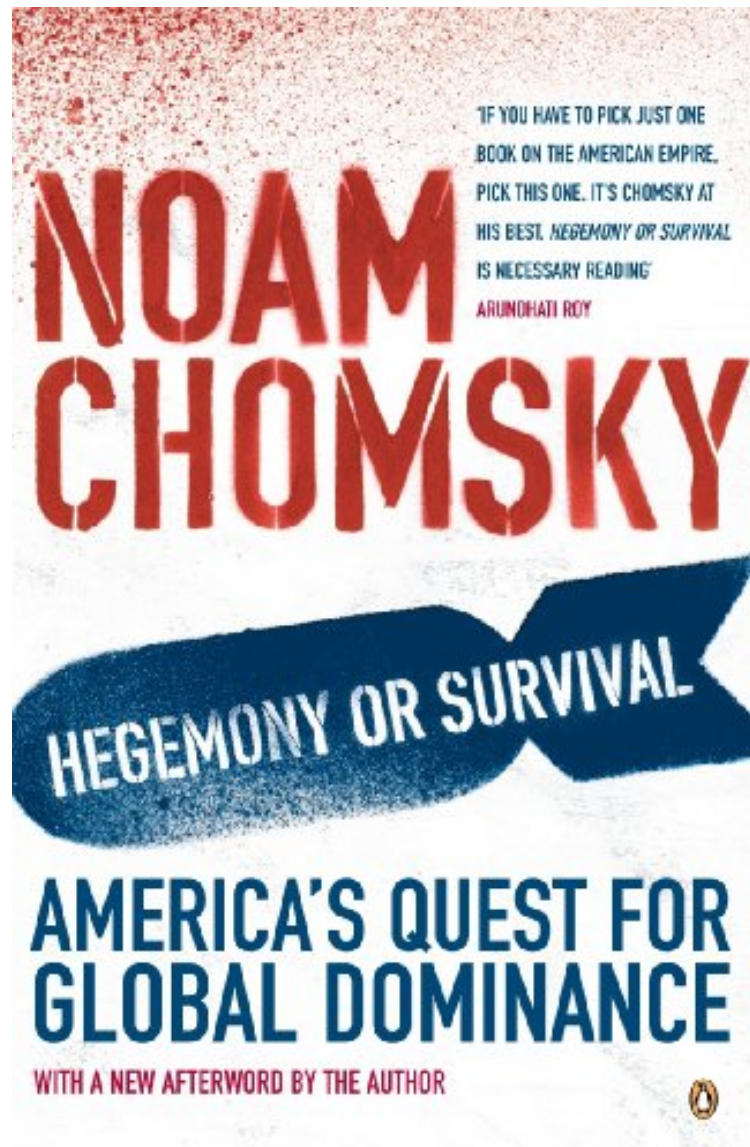


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Von Noam Chomsky

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Von Noam Chomsky : Hegemony or Survival: America's Quest for Global Dominance before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hegemony or Survival: America's Quest for Global Dominance:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Sharp and necessary analysis of hegemonial US foreign policy!Von Helga AbendrothThis book is a must-read for everybody who wishes to be informed bout the US foreign policy of the last century, its origins and its continuity, which is

unbroken in spite of several changing US administrations. Chomsky is also casting a sharp light on the relationship between the aggressive foreign policy and the neoliberal and restrictive economical internal policy. The boos is from the start of this century (2004), but ten years later and under the government of the Obama-administration, nothing has changed. In addition, Chomsky warns about the danger for the survival of the planet which is endangered by this hegemonial US-policy in the age of weapons of mass destruction, and of environmental pollution (and no, that is no exaggeration). All in all, the book is absolutely recommendable! 8 von 8 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. US-Imperialismus, eine Studie Von -Kunde Chomsky vermittelt in seinem Buch anhand von zahllosen Beispielen die Fakten welche die Theorie einer nach Weltherrschaft ringenden US-Elite untermauern. Wer mit gesundem Menschenverstand und kritischem Blick an diese Beweise herangeht wird die Welt mit Sicherheit anders sehen. Die Strategie welche seit einem Jahrhundert mehr oder weniger zielstrebig angewandt wird, und seit September 2002 offiziell in der National Security Strategy" verankert und veröffentlicht ist, betrifft uns alle. Dank seiner ausführlichen Recherchen kann Chomsky im Detail aus öffentlichen und offiziellen Dokumenten, Reden und Presseerklärungen hoher Regierungsbeamter als auch aus den linientreuen" Medien zitieren und aus diesen vielen Puzzlestücken ein Gesamtbild herausarbeiten welches zum Nachdenken zwingen sollte. Dazu zwei Anmerkungen, erstens ist Chomsky Amerikaner und keinesfalls anti-amerikanisch eingestellt und zweitens glaubt er daran dass das amerikanische Volk diese Weltherrschaftspolitik nicht aktiv unterstützt. Die Basis unseres Rechtsempfindens beruht auf der Prämisse dass gleiches Recht für alle gilt. Ausgehend von dieser Universalität, dass dieselben Normen welche für uns gelten, auch für andere gelten, hier ein Beispiel wie Chomsky vorgeht. Anhand der offiziellen US-staatlichen Definition von Terrorismus", aus dem Handbuch der US-Armee, analysiert er einige Interventionen" welche im Namen der Demokratie und Freiheit von den USA durchgeführt wurden...zum Beispiel in Nicaragua, Panama, Grenada mit der Schlussfolgerung dass diese Interventionen nichts anderes als Terrorismus waren. Eine immer wiederkehrende Bemerkung, die schon andere vor ihm gemacht haben: die Sieger schreiben die Geschichte! Es sei hier klargestellt: Chomsky will auf gar keinen Fall den Tod von Zivilisten durch heimtückische Attacken rechtfertigen und ist auch nicht der Auffassung dass der 11. September ein gerechter Ausgleich für begangene Fehler der US-Regierung sei. Er verurteilt diese Attacken, aber eben halt auch jene welche von seinem eigenen Land ausgingen und gehen. Wer Michael Moore nicht traut oder denkt er sei nur ein publicity-geiler Landesverräter sollte sich dieses Buch eines Professors am MIT antun und einsehen dass Kritik an der US-Regierung vielfältiger Natur ist und sich nicht auf die Bush-Familie beschränkt. Ein weiteres kritisches Buch zum Thema: Ein Imperium verflucht" von Chalmers Johnson, lehrte 30 Jahre lang Politikwissenschaft in Berkeley und war Berater der CIA. Wer Chomsky's Beweise als absurd abtut, dem kann ich folgende Bücher empfehlen, geschrieben von ebenjenen welche diese Strategie unterstützen und kraft ihrer Mächtig auch in die Tat umsetzen helfen: Die einzige Weltmacht" von Zbigniew Brzezinski, 1977-81 Sicherheitsberater von Jimmy Carter und heute Berater am Zentrum für strategische und internationale Studien in Washington The threatening storm" von Kenneth M. Pollack, Director of National Security Studies for the Council on Foreign Relations und war 7 Jahre lang Militäranalytiker beim CIA zuständig für den Persischen Golf. 11 von 13 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Good, Excellent, and yet slightly short Von Dr Jacques COULARDEAU Noam Chomsky uses his hyper-precise and hyper-logical mind to demonstrate that the US has always been on one line : to conquer the world to increase its own wealth. He starts seriously exploring this line with Wilson and no president since then escapes his logical scrutiny. Bush II, as he calls the present president, is just pushing this policy one point farther and further. Iraq is the acme of the use of violent warfare and terroristic aggression to bring down a good servant turned rebellious. This policy wants to be a lesson to the world and it aims at conquering and controlling - forever of course - the oil resources of the world, forgetting that will only last fifty years. But Bush II is shown as being the continuator of all his predecessors, including Roosevelt, Kennedy and Clinton. Then Bush II is launching a monopolistic and illegal conquest of space for the sole military use of it by the US. And this will either lead the world into a devastating arms race that would halt all progress and to the absolute control of the world by the US, or to the destruction of the planet and humanity, a destruction that will be so complete that Russell's prediction will be fulfilled : The earth will become again incapable of supporting life, and peace will return. The analysis and exploration is so complete that it cannot be questioned in any way : there is no flaw, no leaking hole, no escape. And yet the book leaves us with a taste of incompleteness and it is not the last two pages that will balance the pessimism of 234 pages with the optimism of the superpower of public opinion and the birth of the solidarity and civil right movement of the World Social Forums. Chomsky forgets that the new technologies that make new weapons so deadly require everyday democracy at the work place and cooperation of all the members of the team that work behind from the producer of electricity to the designer of software and the programmer of customized applications. This goes against the militaristic ambition of the US elite since one person (or a very limited group) can block the whole military machine by pulling off the plug. The French have experienced this during the 1961 military coup in Algeria when the draftees who were supposed to service the military planes that were to invade France just dragged their feet and even plainly did not do what they were ordered to do, thus grounding the planes in Algiers. Chomsky also forgets that the US cannot pay for this militaristic adventure without the whole world financing its horrendous deficit, which means the emergence of new economic powers like China and India, and even Europe, or the consciousness of the elected popular leaders of the countries that control raw

materials like oil or copper or iron and so can block the process by making the US insolvent, and the US market is not the first market in the world anymore, far from it and steadily declining. The conclusion Chomsky implies though he does not state it, is that we, citizens of the world, must by all means block the neo-liberal policies that the US government and the main corporations in the world dominated by the US are trying to impose onto us. In Europe we have to become conscious we are the possible future for a peaceful world if we join our efforts with those of emerging economic powers. In other words the future is in the hands of the oldest cultures in the world, the Chinese, semitic and indo-european cultures, in an alliance with Africa, the cradle of humanity, and the Americas of the Indian traditions. What can a country that has two centuries of history, three centuries of culture and is nothing but 25 decreasing percent of the economic power in the world and less than 5 percent of its population do ? Destroy it ? You're kidding. One should have a pretty suicidal apocalyptic mind to prefer their own destruction along with the world to a compromise that would ensure their survival. Or are we reliving Stephen King's The Dead Zone all over again ? Think of what the doctor says in the book about how to deal with the person who would represent this scary policy. Dr Jacques COULARDEAU

Kurzbeschreibung Hegemony or Survival is Noam Chomsky's essential polemic on American foreign policy. Noam Chomsky, the world's foremost intellectual activist, presents an irrefutable analysis of America's pursuit of total domination and the catastrophic consequences that are sure to follow. From the funding of repressive regimes to the current 'war on terror', from the toppling of governments opposing its beliefs to the invasion of Iraq, America pursues its global strategy no matter what the cost. With the rigour and insight that have made him our most important unraveller of accredited lies, Noam Chomsky reveals the truth and the true motives behind America's quest for dominance - and seeks also to show how the world may yet step back from the brink. 'A devastating history of American foreign policy since 1945 as well as a dissection of the current "war on terror"' Tim Adams, Observer 'Anybody who thinks about American foreign policy has to read and contemplate Hegemony or Survival' Independent 'One of the radical heroes of our age. A towering intellect' Guardian Noam Chomsky is the author of numerous bestselling political books, including Hegemony or Survival, Failed States, Interventions, What We Say Goes, Hopes and Prospects, How the World Works and Occupy, all of which are published by Hamish Hamilton/Penguin. de Noam Chomsky is considered the father of modern linguistics. In this richly detailed criticism of American foreign policy, he seeks to redefine many of the terms commonly used in the ongoing American war on terrorism. Surveying U.S. actions in Cuba, Nicaragua, Turkey, the Far East and elsewhere over the past half a century along with the modern American war in Iraq, Chomsky indicates that America is just as much a terrorist state as any other government or rogue organization. George W. Bush's 2003 invasion of Iraq drew worldwide criticism, in part because it seemed to present a new philosophy of pre-emptive war and an appearance of global empire building. But according to Chomsky, such has been the operating philosophy of American foreign policy for decades. Opponents of the Bush administration's tactics consistently point out how the American government supported Saddam Hussein for many years prior to the 1990 invasion of Kuwait (pictures of Donald Rumsfeld shaking Saddam's hand are easy to come by) as a means of pointing out how the United States is happy to fund despots when it's in American interests. But Chomsky, armed with extensive historical notation, takes this notion further, arguing how the repression of other nations' citizenry is, in fact, the very reason Americans support certain foreign leaders. The charges made throughout the book are severe, as are the dire consequences he posits if current trends are not reversed, and Chomsky is no more likely to make friends or gain supporters from the mainstream now than he's ever been. But Hegemony or Survival is relatively dispassionate. Instead of relying on camp or shock value or personal attacks as some of his contemporaries have done, Chomsky drives his well-supported points steadily forward in an earnest and highly readable style. --John Moe.co.uk Scholarly polemicist Noam Chomsky's latest book Hegemony or Survival argues that America's strategy for the future is nothing less than the maintenance of American hegemony through the use or threat of military force--a strategy that threatens to leave the world a more dangerous and divided place. He goes on to claim that the only other world superpower with any chance whatever of curbing America's ideologically driven quest for global dominance is World Public Opinion. Recent books on American involvement in Middle East affairs, books such as Dilip Hiro's Iraq, Rampton and Stauber's Weapons of Mass Deception, and, more recently, The Guardian sponsored The War We Could Not Stop have also drawn attention to the propaganda war waged upon the American public by the Bush administration. For Chomsky this is by no means a new development. He sees American foreign policy historically showing a remarkably pattern of hypocrisy, racism, exploitation, and cynical manipulation of public opinion by successive US administrations. What is new and disturbing about the events leading up to the invasion of Iraq, he says, is the precedent America and Britain have set for establishing new norms of international law. The concept of "preventative war" must have its victims and those victims must be weak, yet important enough to be worth the trouble. Any country that is opposed to US interests but is capable of defending itself--i.e., those with nuclear capabilities--will be left alone. He leaves us with the terrifying assessment that the clear and catastrophic message to

opponents of American hegemony is to get nuclear--quick. It's the only way to keep the bully off our backs. One of Chomsky's special talents remains his ability to undermine comforting platitudes--such as the idea that we Westerners have become more "humanitarian" over the last few decades or that we have been making steady moral progress. As with Greg Palast's *The Best Democracy Money Can Buy*, Chomsky's *Hegemony or Survival* is relentlessly damning of the American political and economic elite and highly sceptical of the idea that virtue is to be found there. But if you're looking for a more balanced and hopeful examination of America's excursion into modern empire building and the problems it poses try Michael Ignatieff's *Empire Lite*. --Larry Brown