



TV PARTY - The Documentary DVD (Music Video Distributors / Brink)

This DVD is an excellent documentary. On many levels too. First, as the digital history of an often rumored-about, but never (ever!) seen cable access TV show, which ran in NY city (and later Los Angeles) from '78 until '82. So, on this alone, I would say the TV Party documentary is by far better than others based on television shows, including Disinfo's Out Foxed or Channel Z: A Magnificent Obsession. Second, as a document of the NY music scene of the late 70s and early 80s, including punk, new / no wave, electro and hip hop. Guests included Klaus Nomi, Robert Fripp, Mick Jones, Arto Lindsay, plus graffiti artist Fab 5 Freddy and Deb Harry (of Blondie) were regulars on the set. These guys were light years ahead of Mtv! Lastly, it serves to plainly see with your eyes how many of your rights are being stripped away. We are all artistically, and expressively, regressing - all by force! Aside from current interviews, everything shown is from 1978-82, and all you see and hear are people smoking joints, dropping acid, toking coke, smashing shit up, rambling hardcore against corporations, the government and even landlords... all the while 'shit', 'motherfucker' and 'cunt' are easily, and sometimes abusively, peppered throughout every sentence. Nowadays, people make a huge deal (as well as dollar) where an episode of South Park echoes the word 'shit'. Well, bullshit to that! Here's to the DIY underground ethic. Until we get today's version of TV Party started, watch this documentary! (Sept 05, 2006)