



HOWARD ZINN

"Readings from Voices of A People's History of the United States" DVD

Obviously not a music DVD, but in the words of Fat Mike, "If you think punk rock doesn't mix with politics, you're wrong." It contains two hours of readings, so it's not the most exciting viewing in the world, but the DVD features top-notch readings from People's History of the United States. I cannot stress that enough. The speakers on this DVD are simply phenomenal. The intro about Howard Zinn from Amy Goodman is a bit boring—prime example of someone that doesn't know when to stop speaking. Anyone who would have attended this event, or bought this DVD, knows who Howard Zinn is, or at least has some prior knowledge of the book. Goodman's introduction exceeds its welcome. As I said, the readings are brilliant, but would have probably worked just as well on an audio CD, not much need for the DVD video. The box states, "People's History of the United States...celebrates an alternative national identity." As such, this is something that should appeal to punks, and despite its drawbacks, it's still a great collections of readings. (WDJ)

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