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# DOA 1978-1985: Smash the State

D.O.A.

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## Review

by Greg Prato

Unquestionably, the top Canadian punk export of all-time is the great D.O.A. Long led by the always-colorful **Joey Shithead**, the group has been marching to the beat of their own drummer since the late '70s -- and along the way, has penned countless punk anthems and logged some serious road miles. The group is long considered one of the top live punk acts of all time -- especially during their formative years, which is the exact era that the 2007 DVD, '1978-1985: Smash the State,' focuses on. While most of the footage is single cam shot (and hand-held), the quality of the footage and sound is surprisingly good -- perfectly capturing the high energy youthfulness of the lads back in the day. Included are eight ditties from a great 1980 performance at the famed San Francisco venue On Broadway - the same venue that the **Dead Kennedys** would film a show four years later and release as **DMPO's on Broadway** - including fine readings of such classics as "New Age," but also, best-forgotten songs like (get ready for this Shakespearean-esque song title) "Let's Fuck." Elsewhere, you'll find standout renditions of "World War 3," "The Enemy," and "D.O.A." from additional San Fran shows from '81, plus priceless footage of a 1979 TV news report on 'the state of punk,' as well as D.O.A. attempting to play 'Anarchist Anti-Canada' day in 1978 at what appears to be a park, and having to sweet talk their way out of getting the gig shut down by Mounties. Overall, '1978-1985: Smash the State' contains must-see footage for not only D.O.A. fans, but also those that want an historical view of the punk scene of the late '70s/early '80s (which many would agree were punk's best days).

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### Rating

★★★★☆

### Release Date

Sep 18, 2007

### Label

MVD Visual

### Type

Video

### Genre

Rock

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