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Michael Moore Vs. Capitalism : A love Story, By Adrienne Papp



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For over 20 years **Michael Moore** has been examining one of my favorite topics, the horrific impacts corporate **America** and the credit system has on the everyday lives of Americans. Passionately digging below the surface of the culprits, the American filmmaker with an Irish background does not lose his temper when describing the evil of **capitalism**. Instead, he narrates with his great sense of humor, while taking the viewer into uncharted territories, asking taboo questions that evoke a sense of outrage, which I believe is long overdue.

Where did the American dream go? It was originally sold to us based on the ideas of **corporate America**: banking, consumerism, politics. Let's take a longer look at the nightmarish price that families pay now by losing their jobs, their homes and their savings. It is like a sweet and promising love affair gone astray: lies, abuse, betrayal, inferior motives, various self serving agendas...and 14,000 jobs being lost every day.

Does history repeat itself? We know that to be a fact from history classes in school. **John Paul II** said after the **Berlin** wall came down: "Even after communism is gone, there is another system that has its

evils," and he spoke against capitalism," says Moore.

We teach about the **Holocaust** so that it would not get repeated again. But, something inhuman does not need to look like gas chambers. It can look like a love affair. Blinders on everyone, or human nature?

In his movie Michael Moore points out that in America the top one percent has more financial wealth than the 99 percent under them combined. Do you realize how crazy this will look to **anthropologists** and **historians** when they dig us up? That we allowed that to happen? They are going to go: Wow! One percent ran everything. And the other 99 percent ran around going: Look at us, we are free! We live in a democracy!

Oh really? You know what they are going to call us? They are going to call us slaves. 400 years from now, that's what they are going to call us. They will have a term for it, probably **Wage Slaves**, says Moore.

"They thought they weren't slaves, because they got a paycheck," he continues. "The future historians will say: Wow, these people actually had the power and they ceded it to the one percent willingly. The one percent didn't have to take it through violence. The percentage of **Goldman Sachs** income that went to taxes last year: one percent. It was 34 percent the year before."

Thank God he has a sense of humor. It eases the spirit when you start thinking about the reality of the topic: Capitalism.

"That sounds like box-office death, doesn't it? But that's one of the reasons why I did it," Moore says. "Because I thought this is a challenge. I believe that if you make a really good movie you could call it 'Shit drying on the wall' and people will go to see it, if they heard it was a good movie. Because people are always dying to see a good movie.

Humor is the absolute thing in order to survive. Humor is some way to alleviate the darkness. I think humor is a lethal political weapon."

The Roosevelt footage in the movie is priceless. It makes **Americans** cry when they watch it, because we think about what could have been, that we could have had these things for 60 years.

"How many people in your country (referring to **Europe** where I was born) were evicted from their house, because they couldn't afford to pay their doctor? Zero, of course. Just as in **France** or **Canada** or the **UK**. How many people were thrown out of their homes in America because of medical bills? It's the number one cause for **foreclosures** and **bankruptcies**."

Despite the enormous success of his latest movie, in which Michael Moore is trying to arrest **Wall Street** CEOs and challenge the foundations of America's economic system, he says he does not have any investments and never owned a share of stocks. I share this with him. Despite of being an economist myself, I never felt any high yield investment was transparent enough for me to even bother worrying. It was also an intuition that proved itself right in the end.

So, how can we change the mess we are in?

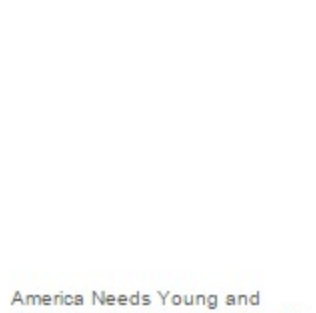
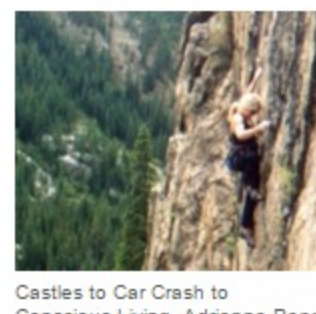
"I don't believe in individual action. The only way we change anything is through collective action," Moore concludes.

Isn't it time we wake up and look behind the charms of a love story that we have been part of all along whether consciously or not? Maybe it is not too late!

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Sep 30, 2009, 15:55

I loved this article. I am going to have my friends read it.
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I am so happy that someone is finally talking openly. I would make it mandatory for children to see this documentary. They can build a better world. Good article.
- smg**
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good trailer to a good movie!
- PlunderMovie**
Sep 30, 2009, 15:57

Great article. i am trying to expose the crime being committed against Americans in my new film Plunder. check us out on twitter at plundermovie
- Michael Koehn**
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Another story that is right on the Mark. Moore is one of the few people keeping this country honest, and we need more of him.
- Erin**
Sep 30, 2009, 16:02

Not many well written articles on the net, but this one was good.
- Dave**
Sep 30, 2009, 16:03

Nice insightful article here. Agree with him or not, Michael Moore's films provide perform a necessary function...to get the public to question their government, question their leaders, and to question the economic system one is born into.
- LisaJ**
Sep 30, 2009, 16:03

Good analogy;the ultimate bait and switch! Good article!
- Julie**
Sep 30, 2009, 16:04

He's telling us more of the truth than we want to hear.
- Eva**
Sep 30, 2009, 16:04

I do not believe in supporting the system either.
- Calgary Pete**
Oct 12, 2009, 19:49

Truth? It seems a lot of us wouldn't know it even if it took the form of a 2x4 and landed on our collective heads.
Would Michael Moore classify himself as belonging to the 'top 99%' or one of the masses? I mean, how many millions has he amassed making his dreadfully illiterate 'documentaries' that play the class envy card to the hilt.
Quite simply, all Mr Moore's (like Al Gore's) documentaries are aimed at a generation of Americans who've been brainwashed by a seriously failed education system that taught people what to think rather than how to think.
The pap served up by Adrienne is a prime example of what I'm talking about.
- Daria**
Nov 18, 2009, 14:52

The world is upside down. I do not believe anything anymore. I just know Michael Moore is out there trying, and so does this writer,- he is very outspoken. Where are we going? Does anyone really know???? I am not sure.
- Katelin**
Nov 18, 2009, 14:56

Can't wait to see this movie.
- Dorothea Colehodo**
May 10, 2012, 5:19

Aw, it was quite a good post In idea I have to put in writing such as this moreover – taking time and actual effort to produce a excellent article... but what / things I say... I procrastinate alot through no indicates manage to get something completed
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Yes. It should perform. If it doesn't send us an email.

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