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1995-09-02

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The Social and Political Thought of Noam Chomsky

2004-08-02

the social and political thought of noam chomsky questions chomsky s claim not to have a theory about the relationship between human beings and their society other than that which can be written on the back of postage stamp edgley compares chomsky s vision of the good society with liberal communitarian perspectives and establishes that it is grounded in a hopeful belief about human nature she argues that sympathy with this vision of the good society is essential for understanding the nature of chomsky s critique of state capitalism its inherent nationalism and the media the author concludes that chomsky s analysis is coherent and systematic when one acknowledges that he is not just a critic but a theorist

Necessary Illusions

1989

a towering intellect powerful always provocative guardian a superb polemicist who combines fluency of language with a formidable intellect observer must be read by everyone concerned with public affairs edward saidnecessary illusions explodes the myth of an independent media intent on uncovering the truth at any cost noam chomsky demonstrates that in practice the media in the developed world serve the interests of state and corporate power despite protestations to the contrary while individual journalists strive to abide by high standards of professionalism and integrity in their work their paymasters the media corporations ultimately decide what we view hear and read rigorously documented necessary illusions continues chomsky s celebrated tradition of profoundly insightful indictments of us foreign and domestic institutions and tears away the veneer of propaganda that portrays the media as the servant of free speech and democracy

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The Chomsky Reader

2010-11-10

the chomsky reader brings together for the first time the political thought of american s leading dissident intellectual arguably the most important intellectual alive the new york times at the center of practically every major debate over america s role in the world one finds noam chomsky s ideas sometimes attacked sometimes studiously ignored but always a powerful presence drawing from his published and unpublished work the chomsky reader reveals the awesome range of this ever critical mind from global questions of war and peace to the most intricate questions of human intelligence iq and creativity it reveals the underlying radical coherency of his view of the world from his enormously influential attacks on america s role in vietnam to his perspective on nicaragua and central america today chomsky s challenge to accepted wisdom about israel and the palestinians has caused a furor in america as have his trenchant essays on the real nature of terrorism in our age no one has dissected more graphically the character of the cold war consensus and the way it benefits the two superpowers or argued more thoughtfully for a shared elitist ethos in liberalism and communism no one has exposed more logically america s acclaimed freedoms as masking

irresponsible power and unjustified privilege or argued quite so insistently that the free press is part of a stultifying conformity that pervades all aspects of american intellectual life in a lengthy interview with the editor chomsky discussed his thought in the context of his personal history

Society, Language, and the University

1994

powers and prospects reflections on human nature and the social order adds another controversial volume to chomsky s already tottering pile on language and politics this political chapters by contrast boil with barely restrained moral outrage and passion a powerful section covers the british and us role in organizing and supporting suharto s murderous military coup of 1965 which resulted in the slaughter of some 600 000 people chomsky presents here a timely review of the western backed massacres in east timor chomsky as ever remains one of the few people willing to put the true value of all three in their proper perspective the ecologist from east timor to the middle east from the nature of democracy to our place in the natural world from intellectual politics to the politics of language powers and prospects provides a scathing critique of orthodox views and government policy and outlines other paths that can lead to better understanding and more constructive action chomsky lifts the veil of distortions that conceals the workings of history and social policy and reveals how the new world order is little more than a remarketing of the same old disorder his refreshingly clear views of the world and the nature of things are supported by a wealth of detail

Powers and Prospects

1996

2 volumes

Noam Chomsky

1994

an indispensable guide through the work of the world s most influential living intellectual

Language and Politics

2004

in ideology and linguistic theory two students of principals on both sides of the argument geoffrey j huck and john a goldsmith reappraise the outcome of the deep structure debate

Ideology and Linguistic Theory

1996

first published in 2003 routledge is an imprint of taylor francis an informa company

Chomsky on Democracy & Education

2003

noam chomsky is among the most influential contemporary thinkers peter wilkin looks in particular at the philosophical basis of his social and political thought especially his ideal about power knowledge and human nature he shows how chomsky s ideas can help to defend naturalism as in social and political thought chomsky s critical writings of social inquiry and his normative ideas on libertarian socialism and human emancipation are interpreted as synthesising a number of important ideas and approaches at a time when these ideas have fallen out of favour

Noam Chomsky: On Power, Knowledge and Human Nature

1997-04-30

in this classic talk delivered at the poetry center new york on february 16 1970 noam chomsky articulates a clear uncompromising vision of social change chomsky contrasts the classical liberal libertarian socialist state socialist and state capitalist world views and then defends a libertarian socialist vision as the proper and natural extension of classical liberalism into the era of advanced industrial society in his stirring conclusion chomsky argues we have today the technical and material resources to meet man s animal needs we have not developed the cultural and moral resources or the democratic forms of social organization that make possible the humane and rational use of our material wealth and power conceivably the classical liberal ideals as expressed and developed in their libertarian socialist form are achievable but if so only by a popular revolutionary movement rooted in wide strata of the population and committed to the elimination of repressive and authoritarian institutions state and private to create such a movement is a challenge we face and must meet if there is to be an escape from contemporary barbarism

Government in the Future

2011-01-04

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On Power and Ideology

1987

the seminal writings of america s leading philosopher linguist and political thinker the foremost gadfly of our national conscience the new york times for the past fifty years noam chomsky s writings on politics and language have established him as a preeminent public intellectual as well as one of the most original political and social critics of our time among the seminal figures in linguistic theory over the past century chomsky has also secured a place among the most influential dissident voice in the united states chomsky s many bestselling works including manufacturing consent hegemony or survival understanding power and failed states have served as essential touchstones for activists scholars and concerned citizens on subjects ranging from the media and intellectual freedom to human rights and war crimes in particular chomsky s scathing critique of the us wars in vietnam central america and the middle east have furnished a widely accepted intellectual premise for antiwar movements for nearly four decades the essential chomsky assembles the core of his most important writings including excerpts from his most influential texts over the past half century here is an unprecedented comprehensive overview of the thought that animates one of the west s most influential intellectuals in the cause of peace the independent chomsky ranks with marx shakespeare and the bible as one of the ten most quoted sources in the humanities and is the only writer among them still alive the guardian noam chomsky is one of the most significant challengers of unjust power and delusions he goes against every assumption about american altruism and humanitarianism edward said a rebel without a pause bono

The Essential Chomsky

2011-05-10

noam chomsky a world renowned linguist philosopher and outspoken critic of us foreign policy and the media has consistently written and spoken about the dangers of the nexus between us imperialism and neo liberalism this book explores if the experiences of social activists in india corroborate major tenets of chomsky s discourse on globalization and us imperialism the work although stems primarily from the area of professional social work is interdisciplinary in nature and would be of interest to anyone interested in understanding the dynamics and politics of development in india

Noam Chomsky's Discourse on Globalization and U.S.: Imperialism

2012-01-01

this biography describes the intellectual and political milieus that helped shape noam chomsky a pivotal figure in contemporary linguistics politics cognitive psychology and philosophy it also presents an engaging political history of the last several decades including such events as the spanish civil war the dropping of atomic bombs on hiroshima and nagasaki and the march on the pentagon to protest the vietnam war the book highlights chomsky s views on the uses and misuses of the university as an institution his assessment of useful political engagement and his doubts about postmodernism because chomsky is given ample space to articulate his views on many of the major issues relating to his work both linguistic and political this book reads like the autobiography that chomsky says he will never write barsky s account reveals the remarkable consistency in chomsky s interests and principles over the course of his life the book contains well placed excerpts from chomsky s published writings and

unpublished correspondence including the author s own years long correspondence with chomsky not for sale in canada

Noam Chomsky

1998-07-31

exploring the key debates surrounding human nature epistemology the nature of social knowledge foreign policy the propaganda model the anarchist tradition and the revolutionary transformation of society this book reveals and explains the structure and power of chomsky s work

Noam Chomsky

2016-04-29

the world s greatest public intellectual observer the essential guide to chomsky and his brilliant ideas on the global state of affairs an extraordinary collection of chomsky s speeches and his interviews with david barsamian edited by arthur naiman with exceptional clarity and power of argument noam chomsky lays bare as no one else can the realities of contemporary geopolitics including classic essays such as what uncle sam really wants a dissection of us foreign policy the prosperous few and the restless many examining the new global economy food and the roots of racism secrets lies and democracy the cia s actions in relation to religious fundamentalism global inequality and the coming eco catastrophe the common good unmissable writing on equality freedom and the media one of the finest minds of the twentieth century the new yorker a rebel without a pause bono one of the greatest most radical public thinkers of our time when the sun sets on the american empire as it will as it must noam chomsky s work will survive arundhati roy

How the World Works

2012-05-03

in a series of enlightening and wide ranging discussions all published here for the first time chomsky radically reinterprets the events of the past three decades covering topics from foreign policy during vietnam to the decline of welfare under the clinton administration and as he elucidates the connection between america s imperialistic foreign policy and the decline of domestic social services chomsky also discerns the necessary steps to take toward social change with an eye to political activism and the media s role in popular struggle as well as u s foreign and domestic policy understanding power offers a sweeping critique of the world around us and is definitive chomsky characterized by chomsky s accessible and informative style this is the ideal book for those new to his work as well as for those who have been listening for years

Understanding Power

2011-03-31

western societies are divided more clearly than ever before into the haves and the have nots the needy and the greedy in addition neoliberal doctrines have been reshaped into more effective instruments of oppression and domination through a fascinating dialogue with long time collaborator and fellow activist david barsamian noam chomsky explores this growing economic and social crisis arguing that it is now acceptable political discourse to discuss class warfare chomsky focuses his customarily critical eye on a range of themes and issues from israel to east timor from the us federal reserve to women s rights from transport subsidies to the dangers of devolution and touches on some of his more personal concerns such as his teaching his critics and local labour disputes class warfare is challenging thought provoking illuminating and profound and a powerful road map to the emerging global capitalism

Class Warfare

1996

exploring the key debates surrounding human nature epistemology the nature of social knowledge foreign policy the propaganda model the anarchist tradition and the revolutionary transformation of society this book reveals and explains the structure and power of chomsky s work

Noam Chomsky

2014-01-14

because we say so is noam chomsky s essential counter punch to american hegemony in 1962 the eminent statesman dean acheson enunciated a principle that has dominated global politics ever since that no legal issue arises when the united states responds to a challenge to its power position and prestige in short whatever the world may think u s actions are legitimate because they say so spanning the impact of edward snowden s whistleblowing and palestinian israeli relations to deeper reflections on political philosophy and the importance of a commons to democracy because we say so takes american imperialism head on noam chomsky is one of a small band of individuals fighting a whole industry and that makes him not only brilliant but heroic arundhati roy the world s greatest public intellectual observer

Because We Say So

2015-08-27

as noam chomsky writes about something us foreign policy corporate policies an election or a movement he is not only quite specific in recounting the topic and its facts but also exercises blisteringly relentless logic to discern the interconnections between the evidence and broader themes involved this may seem mundane but virtually every time even aside from the details of the case in question the process the steps the ways of linking one thing to another illustrate what it means to be a thinking critical subject of history and society in any time and place taming the rascal multitude is a judicious selection of essays and interviews from z magazine from 1997 to 2014 in each chomsky takes up some question of the moment as such in sum the essays provide an historical overview of the history that preceded trump and the reaction to trump the essays situate what followed even without having known what would follow they explicate what preceded the current era and provide a step by step revelation or how to for successfully comprehending social events and relations they are a pleasure to read much like the pleasure of watching a great athlete or performer but they also edify they educate reading chomsky is about understanding how society works how people relate to society and social trends and patterns and why and beyond the specifics how to approach events relations occurrences trends and patterns in a way that reveals their inner meanings and their outer connections and implications it is like reading the best you can get about topic after topic and more it is like watching a master craftsmen in a discipline that ought to be all of ours understanding the world to change it

Taming the Rascal Multitude

2022-04-26

a towering intellect powerful always provocative guardian a superb polemicist who combines fluency of language with a formidable intellect observer must be read by everyone concerned with public affairs edward said necessary illusions explodes the myth of an independent media intent on uncovering the truth at any cost noam chomsky demonstrates that in practice the media in the developed world serve the interests of state and corporate power despite protestations to the contrary while individual journalists strive to abide by high standards of professionalism and integrity in their work their paymasters the media corporations ultimately decide what we view hear and read rigorously documented necessary illusions continues chomsky s celebrated tradition of profoundly insightful indictments of us foreign and domestic institutions and tears away the veneer of propaganda that portrays the media as the servant of free speech and democracy

Necessary Illusions

1993

hopes and prospects is noam chomsky s indispensable analysis of the world at present and a roadmap for the future in hopes and prospects noam chomsky examines the challenges of our early twenty first century he explores obstacles and threats such as the widening gap between north and south america us exceptionalism which continues under obama the fiascos of iraq and afghanistan the us israeli assault on gaza and the recent financial bailouts he sees hope for the future and opportunities to move forward however in the democratic wave in latin america and in the global solidarity movements which suggest real progress towards freedom and justice hopes and prospects is essential reading for anyone wishing to understand the primary challenges facing the human race in the coming years a treasure trove of truths that shouldn t be left buried in our sandpit of propaganda and lies johann hari independent noam chomsky is a global phenomenon he may be the most widely read american voice on foreign policy on the planet today the new york times book review the west s most prominent critic of us imperialism the closest thing in the english speaking world to an intellectual superstar guardian

Hopes and Prospects

2010-05-27

in this landmark text chomsky and waterstone chart a critical map for a more just and sustainable society by making connections between common sense and power

Consequences of Capitalism

2021-01-05

noam chomsky has been described as arguably the most important intellectual alive his revolutionary work in linguistics has aroused intense scholarly interest while his trenchant critique of united states foreign policy and his incisive analysis of the role of intellectuals in modern society have made him a prominent public figure raphael salkie s timely book introduces the two parts of chomsky s work and explores the connections between them he provides an accessible and up to date introduction to chomsky s linguistics laying out his basic assumptions and aims in particular his consistent drive to make linguistics a science and looking at a sample of chomsky s recent work he examines the implications for other fields such as philosophy and psychology as well as the main challenges to chomsky s position raphael salkie also sets out the key themes in chomsky s political writings and his libertarian socialist views he contrasts the official line on us foreign policy the view that the us is a well meaning blundering giant with chomsky s carefully argued alternative view by focusing on chomsky s conception of human nature and human freedom the author draws out the links between the two sides of chomsky s work in the belief that both sides raise issues which can profitably be explored the author also provides a carefully annotated guide to further reading as an experienced teacher of linguistics with a commitment to political activism raphael salkie is uniquely qualified to present this introduction to one of the seminal thinkers of our time first published in 1990

The Chomsky Update (RLE Linguistics A: General Linguistics)

2014-01-10

in this book chomsky builds a larger understanding of our educational needs starting with the changing role of schools today yet broadening our view toward new models of public education for citizenship

Chomsky on Miseducation

2004

an eye opening introduction to the timelessly relevant ideas of noam chomsky this book is a penetrating illusion shattering look at how things really work from the man the new york times called arguably the most important intellectual alive offering something not found anywhere else how the world works is pure chomsky but tailored for those unfamiliar to his work made up of meticulously edited speeches and interviews every dazzling idea and penetrating insight is kept intact and delivered in clear accessible reader friendly prose originally published as four short books in the famous real story series what uncle sam really wants the prosperous few and the restless many secrets lies and democracy and the common good they ve collectively sold almost 600 000 copies and they continue to sell year after year after year because chomsky s ideas become if anything more relevant as time goes by for example it was decades ago when he pointed out that in 1970 about 90 of international capital was used for trade and long term investment more or less productive things and 10 for speculation by 1990 those figures had reversed as we know high risk speculation continues to increase exponentially as corporations continue to push the free market economy but only for the power they offer to the wealthy not to benefit all people we re paying the price now for not heeding him them

How the World Works

2011-09-20

chomsky s second major collection of political writings following his pathbreaking american power and the new mandarins an essential record of chomsky s political and social thought as it was sharpened on the upheavals in domestic and international affairs of the early 1970s for reasons of state is a major addition to the intellectual history of the vietnam era it includes articles on the war in vietnam and the wider war in laos and cambodia an extensive dissection of the pentagon papers reflections on the role of force in international affairs essays on civil disobedience and the role of the university and a now classic introduction to

anarchism these contributions reveal very different facets of chomsky s powers as a thinker from his uncanny ability to join abstract philosophical considerations with the concrete political realities of his time to his singular capacity to mount withering fact based critiques of american foreign policy

For Reasons Of State

2003-07

taken together chomsky s essays present a powerful counter narrative to official accounts of the major political events of the past four years the wars in afghanistan and iraq the u s presidential race the ascendancy of china latin america s leftward turn the threat of nuclear proliferation in iran and north korea israel s invasion of gaza and expansion of settlements in jerusalem and the west bank developments in climate change the world financial crisis the arab spring the assassination of osama bin laden and the occupy protests laced throughout his critiques are expressions of commitment to democracy and the power of popular struggles progressive legislation and social welfare writes chomsky have been won by popular struggles not gifts from above those struggles follow a cycle of success and setback they must be waged every day not just once every four years always with the goal of creating a genuinely responsive democratic society from the voting booth to the workplace making the future is a follow up to interventions published by city lights in 2007 and banned from guantánamo bay by u s military censors both books are drawn from articles chomsky has been writing regularly for the new york times syndicate but which go largely ignored by newspapers in the united states making the future offers fierce accessible timely gloves off political writing by one of america s foremost intellectual and political dissidents making the future presents more than fifty concise and persuasively argued commentaries on u s politics and policies written between 2007 and 2011 unwavering political contrarian noam chomsky smart bombs the u s military s global interventions city lights shock and awe vanity fair he has emerged as one of the left s most implacable voices challenging the often hidden structures that lie behind the abuse of power paul v griffith chapter 16 making the future is an impressive collection of articles shedding light on and challen ging the current political economic and military world order to make sense of the complex mechanisms at play chomsky adopts a fundamentally interdisciplinary approach he juggles with history sociology of the media critical theory and political philosophy juliana bidadanure global discourse 2013 noam chomsky is a world renowned author linguist and advocate for democracy he is the critically acclaimed author of many books including hegemony or survival imperial ambitions failed states manufacturing consent and media control he lives in massachusetts where he is institute professor emeritus in the department of linguistics and philosophy at mit

Making the Future

2012-03-13

the great work of subjugation and conquest has changed little over the years analyzing haiti latin america cuba indonesia and even pockets of the third world developing in the united states noam chomsky draws parallels between the genocide of colonial times and the murder and exploitation associated with modern day imperialism

Year 501

1993

on anarchism is an essential introduction to noam chomsky s political theory on anarchism sheds a much needed light on the foundations of chomsky s thought specifically his constant questioning of the legitimacy of entrenched power the book gathers his essays and interviews to provide a short accessible introduction to his distinctively optimistic brand of anarchism refuting the notion of anarchism as a fixed idea and disputing the traditional fault lines between anarchism and socialism this is a book sure to challenge provoke and inspire profoundly relevant to our times it is a touchstone for political activists and anyone interested in deepening their understanding of anarchism or of chomsky s thought arguably the most important intellectual alive new york times

On Anarchism

2014-05-01

michael albert s latest work practical utopia is a succinct and thoughtful discussion of ambitious goals and practical principles for creating a desirable society it presents concepts and their connections to current society visions of what can be in a preferred participatory future and an examination of the ends and means required for developing a just society neither shying away from the complexity of human issues nor reeking of dogmatism practical utopia presupposes only concern for humanity part one

offers conceptual tools for understanding society and history for discerning the nature of the oppressions people suffer and the potentials they harbor part two promotes a vision for a better way of organizing economy polity kinship culture ecology and international relations it is not a blueprint of course but does address the key institutions needed if people are to be free to determine their own circumstances part three investigates the means of seeking change using a variety of tactics and programs

Practical Utopia

2017-08-01

those who regard him as a doom and gloom critic will find an unexpected chomsky in these pages here the world renowned author speaks for the first time in depth about his career in activism and his views and tactics chomsky offers new and intimate details about his life long experience as an activist revealing him as a critic with deep convictions and many surprising insights about movement strategies the book points to new directions for activists today including how the crises of the coronavirus and the economic meltdown are exploding in the critical 2020 us presidential election year readers will find hope and new pathways toward a sustainable democratic world

Chomsky for Activists

2020-12-30

wolfgang b sperlich explores chomsky s formative years and his main intellectual influences and charts his strained relationship with mainstream american academia he also offers an informed overview of chomsky s landmark linguistics contributions as an introduction to his work and he explains the latest developments in chomskyan linguistics and how they influence research in fields as varied as neuroscience biology and evolution sperlich is equally attentive to chomsky s political activism from the pacifist anarchist lectures and writings of the 1950s and 60s to his recent book hegemony or survival america s quest for global dominance a chilling interpretation of an american foreign policy that is determined to achieve unilateral world domination through absolute military superiority sperlich s noam chomsky is the perfect introduction to one of the most profound thinkers of our time book jacket

Noam Chomsky

2006-06

an accessible powerful overview of noam chomsky s political thought in sixteen extended talks with alternative radio s david barsamian noam chomsky explains why the war on drugs is really a war on poor people how attacks on political correctness are attacks on independent thought how historical revisionism has recast the united states as the victim in the vietnam war widely recognized as one of the most original and important thinkers of our age chomsky s trenchant analysis of current events is a breath of fresh air in a world more and more polluted by mainstream media

Chronicles of Dissent

2022-03-10

noam chomsky as political gadfly groundbreaking scholar and intellectual guru keyissues in chomsky s career and the sometimes contentious reception to his ideas

The Chomsky Effect

2007

reading chomsky today is sobering and instructive he is a global phenomenon perhaps the most widely read voice on foreign policy on the planet the new york times book review an immediate national bestseller hegemony or survival demonstrates how for more than half a century the united states has been pursuing a grand imperial strategy with the aim of staking out the globe our leaders have shown themselves willing as in the cuban missile crisis to follow the dream of dominance no matter how high the risks world renowned intellectual noam chomsky investigates how we came to this perilous moment and why our rulers are willing to jeopardize the future of our species with the striking logic that is his trademark chomsky tracks the u s government s aggressive pursuit of full spectrum dominance and vividly lays out how the most recent manifestations of the politics of global control from unilateralism to the dismantling of international agreements to state terrorism cohere in a drive for hegemony that

ultimately threatens our existence lucidly written thoroughly documented and featuring a new afterword by the author hegemony or survival is a definitive statement from one of today's most influential thinkers noam chomsky was born in philadelphia pennsylvania on december 7 1928 he studied linguistics mathematics and philosophy at the university of pennsylvania in 1955 he received his ph d from the university of pennsylvania and began teaching at the massachusetts institute of technology where he is a professor in the department of linguistics and philosophy during the years 1951 to 1955 chomsky was a junior fellow of the harvard university society of fellows while a junior fellow he completed his doctoral dissertation entitled transformational analysis the major theoretical viewpoints of the dissertation appeared in the monograph syntactic structure which was published in 1957 and is widely credited with having revolutionized the field of modern linguistics this formed part of a more extensive work the logical structure of linguistic theory circulated in mimeograph in 1955 and published in 1975 in 1961 chomsky was appointed full professor in the department of modern languages and linguistics now the department of linguistics and philosophy at mit from 1966 to 1976 he held the ferrari p ward professorship of modern languages and linguistics in 1976 he was appointed institute professor a position he held until 2002 chomsky is the author of numerous works including hegemony or survival he is also the author of 9 11 seven stories press rogue states south end press understanding power new press new horizons in the study of language and mind cambridge university press the minimalist program mit press and many other titles in 1988 chomsky received the kyoto prize in basic science given to honor those who have contributed significantly to the scientific cultural and spiritual development of mankind the prize noted that dr chomsky's theoretical system remains an outstanding monument of 20th century science and thought he can certainly be said to be one of the great academicians and scientists of this century chomsky lives in lexington massachusetts for more than half a century the united states has been pursuing a grand imperial strategy with the aim of staking out the globe our leaders have shown themselves willing as in the cuban missile crisis to follow the dream of dominance no matter how high the risks now the bush administration is intensifying this process driving us toward the final frontiers of imperial control toward a choice between the prerogatives of power and a livable earth in hegemony or survival noam chomsky investigates how we came to this moment what kind of peril we find ourselves in and why our rulers are willing to jeopardize the future of our species with the striking logic that is his trademark chomsky dissects america's quest for global supremacy tracking the u s government's aggressive pursuit of policies intended to achieve full spectrum dominance at any cost he vividly lays out how the most recent manifestations of the politics of global control from unilateralism and the dismantling of international agreements to state terrorism and the militarization of space cohere in a drive for hegemony that ultimately threatens our survival in our era he argues empire is a recipe for an earthy wasteland lucid rigorous and thoroughly documented hegemony or survival is chomsky's most urgent and sweeping work in years certain to spark widespread debate it is a definitive statement from one of the world's most influential political thinkers a thoughtful well argued antidote to the conventional wisdom chomsky is a national resource never afraid to challenge power and is solidly within the honoured tradition of american radicalism ronald steel the nation chomsky may be the most widely read american voice on foreign policy on the planet today in this book he argues that the bush administration's war on terrorism builds upon a long tradition of foreign interventions carried out in the name of liberation or counterterror of special interests run amok and of disdain for international institutions that dare to challenge american hegemony because every state justifies its wars on the grounds of self defense or altruism chomsky is correct that any profession of noble intent is predictable and therefore carries no information he is also right to object to the historical amnesia that american statesmen bring to their dealings with other states he seethes at the hypocrisy of donald rumsfeld paul wolfowitz and colin powell who invoked saddam hussein's 1988 gassing attacks in order to help justify the recent war but who did not see fit to explain why the reagan administration which they served as senior officials doubled its aid to hussein's regime after learning of the gassings and it is essential to demand as chomsky does that a country with the might of the u s stop being so selective in applying its principles we will not allow our sovereignty to be infringed by international treaty commitments in the areas of human rights or even arms control but we demand that others should we rebuff the complaints of foreigners about the 650 people who remain holed up in guantánamo kennels denied access to lawyers and family members with not even their names released yet we expect others to take heed of our protests about due process we have official enemies those whose police abuses arms shipments and electoral thefts we eagerly expose zimbabwe burma north korea iran but the sins of our allies in the war on terror saudi arabia turkey israel pakistan russia uzbekistan are met with intentional ignorance chomsky is right to demand that officials in washington devote themselves more zealously to strengthening international institutions curbing arms flows and advancing human rights samantha power the new york times book review with relentless logic chomsky bids us to listen closely to what our leaders tell us and to discern what they are leaving out agree with him or not we lose out by not listening business week if for reasons of chance or circumstance or sloth you have to pick just one book on the subject of the american empire pick this one it's the full monty it's chomsky at his best hegemony or survival is necessary reading arundhati roy recent developments above all the iraq war affirm what chomsky has known all along the united states is a terrorist state odious immoral drunk on its own wild ambitions and a threat to all mankind as a consequence americans today find themselves trapped in a nightmare of the nation's own making chomsky maintains that awakening from that nightmare requires that the u s abandon its ambitions of global hegemony and accept the imperative of radical political reform chomsky is correct that in its relations with the rest of the world the united states has been guilty of inconsistency and mendacity and of deploying its professed ideals to disguise acts of naked self interest he is also right in noting that america today has arrogated to itself something akin to imperial prerogatives andrew j bacevich the washington post book world it is possible that if the united states goes the way of nineteenth century britain

chomsky s interpretation will be the standard among historians a hundred years from now the new yorker claiming that the u s is a rogue nation in its foreign policies and its contempt for international law chomsky brings together many themes he has mined in the past making this cogent and provocative book an important addition to an ongoing public discussion about u s f0policy publishers weekly

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