rebellion. Thousands of people took to the streets in Argentina and in more than 100 cities worldwide. This documentary examines these new political forms that inspired resis-

tance around the world. Filmed in North & South America, 2001/2002. 47 minutes.

FROM SDS TO LIFE AFTER CAPITALISM

Inspired by the Spring 2007 release of **Michael Albert's** book *Remembering Tomorrow*, **Noam Chomsky** and **Albert** got together--with **Amy Goodman** as moderator--to reminisce about the past as it provides lessons for future activism. Also included is an interview with **Albert** about his experiences, as well as a Q&A session with three student activists. March 2007. 105 minutes.

LIBERATING GENDER & SEXUALITY

Imani Henry, **Mia Mingus**, **Betita Martinez**, **Loretta J. Ross**, **Andrea Smith**, and **Suzanne Pharr** discuss the importance of integrating gender and sexual justice across movements for social change. Panelists speak to continued institutional and domestic violence--including political repression and poverty--that women and gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people have resisted by defending their rights and forming new organizations for justice. June 2007. 65 minutes.

RACE-ING JUSTICE:

Black Resistance and the Politics of Mass Incarceration

with **Manning Marable**, **Keesha Middlemass**, **Laurent Alfred**, **Adolphus Belk**, & **Rev. Sekou**

Panelists argue that there is currently no meaningful public discussion of white's stereotypical perceptions about race and crime. They give statistics that overwhelmingly show a crisis situation, with 6.9 million (mainly African American and young Latino) inmates "warehoused" in U.S. prisons. Left Forum 2005. 85 minutes.

A SOLDIERS MOVEMENT AGAINST THE IRAQ WAR

A Left Forum panel with **Tod Ensign**, **Aiden Delgado**, **Jose Vasquez**, & **Geoffrey Millard**

This session includes moving

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testimony from three soldiers who served in Iraq. They talk about going from being “gung ho,” ready to “blow things up,” to being against the war and U.S. policy. They also talk about their anti-war plans and the prospects of major troop refusals. March 2006. Talks 45 minutes, Q&A 25 minutes.

A SPACE 4 PEACE

Produced by Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space

Revised with new material in 2008, this 38-minute documentary is about the Bush administration's revival of the old Star Wars program and the growing movement of protest and resistance.

TOWARDS A REVOLUTIONARY STUDENT MOVEMENT

Kate Griffin (New School SDS) chairs this Left Forum panel featuring Pat Korte (New School SDS), Rachel Haut (Queens College SDS), and Dave Shukla (UCLA SDS)

Student radicals discuss their views on the role students can play in confronting society's challenges in the process of developing organization, vision, and strategy for a revitalized student left. March 2008. 55 minutes.

WOMEN AGAINST WARS, WARS AGAINST WOMEN

With Nawal el Saddawi (Egypt), Arundhati Roy (India), Saher Saba (Afghanistan), & Irene Khan (Bangladesh) Nawal el Saddawi debunks “post-feminism”; Arundhati Roy talks about the massacre and rape of Muslim women in India in 2002; Saher Saba reports on the situation for women in Afghanistan; Irene Khan tells of conditions for women in many parts of the world. WSF 2004. 51 minutes.

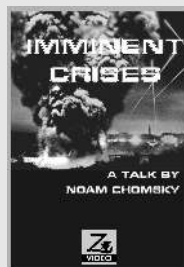
VENEZUELA'S BOLIVARIAN REVOLUTION

Via conversations with Venezuelans inside the government and out, this documentary chronicles a revolution in consciousness and a transformation of political structure, economics, gender, and culture relations. Venezuela is at the center of dramatic

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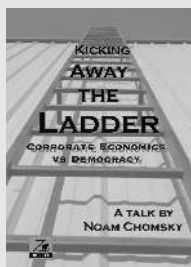
IMMINENT CRISES

Chomsky lays out the most pressing crises facing us today--nuclear apocalypse, environmental catastrophe, and the “democracy deficit.” He covers the war in Iraq, the U.S. policy of obtaining strategic power and critical leverage over its key rivals, and the hypocrisy of the U.S. “messianic vision” of bringing “democracy” and “freedom” to every corner of the world while violating democratic principles, international law, and increasing the possibility of “apocalypse soon, the ultimate doom.” 2005. 90 minutes.



IMPERIAL GRAND STRATEGY

Chomsky addresses the U.S. government's official plans for an endless reign of oppression, world domination, and international conflict. ZMI 2003. 55 minutes.



KICKING AWAY THE LADDER

Chomsky focuses on the problems of democracy development in the U.S. He discusses the so-called grand economy, which he describes as a failure for the majority of the population. Chomsky also details the history of the U.S. trajectory, after WWII, towards becoming the most powerful state in history using what he describes as a policy of “kicking away the ladder.” Talk 60 minutes; Q&A 25 minutes. December 2006.

LATIN AMERICAN CHALLENGES TO U.S. DOMINATION

Chomsky looks at Latin America and the Caribbean, areas which have historically been dominated by the U.S. In the last decade, Chomsky asserts, Latin America has been moving toward independence from the U.S. and is beginning to demand control of its own resources. Chomsky covers the many countries where the U.S. has carried out a pattern of subversion, which it refers to in classic doublespeak as “democracy promotion.” 2006. 45 minutes.

WE OWN THE WORLD

Chomsky looks at government and corporate policies over the years. These policies, Chomsky argues, involve imperialist designs, including political assassinations and the killing of innocent civilians on a mass scale. As Chomsky reiterates, U.S. elites can get away with this only if they (and we) accept the basic assumption that “we own the world”--and have the right to do whatever we want. June 2007. 90 minutes.

changes throughout Latin America. Understanding ongoing developments is of paramount interest to anyone concerned with social change. October 2005. 90 minutes.

STRATEGY/VISION

REAL UTOPIA: PARTICIPATORY SOCIETY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Meaghan Linnick-Loughley (NY Org for a Participatory Society chairs a Left Forum panel featuring Michael Albert (ZNet), Jessica Azulay & Brian Dominick (WebRoot Solutions), Richard Franke (Montclair State Univ), Chris Spannos (ZNet), and Greg Wilpert (Venezuelaanalysis.com)

Panelists engage visions for what a future participatory society might look like while giving real world examples in the U.S., Asia, and Latin America. Organized by Z Communications. March 2008. 90 minutes.

GLOBAL JUSTICE & ECONOMIC VISION

In this two-part talk, Michael Albert first discusses the issues associated with building an effective antiwar movement: matters of strategy, organization, and focus. Then he elaborates on the issue of economic vision and movement building. March 2003. First talk: 25 minutes; second talk. 55 minutes.

PARTICIPATORY POLITICS

This video is condensed from a two-part classroom series (at Z Media Institute) by Stephen R. Shalom on the forms and structures that a truly progressive, alternative political system might take. The discussion concerns a political system counter-part to the alternative economic system of Participatory Economics (Parecon). 2003 120 minutes.

Z SESSIONS #1

WORKER OCCUPIED FACTORIES IN ARGENTINA; BUILDING A PARECONISH MOVEMENT

In “Worker Occupied Factories in Argentina,” Marie Trigona talks about new forms of working together in the



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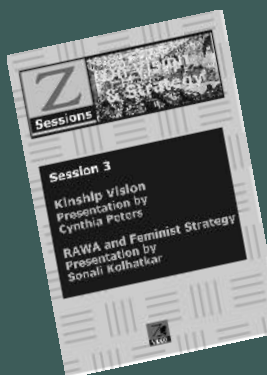
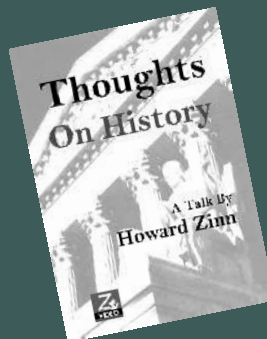
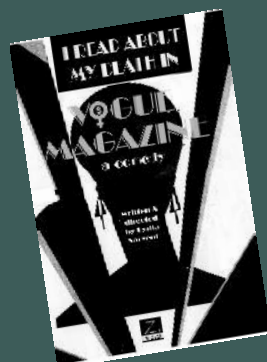
many worker occupied factories there. In "Building a Pareconish Movement" Michael Albert outlines principles and values of parecon and the economic institutions that could foster those values. He also makes the case for prioritizing vision and strategy in activist efforts. June 2006. 108 minutes.

Z SESSIONS #3: KINSHIP VISION; RAWA AND FEMINIST STRATEGY

Cynthia Peters explores what values family arrangements have and don't have. She looks specifically at sexist divisions of parenting and sexuality. She argues for caretaking as a category for inclusion in people's "balanced life job complexes." Sonali Kolhatkar offers a detailed description of the origins of RAWA (Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan). She draws lessons from their organizing strategies, structure, and process. June 2006. 80 minutes.

Z SESSION #5: UNIONISM AND WORKERS' LIBERATION; POWER & REVOLUTION: DON'T MOURN, BALKANIZE

Tom Wetzel describes ways the working class can liberate itself from capitalist ownership,



managers, and Mafia-style union hierarchies. He argues for a new self-managed worker organizations. Andrej Grubacic argues for unthinking our inherited, narrow-minded left paradigms, focusing on the lessons of the anarchist project for liberatory social change. June 2006. 100 minutes.

MEDIA

INDEPENDENT MEDIA VS. CORPORATE MEDIA

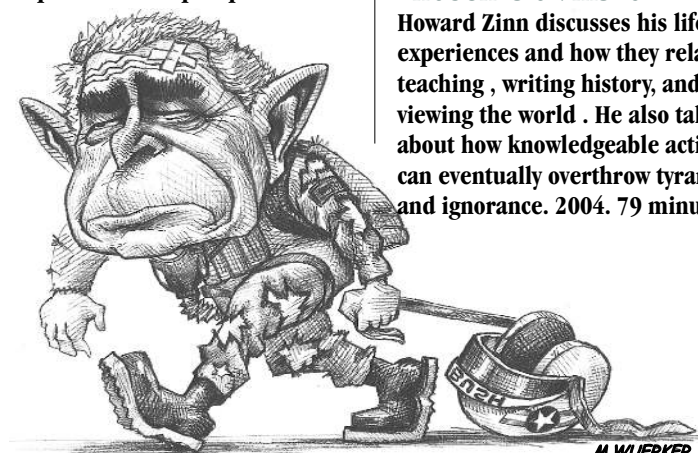
Amy Goodman, host of the syndicated radio show, "Democracy Now!," discusses the state of corporate media and the exciting rise of media alternatives. ZMI 2003. 40 minutes.

THE MORE YOU WATCH, THE LESS YOU KNOW

Danny Schechter has worked from top to the bottom and back again in mainstream and alternative media. Here Schechter recounts with humor and style the ins and outs of mainstream media organization, culture, and practice. ZMI 2000. 60 minutes.

WHO YOU CALLING A BITCH?

Women of Color Fight Back Against Sexism and Racism in Media Rosa Clemente discusses the importance of Hip Hop culture



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and its expression of social reality for Black and Latino/Latina urban youth. In that context, she examines the situation for women, particularly women of color, as they interact with the media and an often patriarchal, sexist culture. ZMI 2007. 60 minutes.

ALSO

I READ ABOUT MY DEATH IN VOGUE MAGAZINE

A feminist comedy by Lydia Sargent portrays the events leading up to that "fateful day" when 1960's-era feminists read about the death of feminism in various mainstream women's magazines, and elsewhere. The *Boston Phoenix* called it a "rich and funny wake and sing for the post-feminist age." ZMI 2001. 105 minutes.

COMPAÑERAS

Four South American Women's Lives A moving documentary about the lives of four South American working women: Magdalena works on a small farm; Karina is a train conductor; Regina sells cardboard from the streets; Nina is a militant who participated in the Sandinista revolution. Produced by Grupo Alavio. Spanish with subtitles. 2005. 40 minutes.

THOUGHTS ON HISTORY

Howard Zinn discusses his life experiences and how they relate to teaching, writing history, and viewing the world. He also talks about how knowledgeable activists can eventually overthrow tyranny and ignorance. 2004. 79 minutes.

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