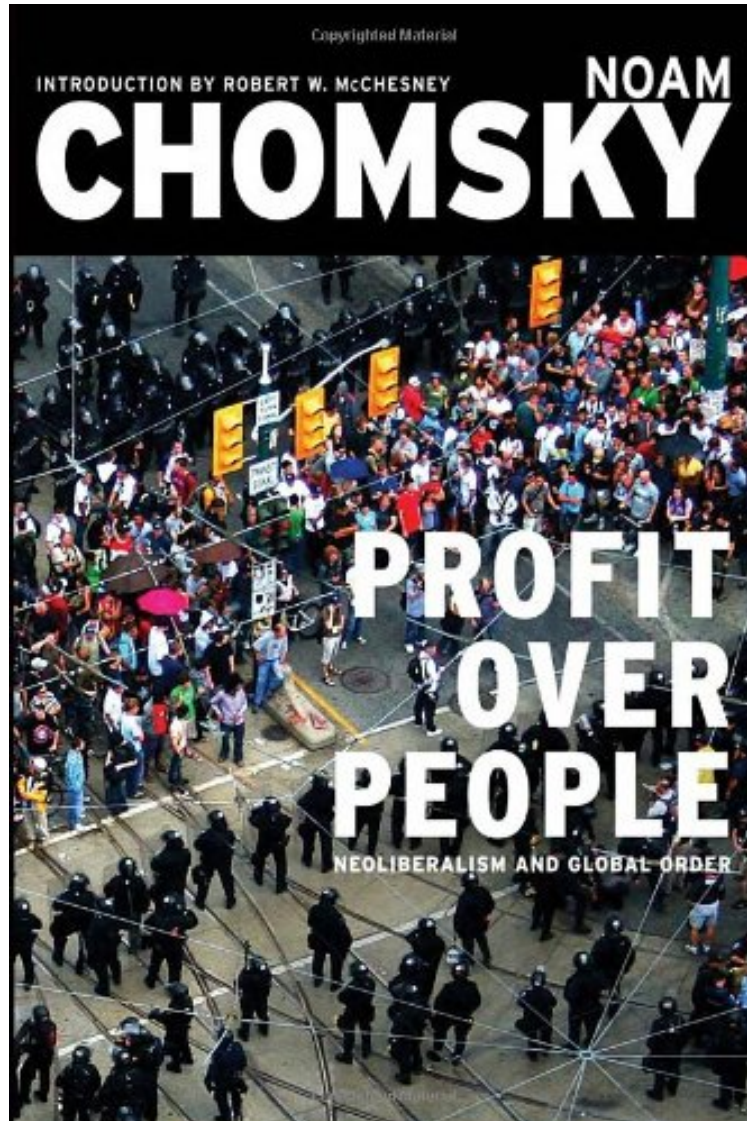


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collection of personal information, an ever-widening wealth-gap between the 99% and the top 1%, accumulation of wealth by dispossession, union busting, public socialized risk and costs in totally unbalanced ratio to private profit margins and corporate economic control, low and lowering wages, unemployment, out-sourcing manufacturing jobs, rolling back environmental protections and human rights progress, trade union suppression, personhood for corporations (15 years before Citizens United), behind-closed-doors trade treaties agreed upon by powerful international trading cartels and corporations but never ratified by the US Congress in violation of the Constitution. And there's more! From cover-to-cover, the book is an expose of the secret government that controls the world this is not some imaginary paranoid conspiracy theory from the John Birch Society or the Tea Party, but it's an invisible government with no accountability to public democratic institutions, no elected officials except those elected board members selected by private stockholders, bankers and international finance lobbyists having no allegiance to nation-states, loyal only to the principles representing international business, profit, wealth and power. Sound familiar? There is no good news in this book. But Chomsky attempts to end his book of gloom on a slightly up-beat tone by observing that the public, in fact, WAS able to delay, or at least postpone, an important Clinton-driven trade deal during his administration called the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI). Chomsky points to this victory and ends his book with this timely warning dated August 1998: One should attend carefully to the fear and desperation of the powerful. They understand well the potential reach of public action. The powerful invisible government (in the US, a virtual Senate) is determined to prevent the public from seeking a more free and just world by gaining understanding how the system is rigged, and putting that intelligence to work effectively against rich and powerful globalized special interests. They will do everything within their power to prevent that from happening. That's an understatement! 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Noam Chomsky is brilliant. However this book mostly repeats a lot of ...By Customer Noam Chomsky is brilliant. However this book mostly repeats a lot of his other work and lectures. To me the book fails to address, clarify or identify potential solutions to the issues raised in the title to the work. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An oldie but goodie providing a great insight and understanding of neoliberalism and the bigger global ...By Anna Lichtenberg An oldie but goodie providing a great insight and understanding of neoliberalism and the bigger global picture and impacts of this shift in power and control. Explains the growing inequality and growth in power by the large corporations around the world.

Why is the Atlantic slowly filling with crude petroleum, threatening a millions-of-years-old ecological balance? Why did traders at prominent banks take high-risk gambles with the money entrusted to them by hundreds of thousands of clients around the world, expanding and leveraging their investments to the point that failure led to a global financial crisis that left millions of people jobless and hundreds of cities economically devastated? Why would the world's most powerful military spend ten years fighting an enemy that presents no direct threat to secure resources for corporations? The culprit in all cases is neoliberal ideology—the belief in the supremacy of "free" markets to drive and govern human affairs. And in the years since the initial publication of Noam Chomsky's *Profit Over People: Neoliberalism and Global Order*, the bitter vines of neoliberalism have only twisted themselves further into the world economy, obliterating the public's voice in public affairs and substituting the bottom line in place of people's basic obligation to care for one another as ends in themselves. In *Profit Over People*, Chomsky reveals the roots of the present crisis, tracing the history of neoliberalism through an incisive analysis of free trade agreements of the 1990s, the World Trade Organization, and the International Monetary Fund and describes the movements of resistance to the increasing interference by the private sector in global affairs. In the years since the initial publication of *Profit Over People*, the stakes have only risen. Now more than ever, *Profit Over People* is one of the key texts explaining how the crisis facing us operates and how, through Chomsky's analysis of resistance, we may find an escape from the closing net.

About the Author Born in Philadelphia in 1928, NOAM CHOMSKY is known throughout the world for his political writings, activism, and for his groundbreaking work in linguistics. A professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology since 1955, Chomsky gained recognition in academic circles for his theory of transformational grammar, which drew attention to the syntactic universality of all human languages. But it is as a critic of unending war, corporate control and neoliberalism that Chomsky has become one of the country's most well known public intellectuals. The 1969 publication of *American Power and the New Mandarins* marked the beginning of Chomsky's rigorous public criticism of American hegemony and its lieges. Since then, with his tireless scholarship and an unflagging sense of moral responsibility, he has become one of the most influential writers in the world. Chomsky is the author of *Manufacturing Consent: The Political Economy of the Mass Media* (with Edward S. Herman), *Profit Over People: Neoliberalism and Global Order*, and over one hundred other books. To this day Noam Chomsky remains an active and uncompromising voice of dissent.