A Selective and Annotated Listing of Politically Progressive Internet Sites
Dealing with U. S. Imperialism and Foreign Policy, War and Peace, and American Domestic Political Issues

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Introduction

This listing of left-wing and liberal electronic magazines (“e-zines”) and web logs (“blogs”) was compiled as an educational and research tool for educators, researchers and students in Japan who wish to learn more about contemporary American thought concerning important international and domestic political and economic issues. The sites selected have decidedly left/liberal/ libertarian points of view.

As many left-wing and liberal political commentators have pointed out, left-of-center points of view are not widely represented in the corporate or publicly-owned mainstream media. There are many reasons for the exclusion of such points of view from the establishment press and airways, but as Chomsky, Parenti, Bagdikian and many other writers have pointed out, the result is that Americans are increasingly exposed to a very narrow range of news and analysis of important issues ranging from the so-called “War on Terrorism” and the U. S. invasion and occupation of Iraq to domestic issues, such as the decline in the standard of living and cuts in education and vital social services and health care.¹

So, too, whether reading the Japanese English language press or viewing broadcast satellite and cable news programs in Japan, when it comes to news and analysis from the United States, readers and viewers also are only exposed to a very narrow range of views from the U. S.

The internet is increasingly becoming a vital source of alternative news and analysis, especially since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks against the United States. While the mainstream media has basically closed ranks behind the Bush administration and filtered out any negative news and critical analysis, the alternative media on the internet has blossomed. While many “bloggers” are writers lack establishment news media experience, many others are seasoned journalists who cut their teeth working for mainstream wire services, newspapers, news

¹ Third World Travel. http://www.thirdworldtraveler.com/TWTwebsite_INDEX.html
magazines and the broadcast media.

Many others have expertise in academia and are using the internet to air their professional view to a broader audience than they could reach through traditional academic journal and book publishing.

These listings are intended to give Japanese academics and students interested in following the issues an alternative source of information not readily available in venues other than the internet—not very easily found during a traditional internet search.


This site is by far the most extensive source of information from a progressive-left perspective on the Net. The Third World Traveler site offers a cornucopia of magazine articles and book excerpts from an alternative viewpoint to that of the corporate media about the state of democracy in America. The site proclaims that it examines “the impact of the policies of the United States’ government, transnational corporations, international trade and financial institutions, and the corporate media, on war and peace, democracy, free speech, social and economic justice, and human rights, in the Third World, and in the United States.”

Third World Traveler also is an excellent source of information and links for international travelers. The collection of book excerpts is the most extensive that this writer has found on the Internet. This site also has the most extensive array of topics about every imaginable topic concerning American history, politics, economics, and international affairs from a left perspective. Indeed, you can get lost for days while examining the site’s vast resources.

Extensive excerpts from books by noted American authors, such as Professor Noam Chomsky, historian Howard Zinn, and offers a plethora of progressive commentators and journalists, make this site a valuable resource on contemporary American politics, economy, and foreign policy.

The site’s editors encourage their readers to buy the books found on its site because “…without public awareness of and support for independent progressive authors, publications and publishers, this much-needed information may not continue to be available.”

A sampling of the site’s index give the reader some sense of the magnitude of this site’s resources:

**MEDIA-MAIN PAGE**
* Authors’ Page
* Books-sorted alphabetically
* Books-sorted by subject
* Project Censored

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2) loc. cit.
* Media Control
* Media watch
* Broadcast Media watch
* Magazines page-alternatives to the mainstream press
* Media page
* Progressive Media Links
* Media & New World Order
* Public relations watch
* Media Reform
* Internet News and Information
* Independent Press & Publishers
* Think Tank watch

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY and the PENTAGON
* Iraq page
* War on Terrorism
* American Empire
* Friendly dictators
* Reordering America’s Priorities/Reducing U. S. Military Budget
* Dictators
* International War Crimes
* Terrorism watch
* Yugoslavia page
* Torture watch
* School of the Americas watch
* Pentagon watch
* Militarization of Space
* Foreign policy watch
* Imperialism and colonialism
* Europe watch
* Caribbean watch
* Central America watch
* Mexico watch
* South America watch
* Asia watch
* Central Asia watch
* Africa watch
* Middle East watch
* Israel watch
* Central Asia watch
* Pacific watch
* Islands watch
* Land mine watch
* United States & Third World
* New World Order
* War on Drugs
* Weapons page

INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES and CRIMINALS
* Truth Commissions page
* Human Rights Watch
* International Criminal Court
* Jurisdiction of International Criminal Court
* Iraq page
* Yugoslavia page
* School of the Americas
* Land mines
* Genocide watch
* Our War Criminals
* Henry Kissinger page
* Ronald Reagan page

COVERT ACTIVITIES-CIA, FBI, NSA
* CIA watch
* Secret Wars of the CIA-John Stockwell
* CIA Diary: Inside the Company-Philip Agee
* Deadly Deceits-Ralph McGehee
* The Lawless State-Morton Halperin, et al
* CIAs Greatest Hits-Mark Zapezuer
* FBI watch
* National Security Agency (NSA) watch
* Terrorism watch
* Global Secrets & Lies

TRANSMATIONAL CORPORATIONS
* Know Thine Enemy—a history of corporations in US
* When Corporations Rule the World
* NAFTA / FTAA (Free Trade Agreement of the Americas)
* Multilateral Agreement on Investments (MAI)
* World Trade Organization (WTO)
* International Monetary Fund and World Bank
* Structural Adjustment
* Banks watch
* Transnational corporations & Third World
* New Global Economy
* Corporate watch
* Corporate Welfare
* Controlling Corporations
* Globalization watch
* Oil watch
* Water page
* Diamonds page

DEMOCRACY and SOCIETY
* Democracy watch
* Society watch
* Ruling Elites
* Labor page
* Reordering America’s Priorities
* Reforming the Electoral Process
* Dissent page
* Patriotism page
* National Security page
* Civil Liberties watch
* Nationalism page
* Politics watch
* Political Crimes and Criminals
* Militarization of America
* Military-Industrial Complex
* Fascism watch
* Police State watch
* Socialism watch
* Education watch
* Economics watch
* History watch
* Environment watch
* Health watch
* Energy watch
* Food watch
* Women watch
* Youth & Children watch
* Class War watch
* “Third Worldization” of America

HUMAN RIGHTS, JUSTICE and REFORM
* Human rights watch
* United Nations
* Human Rights Documents
* World Federalism page
* Genocide watch
* Justice watch
* Prison watch
* Reforming the System
* Jubilee 2000 Campaign
* 50 Years Is Enough Campaign
* Third World in United States
* Heroes
* Zeroes
* Life & death in Third World

PROGRESSIVE WEB SITES
WHAT YOU CAN DO
* What you can do
* Boycott page
* Solidarity page
* Numbers to know
* Progressive web sites
* Become informed-books
* Become informed-magazines, media organizations & publishers
* Progressive Politics

THIRD WORLD TRAVEL
TRAVEL INFORMATION
* Travel Links
* Airports & Airlines
* Weather
* Country tourism offices in U. S.
* World currencies
* Conversions-U. S./ metric

TRAVEL LINKS
TRAVEL WEATHER
TRAVEL HEALTH
* Disease risks & precautions
* Health alerts
* Diseases
THIRD WORLD TRAVEL
* Third World-definition and description
* Responsible travel in Third World
* Elsewhere
* The Drowning Child and the Expanding Circle
* We must travel...
* Burma: to go or not to go
* Conscientious projectors-travelers and human rights

**Michael Parenti Page**
http://www.thirdworldtraveler.com/Parenti/Michael_Parenti.html

Michael Parenti (featured on www.thirdworldtraveler.com) has written extensively on the issues of the uses and effects of propaganda in America and American foreign policy.

According to Parenti, “The enormous gap between what U.S. leaders do in the world and what Americans think their leaders are doing is one of the great propaganda accomplishments of the dominant political mythology.”

Parenti’s writings on the American corporate media and the uses of propaganda are essential reading for anyone wishing to understand just why there is such a disconnect between world public opinion and American public opinion regarding recent U.S. imperial adventures around the world.

**William Blum Page**
http://www.thirdworldtraveler.com/Blum/William_Blum.html

William Blum (also featured on thirdworldtraveler.com) worked for the U.S. Department of State during the early years of the Vietnam War. He quit in dismay and disgust over that imperial adventure.

Blum cites the disappointment—which eventually turned to hatred—that many people in the Third World felt toward the United States as the nation increasingly took to the path toward empire:

It was in the early days of the fighting in Vietnam that a Vietcong officer said to his American prisoner:

“You were our heroes after the War. We read American books and saw American films, and a common phrase in those days was ‘to be as rich and as wise as an American’. What happened?”

An American might have been asked something similar by a Guatemalan, an Indonesian or a Cuban during the ten years previous, or by a Uruguayan, a Chilean or a Greek in the decade subsequent. The remarkable international goodwill and credibility enjoyed by the United States at the close of the Second World War was dissipated country by country, intervention by intervention. 

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Chalmers Johnson Page

Chalmers Johnson, a professor emeritus at the University of California (Berkeley and San Diego campuses), was a “cold warrior” of the first degree during the Cold War, but he increasingly shifted left as he saw the “Peace Dividend” of the post-Cold War era squandered by an ever-expanding military budget—and an ever-expanding American empire. Johnson is credited with popularizing “blowback”, the CIA’s term for covert missions which tended to have consequences which were unintended—and more often than not—disastrous.

Johnson’s recent books have outlined the last 50 years of U. S. foreign policy “blowback”. Professor Johnson foresees that “Four sorrows ... are certain to be visited on the United States.”

In his book, Sorrows of Empire, Johnson outlines the fate of the American empire:
Their cumulative effect guarantees that the U. S. will cease to resemble the country outlined in the Constitution of 1787. First, there will be a state of perpetual war, leading to more terrorism against Americans wherever they may be and a spreading reliance on nuclear weapons among smaller nations as they try to ward off the imperial juggernaut. Second is a loss of democracy and Constitutional rights as the presidency eclipses Congress and is itself transformed from a coequal ‘executive branch’ of government into a military junta. Third is the replacement of truth by propaganda, disinformation, and the glorification of war, power, and the military legions. Lastly, there is bankruptcy, as the United States pours its economic resources into ever more grandiose military projects and shortchanges the education, health, and safety of its citizens.

Counterpunch

The motto of this muckraking internet magazine is: “We’ve got all the right enemies.” And by engaging in some of the most provocative political commentary in print and in cyberspace, Counterpunch certainly goes out of its way to make enemies.

CounterPunch is a California-based muckraking newsletter edited by Alexander Cockburn and Jeffrey St. Clair. It is probably the best left-of-center “e-zine” on the internet today.

CounterPunch publishes “stories that the corporate press never prints.”

Alexander Cockburn and Jeffrey St. Clair declare:

We aren’t side-line journalists here at CounterPunch. Ours is muckraking with a radical attitude and nothing makes us happier than when CounterPunch readers write in to say how useful they’ve found our newsletter in their battles against the war machine, big business and the rapers of nature.

6) loc. cit.
8) loc. cit.
9) loc. cit.
Respected sociologist and noted author Barbara Ehrenreich says, “CounterPunch makes me think. It makes me laugh. Above all it tells me things I didn’t know.”

According to the editors, “(W)e have many friends and all the right enemies. And, guaranteed, you’ll never see any of us on the pundit line up at MSNBC. We try to stay beyond the pale.”

And they are right; you will not see very many of their authors on the American TV news or talk shows. Their take on the news is truly beyond the pale as far as “establishment” journalism in America goes.

**Antiwar.com**
http://antiwar.com/

This site is run by a collective of libertarian and conservative thinkers, journalists and activists. They run an assortment of news on their blog: news from the major establishment daily newspapers and analysis from left, liberal, and libertarian think-tank writers and “blog” and “e-zine” pundits. Their main concerns are the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. But they extensively cover the Israel/Palestine conflict and other conflicts around the world from an antiwar perspective. They are staunchly anti-imperialist from a conservative viewpoint, believing that military adventures abroad are not part of the conservative tradition.

**Smirkingchimp.com**

Smirking Chimp is a blog which covers national political and economic issues from an anti-Bush perspective. Like Anti-war.com, this blog is critical of the Bush administration’s war in Iraq, as well administration domestic political and economic policy. They tend to feature analysis from the establishment press and many columnists who are liberal and to the left.

**Common Dreams**
http://www.commondreams.org/

Common Dreams is a left-oriented site which primarily features writers from a liberal to left political orientation.

Common Dreams describes itself as a “national nonprofit citizens’ organization working to bring progressive Americans together to promote progressive visions for America’s future.” It was founded in 1997 and expresses a commitment to “being on the cutting-edge of using the internet as a political organizing tool-and creating new models for internet activism.”

Like the other blogs listed above, the “zine” consists of a small staff and a network of volunteers. Their site states that they are “proud of what we’ve accomplished on a shoestring budget.”

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10) loc. cit.
11) loc. cit.
13) loc. cit.
AlterNet’s mission is to provide readers with “crucial facts and passionate opinions they can’t find anywhere else.”  AlterNet has grown to keep pace with the public demand for independent news. The site proclaims that they provide free online content to over 1.5 million readers every month. AlterNet’s journalistic achievements include being named one of NPR’s National Public Radio) five “winners on the Internet,” winning a Webby in the Print and Zines category and a nomination in the “activism” category, and winning Utne’s Independent Press Award for Online Political Coverage. AlterNet is a project of the Independent Media Institute, a nonprofit organization. The organization takes pride in their “independent and alternative” form of journalism that also includes WireTap Magazine. They proclaim the site’s mission as: ...your “online helper,” leading individuals, policy professionals and journalists alike to sources for information and insight. There is a word for this role. It is an “infomediary.”

The editors define the “infomediary’s” role as providing average people the tools that they need “to help them sort through the mass of information. “Activists need an infomediary to lead them quickly to collegial efforts and relevant data. Public interest web sites need an infomediary to steer like-minded people to their content.”

The infomediary “finds, evaluates, aggregates and organizes links to the best journalism, policy analysis and web sites on a range of pressing issues, from globalization and grassroots organizing, to the war on drugs and genetic engineering.”

A. N. S. W. E. R (Act Now to Stop War & End Racism)
http://www.internationalanswer.org/campaigns/15/

A. N. S. W. E. R. is not a blog or an e-zine; however, it is the biggest coalition of grassroots organizations in the antiwar movement.

The A. N. S. W. E. R. Coalition formed on September 14, 2001. It is a coalition of hundreds of organizations and prominent individuals and scores of organizing centers in cities and towns across the country. Its national steering committee represents major national organizations that have campaigned against U. S. intervention in Latin America, the Caribbean, the Middle East and Asia, and organizations that have campaigned for civil rights and for social and economic justice for working and poor people inside the United States.
The A. N. S. W. E. R. Coalition organized the first national demonstration against war and racism following September 11 on September 29, 2001, which brought 25,000 people into the streets of Washington DC and 15,000 in San Francisco. In the aftermath of the Sept. 11th attacks, the A. N. S. W. E. R. Coalition provided a much needed counter-balance to official government propaganda and media-inspired jingoism and war hysteria at a time “when people in the United States were subject to a carefully orchestrated round the clock campaign to create a war fever-initiated a strategy and mass mobilizations to counter the Bush Administration’s endless war drive, its so called war on “terrorism.”

The coalition has worked to build a broad-based antiwar movement:

A central characteristic of the A. N. S. W. E. R. Coalition’s organizing strategy has been to work in partnership with the Arab American and Muslim community and other sectors in U. S. society who have been traditionally ignored. This has helped to create a truly multinational antiwar movement.

A. N. S. W. E. R. has organized some of the biggest antiwar protests against the U. S. invasion and occupation of Iraq. For example, on January 18, 2003, A. N. S. W. E. R. initiated the first internationally coordinated day of action against the war in Iraq. Five hundred thousand people demonstrated in Washington DC, and 200,000 rallied in San Francisco. Millions more around the globe marched in a show of solidarity that heralded the emergence of the global antiwar movement.

According to A. N. S. W. E. R.’s site, the second global day of action, on February 15, 2003, called by the European antiwar movement, A. N. S. W. E. R. mobilized nationally for the demonstration that drew 500,000 to New York City. There were simultaneous actions in Los Angeles, which drew 100,000, as well as in San Francisco, Chicago and in other cities across the country.

Around the world, large antiwar demonstrations took place in most major cities of the world. More than 1000 cities and towns were the scene of simultaneous protests. In the U. S., most of the major antiwar coalitions fully mobilized for the February 15 actions.

On March 15, 2003, just days before the U. S. launched its war against Iraq, the coalition put out an emergency call and organized demonstrations of over 100,000 in Washington, DC, 100,000 in San Francisco, and 50,000 in Los Angeles, just four days before the beginning of the war. Internationally over 2,000 cities and towns mobilized and millions took to the streets around the world.

On March 19, 20 and 22, 2003, emergency local protests took place around the country and around the world when the U. S. bombing and invasion began. Students walked out of school, people walked off of their jobs, and many people demonstrated all day, including during the

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21) loc. cit.  
22) loc. cit.  
23) loc. cit.  
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26) loc. cit.
pouring rain, in front of the White House.\textsuperscript{27}

Since the invasion, A. N. S. W. E. R. has organized numerous other protests around the U. S. against the continued American occupation. This coalition was “in the forefront of the anti-war movement in organizing protests at the national conventions of both parties during the summer of 2004 before the presidential elections.”\textsuperscript{28}

While you will hardly find a word about the antiwar movement in the establishment press, even when there are large demonstrations, this site confirms the fact that the American antiwar movement is alive and growing.

**Daily Kos**  
http://www.dailykos.com

This blog is maintained by Markos Moulitsas Zuniga. The site was launched in May, 2002, and it was named after the editor’s nickname while he was in the U. S. Army. In its first year, Daily Kos attracted over 1.6 million unique visits and about 3 million pageviews. It now usually receives about eight million unique visits per month.

Zuniga also launched the Political State Report, a collaborative web log (with over 100 contributors) tracking politics from all 50 states (now run by new management).

The blogger’s heroes are Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero (the assassinated church leader of El Salvador), Cesar Chavez (the Mexican-American farm labor union organizer and leader), which says something about his political persuasion and commitment to issues of social and economic justice.

**Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting**  
http://www.fair.org/

FAIR, a national media watch group, has been offering well-documented criticism of media bias and censorship since 1986. Their goal is “to invigorate the First Amendment by advocating for greater diversity in the press and by scrutinizing media practices that marginalize public interest, minority and dissenting viewpoints.”\textsuperscript{29}

The group is an anticensorship organization which exposes neglected news stories and defends working journalists when they are muzzled. According to the site’s editors, “As a progressive group, FAIR believes that structural reform is ultimately needed to break up the dominant media conglomerates, establish independent public broadcasting and promote strong nonprofit sources of information.”\textsuperscript{30}

FAIR works with both activists and journalists. They maintain a regular dialogue with reporters at news outlets across the country, “providing constructive critiques when called for and applauding exceptional, hard-hitting journalism”, according to the editors.\textsuperscript{31}

FAIR encourages the public to contact media with their concerns and “to become media ac-

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tivists rather than passive consumers of news." 32]

FAIR publishes Extra!, an award-winning magazine of media criticism, and produces the weekly radio program CounterSpin, a show that focuses on the news behind the headlines. They maintain a listserv through which they distribute regular Action Alerts to an international network of activists. As of March 2002, the FAIR list has over 25,000 recipients.

FAIR maintain specialized research and advocacy desks that work with activists and media professionals on specific issues. For example, Racism Watch Desk acts as a watchdog which “monitors and combats the media’s marginalization, misrepresentation and exclusion of people of color—both in the news and in the newsroom.” 33]

For an in-depth explanation of FAIR’s critique of the mainstream media, the reader should start with “What’s Wrong with the News?” located on the group’s web site.

**Alternative Press Center**

http://www.altpress.org/

The Alternative Press Center (APC) is a nonprofit collective “dedicated to providing access to and increasing public awareness of the alternative press.” 34] The APC was founded in 1969 and it remains one of the oldest self-sustaining alternative media institutions in the United States.

For more than 25 years, the Alternative Press Index has been recognized as a leading guide to the alternative press in the United States and around the world.

Readers can sign up for an Electronic Newsletter which is published monthly by the Alternative Press Center. It includes links to outstanding articles selected each month by the APC staff.

**Media Channel**

http://www.mediachannel.org/

Media Channel is edited by Danny Schechter, a journalist of long standing who now acts as a media watchdog and critic.

Walter Cronkite, the former anchor of CBS News and the dean of American broadcast journalism, has become a vocal critic of mainstream journalism’s corporatization—and consequent rightward shift in reporting.

Cronkite is an avid supporter of the Media Channel. In a taped message played at the launching of Media Channel, Cronkite made the following scathing critique of American corporate media—which is worth quoting at length:

...the issues that led to the creation of this unique global resource, and the crisis that’s facing all of us who work in and care about journalism and the media, are so profound that I simply felt compelled to tape this message so that you would know that I am with you in spirit at least.

As you know, I’ve been increasingly and publicly critical of the direction that journalism has

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32] loc. cit.
taken of late, and of the impact on democratic discourse and principles. Like you, I'm deeply concerned about the merger mania that has swept our industry, diluting standards, dumbing down the news, and making the bottom line sometimes seem like the only line. It isn’t and it shouldn’t be.”

At the same time, I’m impressed that so many other serious and concerned people around the world are also becoming interested in holding media companies accountable and upholding the highest standards of journalism.

The Media Channel will undoubtedly be worth watching and taking part in. I am intrigued by its potential, and its global reach. The idea that so many leading groups and individuals around the whole world have come together to share resources and information about a wide range of media concerns is very promising, and I urge you to make the Media Channel your media ‘bookmark’ and your portal to the Internet.

...We’re always ready to speak out when journalists are at risk. But today we must speak out because journalism itself is at risk. That’s why I’m speaking out and reaching out to you tonight, to tell you that I like the idea of the Media Channel and want to encourage your participation. And that’s the way it is.\(^{(35)}\)

The fact that the doyen of American broadcast journalism would support Media Channel says a lot about the organization—and his concern for the current state of American journalism.

**In These Times**

http://inthesetimes.com/

In These Times is both a local and a national progressive news weekly. Based in Chicago, the paper has been providing a progressive slant to local, national and international news for over 25 years.

In These Times is a magazine of news, opinion and culture, which is “committed to extending political and economic democracy and to opposing the tyranny of the marketplace over human values.”\(^{(36)}\)

According to their web site, the paper’s editorial content is “shaped by a commitment to providing the news, analysis and perspective that is essential to developing a national and global movement for democracy and justice.”\(^{(37)}\)

**Online Works of Howard Zinn**

http://www.geocities.com/howardzinnfans/online_works.html

This site consists of excerpts from books written by the noted leftist historian Howard Zinn, a professor of history at Boston University and a well-know political activist. Zinn was politically active in the civil rights movement and the antiwar movement against the War in Vietnam.

The site is dedicated to Zinn’s writings and his political activism. As the site explains:

As Howard Zinn himself would say, ‘You can’t be neutral on a moving train.’ The political

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35) In These Times, http://inthesetimes.com/
36) loc. cit.
world we live in is a moving train, so everyone is moving with it; no one can be neutral. There are those who will sit calmly and do nothing in order to pretend to be neutral, although they are in fact passively allowing a moving train—whether it be capitalism or fascism—to pass unimpeded. And there are those who will struggle against that movement, and who will fight it until it stops and moves the other way. It is my hope that the information and ideas offered by this site have encouraged you to become a member of the latter camp.  

Zinn’s most famous book, A People’s History of the United States, recently passed the one million mark in sales.

One of this site’s primary objectives is to get this book wider distribution across America, especially in schools and institutions of higher learning. This author (who majored in history at university), as well as countless tens of thousands of American intellectuals and political activists, owes his understanding of American history (especially the study of American imperialism) and his political activism to books such as Zinn’s.

According to the site’s editors, the premise behind a wider distribution of the book is that “this book, among others, is a disturbing and inspiring book that has been the start of many people’s transformation into active, politically conscious people.” The editors believe that, “Even if this transformation occurred to only a few people in a few places around the country... it could have a serious impact on the political landscape of the future.”  

Zinn, like Noam Chomsky, is a prolific writer. Unlike Chomsky, however, Zinn is a riveting and humorous lecturer—and it is well worth accessing Zinn’s speeches on the Net.

You also can find Zinn’s works at:

The Howard Zinn page
http://www.thirdworldtraveler.com/Zinn/
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Democracy Now!
http://www.democracynow.org/

Democracy Now! is a national, daily, independent, award-winning news program. It airs on over 300 stations in North America. Pioneering the largest public media collaboration in the U. S., Democracy Now! is broadcast on Pacifica, community, and National Public Radio stations, public access cable television stations, satellite television, shortwave radio and the internet.

The daily radio show can be accessed via the URL above or through the Pacifica Network’s KPFA radio station site at http://www.kpfa.org/

Written transcripts of the programs can be found at the Democracy Now! web site.

The program is hosted by award-winning journalists Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez and produced in New York City.

Democracy Now!’s War and Peace Report provides their audience with access to “people and perspectives rarely heard in the U. S.corporate-sponsored media, including independent and in-

38) loc. cit.
ternational journalists, ordinary people from around the world who are directly affected by U. S. foreign policy, grassroots leaders and peace activists, artists, academics and independent analysts.”

The War and Peace Report hosts debates between people who substantially disagree, such as between the White House or the Pentagon spokespeople on the one hand, and grassroots activists on the other. This is something that you will never find on any major TV network or radio news program (which rely on corporate advertising or sponsorship).

Democracy Now’s analysis concerning the corporate-owned media is insightful and is worth quoting at length:

For true democracy to work, people need easy access to independent, diverse sources of news and information.

But the last two decades have seen unprecedented corporate media consolidation. The U. S. media was already fairly homogenous in the early 80s: some fifty media conglomerates dominated all media outlets, including television, radio, newspapers, magazines, music, publishing and film. In the year 2000, just six corporations dominated the U. S. media.

In addition, corporate media outlets in the U. S. are legally responsible to their shareholders to maximize profits.

And U. S. “public” media outlets accept funding from major corporations, as well as from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Every Corporation for Public Broadcasting board member is appointed by the White House and confirmed by the Senate.

Democracy Now! is solely funded by contributions from listeners, viewers, and foundations. Democracy Now! does not accept advertisers, donations from corporations, or donations from governments. According to Democracy Now’s editors, “This allows us to maintain our independence.”

This is a liberal site which features some very insightful reporting and analysis on U. S. domestic political and economic issues, as well as excellent analysis of the war in Iraq. Taking it’s name from the noted American Revolutionary War pamphleteer and his revolutionary booklet, the web site features some of the liberal left’s best writers.

Z Magazine/Z-Net

Noam Chomsky Archive http://www.zmag.org/chomsky/index.cfm

Professor Noam Chomsky has written extensively on the American media and the uses of propaganda, U. S. imperialism and foreign policy, and the Israel/Palestine problem.

Chomsky, a professor of linguistics at M. I. T, is more well known outside America than he is in the country itself.

This fact has to do with Chomsky’s outspoken criticism of the American war against Vietnam, his vocal opposition to Israel’s apartheid regime and it’s occupation of Palestinian lands, and, most recently, the American invasion and occupation of Iraq and the so-called “War against
Terrorism”. Chomsky is essentially persona non-grata as far as the corporate-owned media is concerned. But, his works are widely available on the Net.

This site is a very extensive collection of Chomsky’s work.

Articles
Chomsky has been publishing articles in Z Magazine and on Z-Net since their inception. He has been published in venues around the world and in other venues in the U. S. as well. Only a fraction of his total output is online.

Books
Of Chomsky’s many books, some are wholly online, some have excerpts online, some have book pages online. Most of the online content appears at this site.

Audio
Chomsky does interviews many times a month, sometimes many times a week. A fraction have been placed on servers for internet listening over the years. Many are listed on this site.

Interviews/Talks
Originally print and or transcribed interviews and talks that have made it online are only a fraction of all those Chomsky has done, but that fraction is linked on this site.

Debates and Discussions
As above, a fraction of the total debates and discussions Chomsky has engaged in over the years has made it to the Internet. You also can find it here.

Other sites for Chomsky work are listed below:
http://www.thirdworldtraveler.com/Chomsky/Noam_Chomsky.html
Chomsky.html
http://www.chomsky.info/

Institute for Policy Studies
http://www.ips-dc.org/
IPS likes to think of itself as the think-tank of the liberal left. According to the IPS site, it is “striving to create a more responsible society-one built around the values of justice, nonviolence, sustainability, and decency.” 43

I.F. Stone, the noted investigative reporter, once quipped that IPS is “an Institute for the rest of us.”
IPS is America’s oldest multi-issue progressive think tank. Founded in 1963, IPS has worked with social movements to forge “viable and sustainable policies to promote democracy, justice, human rights, and diversity”. 44

43) loc. cit.
IPS prides itself with the fact that it played “key roles in the Civil Rights and antiwar movements in the 1960s, the women’s and environmental movements in the 1970s, the antiapartheid and anti-intervention movements in the 1980s, and the fair trade and environmental justice movements today”.

IPS is based in Washington, DC, but it “has forged links with activists and scholars across the nation and around the world”.

The Nautilus Institute
http://www.nautilus.org/

Founded in 1992, the Nautilus Institute has evolved into a thriving public policy think-tank and community resource. According to its directors, the institute has “addressed critical security and sustainability issues such as the United States nuclear policy in Korea and the effect of the U. S.-China relationship on environmental insecurity”.

Nautilus has extensive experience in dealing with issues of concern to Japan, including security issues in North Asia. According to their web site, over the last decade, Nautilus has:

- Reduced the danger of nuclear war and proliferation in Korea by engaging cooperatively the DPRK in projects such as the Unhari wind turbine system that provides villagers with light at night.
- Provided a voice of reason for U. S. nuclear policy in Korea with the publication of Pacific Powderkeg and informed media and citizens in South Korea, Japan, and the United States about the risks of nuclear weapons.
- Increased the transparency and accountability of American nuclear weapons plans through the use of the Freedom of Information Act.
- Created a dialogue and network of energy experts from China, North Korea, South Korea, Japan, Russia, and the U. S. on energy security in the region.


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