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Government Issue – Live 1985: Flipside By Robin Steeley

Music Video Distributors and Flipside Video bring us this live DVD of DC punkers Government Issue who were one of the first indie punk bands from Washington DC in the early eighties. The DVD features two live shows from 1985's California tour where they were recording at Mystic Studios for the 'Give Us Stabb or Give Us Death' EP. The video has a raw, gritty, underground feel to it that makes it all the more intimate and almost puts you back into the dirty basement clubs that seemed to pop up everywhere in the early eighties. Its production and audio quality are far from perfect but its imperfections just make it that much more endearing. Its punk rock in its finest beaten down hour.

The DVD contains material from the bands albums "Joy Ride" and "The Fun Never Ends" and is a great representation of what the underground punk scene was like in American during this time period. The shows were filmed on June 3rd at Fenders, and August 9th at The Olympic.

Overall it accurately documents the live performance of one of Washington DC's most influential punk bands.





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