

ENVR 145

Introduction to Environmental Justice

Manufacturing Consent in Times of Struggle: Marginalizing the Voices that call for Environmental Justice

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CCTV9






Many people reflect on the environmental injustices they witness daily. But do we hear their voices?



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An aerial, black and white photograph of a dense tropical forest, likely a rainforest, with numerous tall palm trees. The image is slightly blurred, giving it a sense of movement or a wide-angle shot. In the center of the image, there is a white silhouette of a person standing with their arms raised, holding a large, circular object that resembles a sun or a large umbrella. The person is positioned between the words 'Cultural' and 'Survival'.

Cultural Survival

www.culturalsurvival.org 

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Peak Oil and a Changing Climate



NOAM CHOMSKY

Political Activist

MIT Professor

Author: numerous best
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chomsky.info

A black and white photograph of an industrial facility, possibly a refinery or chemical plant. The scene is dominated by large, cylindrical storage tanks and a complex network of pipes and walkways. In the center, a large sign with a blue border and bold, blue, sans-serif lettering reads "MANUFACTURING CONSENT". The sign is mounted on a structure that appears to be part of the industrial infrastructure. The background shows more of the facility under a clear sky.

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Once again,...a voice not heard....



<http://www.heatisonline.org/>

Ross Gelbspan – “causes” instead of “consequences”

Listen to minute – 6:32 onwards...

Ignorance is *structural* not personal...



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