



DVD + death of a nation

ARTIST + anti-flag

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Since the mid-90's Pittsburgh's Anti-Flag has established a reputation for radical political music. They are the founders of A-F Records, established in 1996, which now manages more than a dozen political punk bands, including their own. Death of a Nation follows Anti-Flag on a North American tour as they taunt the political establishment and embrace the right to loudly question wrong-thinking authority.

In concert, Anti-Flag possesses a furious energy. Drummer Pat Thetic vibrates and squeezes his face with the glee of a fat kid that got two candy bars in his lunchbox. Justin Sane taunts the crowd with catchy, distorted lyrics in songs like "Turncoat," "Mind the G.A.T.T" and "No Borders, No Nations" while he, the bass player and another guitarist perform countless punk-frenzied jump-and-kick guitar moves. Perhaps the most fulfilling item on the disc is the "Death of a Nation" music video; a demented and stylish propaganda treatment - bombs, schoolchildren . . . and the Bush Cabinet bleed out of the eyes. The excess of this manic collage is pure Anti-Flag. Praise be to them for shooting the propaganda back.