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Continuing his bestselling interviews with David Barsamian, Chomsky provides a road map to the concentration of corporate power. Amidst a devastating sketch of the ongoing destruction of civil society, Class Warfare unearths a cause for optimism in the ongoing struggle for human freedom. National ads/media.

## **Class Warfare: Interviews with David Barsamian Details**

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### Ward says

Chomsky is thought-provoking, as usual. This wasn't a light read but I think I'm a bit smarter for having read it.

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### Travis says

great book, interviews Noam Chomsky on the rich and the poor.

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### Leo Walsh says

As always, Noam Chomsky looks at things using a truly scientific eye. I love the way that he reveals our history in a way that still, twenty five years after my initial exposure to it, seems entirely fresh and new.

In Class Warfare , Chomsky focuses on how the Right, generally beginning with Reagan, has used propaganda to make insensitivity towards the poor seem acceptable. And a really in-depth look at how we really have instituted a "Nanny-State" for the super-wealthy. And how the government's propaganda machine has not only disassembled our safety net, but demonized unions, which tend to be the best bet against abuse by the ownership class.

Impeccably documented. Compelling in his argument. And measured. So, instead of playing like a conspiracy theory, Chomsky's thesis seems pretty much unassailable.

Recommended to anyone who is interested in reading the thoughts of a true intellectual. Because Chomsky will annoy both Democrats and Republicans. Because he sees things in a way that at first seems skewed. But when you begin paying attention, you realize that he is, in essence, spot-on.

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### Yann says

Encore un qui aime la vérité.

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### Ryan Mishap says

Dated, but may still offer some good stuff given the subject matter. The rich are winning and their efforts and tactic never stop or change much.

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## **Mino says**

"Our philosophy is to rob everything as much as possible and forget about tomorrow... You don't care what happens down the road and you don't care what happens to anybody else. It makes perfect sense. If it destroys the world, well, it's not my problem."

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## **Carrie says**

"Everybody reads the first paragraph of *The Wealth of Nations* where he talks about how wonderful the division of labor is. But not many people get to the point hundred of pages later, where he says that division of labor will destroy human beings and turn them into creatures as stupid and ignorant as it is possible for a human being to be."

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## **Eric Gulliver says**

This is a quick read with a surprising amount of personal information about Chomsky if that interests you. *Class Warfare*, like most other volumes that contains interview material between Chomsky and Barsamian is void of clarifying examples, given context information, or historical accounts. It would not be recommended for the reader just discovering Chomsky. It would be more toward the reader already familiar with Chomsky's philosophy (if one can call it that). Other than this, these interviews concentrate heavily the rapidly expanding class war that is being escalated. The toxic topic of statist and protectionist economic measures geared to sending profit towards the private/corporate institutions while socializing the costs is thoroughly fleshed out. This is helpful, as it is usually a topic alluded to in most of his work but rarely elucidated.

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## **Chris Lutz says**

Noam Chomsky has a way of speaking about politics that's very plain and clear and direct which stands in stark contrast to the vast majority of political wordsmiths and which does him a great amount of good here, while occasionally leaving a few things to be desired.

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## **Steve says**

Interviews here were conducted in 1996 and the book was published in 1997. NC perceptively details the post-9/11 corporate takeover of US government and the dismantling of democracy in America. This almost reads like science fiction. Must read.

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## **Kevin says**

Per usual, Chomsky's insights are very much worth reading, while Barsamian largely falls flat as an interviewer - mostly failing to ask good questions, or follow-up where appropriate.

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### **C. Scott says**

Fantastic. Always fantastic. Just about every time you turn the page you read some startling new insight into our political economy. Chomsky is fount of brilliant analysis. May the well never run dry.

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### **Shishir says**

anti corporation and greed - outdated

The increasing global corporate power and the weakening of democracy

De-humanize the enemy – depraved, Islamophobia, color, race, religion great instruments to play the Us and Them game.

Take the high road, “There can be no higher task in life”

Camel and Scorpion story – “Well its my nature”

Justifying what you do. Intellectualize it if you have to.

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### **Wendy Liu says**

Somewhat repetitive but good insights, as expected

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### **Arlen says**

Mr. Chomsky's arguments are exceptionally lucid and meticulously supported. His point of view is most definitely outside the box, with indebatable credentials.

He ends every talk and lecture with the admonition not to believe him, but rather to go out and find out for ourselves.

I'm extremely grateful for the help in considering the state of things from a truly alternative perspective, along with the inspiration to draw my own conclusions.

For those who've never read Mr. Chomsky, nor heard him speak, I cannot urge you strongly enough to treat yourself to a discussion of his.

The work is probably not a good choice for readers below 10th grade, but that's only because the history and and references he cites may require research in order to know to what he's referring. There's nothing objectionable in language or content regarding violence or sexuality. It's always intellectually challenging material.

