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ANTI-FLAG • Death Of A Nation • (2004 MVD)

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ANTI-FLAG
Death of a Nation DVD
(MVD)

DEATH OF A NATION is Anti-Flag's first ever live DVD in support of their latest CD THE TERROR STATE on Fat Wreck Chords. This is how a first DVD is supposed to look. There are lots of features, lots to see, lots of everything. First off, the in-between menu animations and the digital cut and paste look of the videos are great. Like a political Terry Gilliam animation from Monty Python. The menus are not boring, to say the least.



Three main choices other than credits are Live, Special Features and Propaganda. Live lets us watch a compilation show of about 5-6 venues in Ohio and the east coast. 23 songs - over an hour of great live shows. Filmed with at least three cameras per show, it's as professional as any release I've ever seen. The thing that irked me was the sound quality – this video looks immaculate with digital video, but I've taped better sound at a show myself with a single mike off my video camera. It could have been right off the soundboard onto a minidisc, but instead sounded like it was off one video camera's mike. The shows make up for it with the great editing.

Special features has three full music videos, all with that animation (reminds me of the "Megalomaniac" video from Incubus, but better) in it. It also has a 15 minute interview with them so you can finally find out just how political they are r if they're straight edge or not. There's a great 12 minute clip of all of them but the drummer playing an acoustic set for a live radio show, and some montages of them backstage, at rallies, etc. Lots of little footage.

Propaganda takes you to a list of all sorts of organizations to be active and keep current on the political and anti-war movement. It also has a couple video clips mixed in the propaganda and also in the credits if you so desire to hunt them down.

Quite an impressive DVD, especially if you like punk, you don't like extremely pushy politics – they leave al the info here for you to explore on your own. This DVD is region free, so your buddies in England can watch it too. Good stuff. This would have been a 10 if not for the audio problems in the live performances.

GHOULISH GOODIES: the videos in the Special Features section, the interview, and the live acoustic performance for the radio station. Outstanding.

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