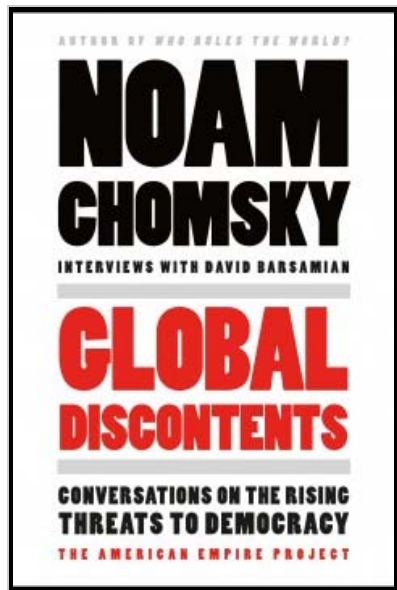


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### What We Say

This book collects twelve wide-ranging interviews between journalist David Barsamian and linguist/philosopher/activist Noam Chomsky. They took place as far back as 2013 and as recently as an email exchange in June of 2017 about the Trump Presidency. As always, Chomsky is an absorbing counterpoint to the talking heads in politics and the media, which typically range from moderate centrists to the far, far right. The genuine left, the left that exists in Europe and Central and South America and most of the free world? That is dismissed and ignored in the US. This is where Chomsky comes in. He is a voice of conscience though he's too funny and sharp and pointed to strike one in such a dull, moralistic manner. I

am not at the "end of capitalism" or "communitarian" stage (yet). But Chomsky will challenge your idea of what is possible, what is inevitable and what must be done. Whether calling the US drone program the single greatest exporter of terror in the world (and almost unquestionably a source of growing anti-American terror) or politely suggesting Senator Bernie Sanders not term his political movement a "revolution" since it is at best a modest reform of the current system, Chomsky never fails to alter your perspective and question your base assumptions. Foreign policy, his childhood, the Republican Party as debased and barely a party since it is so divorced from average voters -- Chomsky offers up thoughts on it all. You'll want to read more and wish you could talk with him yourself. Someone who can be blocked one week by Israel and the next by Palestinians is obviously someone worth listening to indeed. -- Michael Giltz

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