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Amy Goodman - Co-Host

"Americans believe these lies not because they are stupid, but because they are good media consumers. Our media have become an echo chamber for those in power. Rather than challenge the fraudulent claims of the Bush administration, we've had a media acting as a conveyor belt for the government's lies . . . When it comes to issues of war and peace, the results of having a compliant media are as deadly to our democracy as they are to our soldiers. Why do the corporate media cheerlead for war? One answer lies in the corporations themselves -- the ones that own the major news outlets."

Amy Goodman, in an April 3, 2005, op/ed piece in The Seattle Times.

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About

UPDATES:

Amy Goodman is interviewed by the New York Daily News about the publication of her new book, *Static*.

(AUDIO from April 11, 2004, interview with Univ. of Illinois Prof. Robert McChesney on WILL-AM's "Media Matters.")

VERBATIM: Partial transcript of 2004 interview.

VIEW Wikipedia entry on Amy Goodman.

Amy Goodman is co-host, with New York Daily News columnist Juan Gonzalez, of the five-day-a-week, hour-long U.S. national news broadcast, "Democracy Now!". The program, originated at the Pacifica Foundation's WBAI (FM) in New York, ">split away in 2000 and then rejoined Pacifica. It now says it is heard or seen on more than 350 public TV and radio stations, via satellite, on public-access cable channels, and is streamed on the Internet each day at 11 a.m., U.S. Eastern time. Goodman says this constitutes "the largest community-media collaboration in the United States."

The May 23, 2005 edition of The Nation magazine carried a profile of Goodman and the Democracy Now! program by author Lizzy Rattner entitled: "Amy Goodman's Empire." The story is on the Nation website. Here are the first few paragraphs:

- *Amy Goodman didn't know if anyone was listening.*

It was the morning of September 11, 2001, and the host of the muckraking radio news program Democracy Now! was broadcasting from her studio in a converted firehouse just blocks from the World Trade Center. She was hunched over her microphone, intent on painting an audio portrait of the "horrific scene of explosions and fires," but the truth was she didn't know if anyone could hear her.

The phone lines were dead or temporarily blocked, and she had already overshot her slated hourlong broadcast time. More serious, she had recently been banished from her professional home at Pacifica Radio after a hostile internal shake-up, and she was only being aired by 20 or so affiliate stations.

Three and a half years and two wars later, Goodman is still talking into her microphone, reporting on the big and small crises of the day. She is still broadcasting from the firehouse studio, still sending her war-and-peace reports into the media ether, except that these days when the engineer flips the switch on her microphone, she can expect hundreds of thousands of listeners to tune in.

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Goodman is author, with her brother, of the 2004 book: "The Exception to the Rulers: Exposing Oily Politicians, War Profiteers, and the Media That Love Them."

On July 27, 2005, the political-blog website BuzzFlash.com cited Goodman as one of its "Wings of Justice" awardees, writing:

- "And one of the smartest, most indefatigable, courageous journalistic figures to restore the integrity of the media to its rightful role in democracy is Amy Goodman, founder of the Democracy Now radio and television network. Goodman has the energy of 50 Energizer bunnies, the wisdom of Thomas Jefferson, and the integrity of Edward R. Murrow. She's relentless, fearless, and doesn't pull her punches."

Amy Goodman received the "Media Education/Activist" Award at the 2004 Action Coalition for Media Education convention. [View streaming video of her comments.](#)

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