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Dans Occupy, Chomsky souligne que l'un des plus grands succès du mouvement est de mettre les inégalités de la vie quotidienne à l'ordre du jour, influençant la presse, sensibilisant le public et le discours lui-même.

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Diego says

Noam Chomsky nos entrega un pequeño libro donde describe el porque del movimiento Occupy en Estados Unidos.

Se realiza una critica al neo liberalismo y sus políticas económicas como responsables de la creciente desigualdad en la sociedad y la acumulación de riqueza fuera de control que lleva a una acumulación de poder político y de la misma forma a generar ciertas hegemonías culturales que resultan no estar en beneficio la gran mayoría de la población y perpetúan e incrementan la desigualdad dañando la democracia y la calidad de vida.

Un libro muy recomendable para entender los movimientos de protesta en el mundo en contra de la decadencia del sistema capitalista actual muy recomendable para entender movimientos como la primavera árabe #YoSoy132, el movimiento estudiantil en Chile y por supuesto el mismo Occupy

Radhia Tanit says

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Sam says

This book is not written by Noam Chomsky per se, but is rather a compilation of transcripts from interviews he has done and speeches he has given relating to the Occupy Movement. There is a lot of information and insight in this book for anyone who is interested in the Occupy Movement and sympathises somewhat with its political direction, but anyone wanting a more in-depth analysis of the movement will not find it here. This is a mere pamphlet.

There is some repetition of points made in the few sections of the book and ultimately I think the information of most practical use to a member of the Occupy Movement is written on the last two or three pages, presumably by one of the editors, after the book is effectively finished. These last few pages give practical information to a demonstrator about their legal rights in the USA and how to deal with the police. I cannot complain though because I did enjoy it. If you're interested in the movement and its future then I would recommend this book.

Sham Al-Ghazali says

Oh look it's captain obvious again pointing out shit we already know. Also what's up with page 94 and him saying chemical warfare wasn't used in Iraq the way it was in Vietnam? Hello? Fallujah? I'm sick of this guy now

booksofAhu says

I bought this book on 23rd of May 2013, just a week before Gezi protests, totally by chance.. And now exactly 2 years later I finished it today..

This book is a transcript of Naom Chomsky interviews at different times but for Occupy act.

I've underline a lot of sentences and again it is very sad that history is reoccurring and nothing has been changed..

But somehow "the countless small actions of unknown people" that lie at the roots of "those great moments" that enter the historical record. (with respect to Howard Zinn)

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But remember, most people don't know that this is happening. Or they may know it is happening, but don't know what it is.

It's necessary to get out into the county and get people to understand what this is about, and what they can do about it, and what the consequences are of not doing anything about it.

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There are places where Howard's life and work should have particular resonance. One, which should be much better known, is Turkey. I know of no other country where leading writers, artists, journalists, academics and other intellectuals have compiled such an impressive record of bravery and integrity in condemning crimes of the state, and going beyond to engage in civil disobedience to try to bring oppression and violence to an end, facing and sometimes enduring severe repression, and then returning to the task. It is an honorable record, unique to my knowledge, a record of which the country should be proud. And one that should be a model for others, just as Howard Zinn's life and work..

Lastly quote from Angela Davis on pg 122:

We turn occupation into something that is beautiful, something that brings community together, something that calls for love and happiness and hope.

Abdelmjid Seghir says

When I bought the book a week ago in Rabat, I thought it was written by Noam Chomsky. When I started flipping thorough its first pages on the bus, I discovered it wasn't actually written but SPOKEN by Chomsky. This pamphlet is a collection of Chomsky's speeches and discussions with some Occupy militants where he answers their questions and provides insights for the movement.

The book is divided into 5 main sections: Occupy, After Thirty Years of Class War, InterOccupy, Occupying Foreign Policy and Remembering Howard Zinn. In the end of the book, there is a Q&A section that gives guidelines as to how to protest and what should militants know before they sit-in or when the police knock on the door.

Chomsky calls attention to many interesting issues such as; economics, the working class, the 1% and 99% imagery, political parties, elections, etc. which he discusses not in great depth but with a simplicity that makes international matters accessible for the average reader. Nevertheless, if one is not acquainted with the American political and social systems, one might find some difficulty in absorbing all the jargon.

When asked if he'd speak for and represent the movement, he simply said that his voice wouldn't be heard and that the PEOPLE should depend on themselves. Chomsky believes that the movement doesn't need leaders, but that it needs to be organized and mobilized.

The most striking idea I came across in this pamphlet, however, was Chomsky's vision of how REAL democratic elections should take place. After denouncing the American electoral system which Chomsky regards as "farcical" and "radically undemocratic." He moves to explaining his idea in an InterOccupy conference call as follows:

"As I mentioned to Occupy Boston, the people in the town would get together have town meetings and discussions and come up with some ideas that they think ought to be done in the locality, in the country, foreign policy, the whole range. They might just pick their own candidates; or, if there are national candidates running, they could say, "You can come to visit us if you'd like, but we don't want to hear speeches from you, we're going to tell you what we think policy ought to be, and if you can convince us that you'll accept these policies and carry them forward, then maybe we'll vote for you.""

So basically, Chomsky says that Instead of listening to politicians, politicians must listen to the people. This sounds not like a unique concept but the way Chomsky puts it makes the whole concept crystal clear. I think that this would sound like a very unorthodox idea of how elections should take place to many people. Yet, I am quite positive that they'll find it very appealing and extremely democratic. The changes, policies and all major decisions should stem from the people, from the base, a bottom-up strategy and not the other way around. This is exactly what the people are longing for.

One could speak volumes about each of the topics discussed in Chomsky's "Occupy." The bottom line, though, is that Noam Chomsky continues to be faithful to his beliefs, and he's always trying to provide all the help necessary for the people's voice to be heard.

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Miguel David says

"Occupy" is one of those books that has a lot of juice. I knew this when I found myself underlining on every second page. It's a small book by Noam Chomski though it is not written by him as it consists of a couple on interviews (of him) and his speech at the Occupy Boston a year ago.

Noam Chomski is a Linguistics professor at MIT and that comes out in the extremely concise and clear way with which he writes and speaks. His ideas, though sometimes tagged as "anarchist" are brave, clear and constructive. I fully recommend this 100 page book everyone who has an interest in politics (mainly American) and the Occupy movement in the USA.

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"THE FIRST MAJOR PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THIRTY YEARS OF CLASS WARFARE"

The speeches are a mixture of Chomsky putting events into context, an extremely brief history of the Neoliberal era (the "Thirty Years of Class War" referred to in the title of this review), a eulogy for the late Howard Zinn (of "A People's History of the United States" fame) and some reluctant but sensible advice on avoiding common pitfalls and difficulties while organising and carrying forward the Occupy movement. A guide on what to do if your arrested at an occupy event in the U.S. (compiled by the National Lawyers Guild) has been helpfully included, and makes interesting reading even for those to whom it is not directly relevant.

This is a fine short (probably not much more than 10,000 words in total) collection, though readers may wish to skip it for (or subsequently move on to) some of his more recent and substantial works such as "Hopes and Prospects", or return to his earlier classics such as "Deterring Democracy", "Year 501: The Conquest Continues" or "Manufacturing Consent". An interesting book for readers wishing to learn more about Occupy as well as the protests across Europe and the uprisings in the Arab World (which Chomsky touches upon) could do far worse than reading Paul Mason's "Why It's Kicking Off Everywhere: The New Global Revolutions".

Libros Prohibidos says

Independientemente de que consiguieran ser un acicate posterior al movimiento Occupy, estas pocas páginas son, cinco años después de aquella primavera, un buen recordatorio de lo que todavía nos queda por avanzar. Además, también son una buena invitación a reflexionar acerca del papel de los libros (esos cuya extinción tanto se presagia) como “armas cargadas”, que al fin y al cabo es el lema de nuestra web. Reseña completa: <http://www.libros-prohibidos.com/noam...>

Rhys Parry says

I have a similar set of reservations about this pamphlet as I do other Penguin specials that have been a compilation of transcripts (Ai Weiwei Speaks). There is a certain level of redundancy with some of the transcripts and no unifying narrative.

This however can be overlooked because Chomsky is a commanding orator and his views on the Occupy movement are compelling. Occasionally there is a superficiality to his answers, and while he is excellent at showcasing the failings of the economic governance of the US he offers somewhat little in the form of a tangible solution. I understand this superficiality is largely a problem with the question and answer format but Chomsky demonstrates some interesting insights into the American political system and discusses the flawed version of democracy it has invented through corporate personhood. Ultimately this pamphlet goes a long way in lending the Occupy movement legitimacy and if you were one to dismiss its collective aims this book is a good primer.

Sian says

This doesn't exactly have a narrative, but it's essentially Chomsky's point-of-view of the "Occupy Wall Street" movement (which obviously became more than just Wall Street) told mainly through different interviews he did whilst at Occupy events. It's what it says on the tin! But, because it's a non-fiction political book, of course it includes references to many other issues -- with quick snapshots of things like the Vietnam War, the meaning of democracy, and the importance of taking action for things you believe in.

Amr Mohamed says

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