



DVD reviews

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Imperial Grand Strategy

Noam Chomsky

Three-and-a-half stars (out of four)

Noam Chomsky, who was voted the world's most important living intellectual in a prestigious global poll last year, indicts the U.S. government in the DVD "Imperial Grand Strategy" by using its own criteria for who "deserves" to be bombed for committing terrorist acts or harboring known terrorists.

Using the Bush Administration's logic, many countries have a legitimate claim to bomb the United States, such as Nicaragua, which proved to the International Court of Justice that the U.S. government was guilty of terrorism that caused thousands of civilian deaths. Or there's how George W. Bush's father pardoned Orlando Bosch, who admitted to bombing a civilian airliner, killing 73 people, and now lives in Miami.

The DVD contains two lectures. The first is more international in scope, detailing how the U.S. government turned world sympathy after 9/11 into hatred by using the tragedy as an excuse to further imperialist goals. It may be slow going for Chomsky newcomers. The second is a good-humored but powerful indictment of U.S. government assaults on democracy at home and abroad. Then there's an interesting third segment in which Chomsky is interviewed about anarchist philosophy.

-- Mark Robison, Reno Gazette-Journal