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In these pages, the world-renowned author speaks for the first time in depth about his career in activism, and his views and tactics.

Chomsky offers new and intimate details about his life-long experience as an activist, revealing him as a critic with deep convictions and many surprising insights about movement strategies. The book points to new directions for activists today, including how the crises of the Coronavirus and the economic meltdown are exploding in the critical 2020 US presidential election year. Readers will find hope and new pathways toward a sustainable, democratic world.

NOAM CHOMSKY is Institute Professor (Emeritus) in the Department of Linguistics and Philosophy at MIT. His work is widely credited with having revolutionized the field of modern linguistics. He is the author of numerous best-selling political works, which have been translated into scores of languages worldwide. His latest books include the *New York Times* bestsellers *Hegemony or Survival*, *Failed States*, and *Who Rules the World?* Other recent books include [*What Kind of Creatures Are We?*](#), as well as *Power Systems*, *Occupy*, *Hopes and Prospects*, and *Masters of Mankind*. Haymarket Books recently reissued twelve of his classic books with new introductions by the author.

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“It is heartening to hear Chomsky’s steady voice come through these interviews and writings — radical, analytic, and prophetic. Chomsky for Activists is the tonic we need in troubled times to peel away the illusions and fuel our fight for democracy, justice and economic equality.” **Chuck Collins**, Institute for Policy Studies, author, *The Wealth Hoarders* and *Born on Third Base*.

“Some people get to know the thinking of Noam Chomsky by listening to his presentations. But in this book you, the reader, have the opportunity to get to know the thinking of Chomsky in a different way. Through interviews as well as his commentaries, the reader gets a sense of the ‘comprehensive’ Chomsky. It is not just what he thinks but how he approaches the challenges facing the contemporary Left and progressive movements in the USA that makes this a compelling volume. This book is of additional value in identifying where the reader may agree and disagree with Chomsky, but nevertheless appreciate his invaluable insight. It was both a great honor and opportunity to have been asked to preview this volume in order to suggest to you, the potential reader, my encouragement that you embrace this work. You will not regret it!” **Bill Fletcher, Jr.**, executive editor, globalafricanworker.com, former president of TransAfrica Forum.

“Could you benefit from a wise elder putting this present moment in historical perspective, explaining the gravity of today’s existential crises but showing how activism has—and can—change the course of history for the better? Then curl up with Uncle Noam to read *Chomsky for Activists*. Chomsky gives simplistically brilliant answers to such questions as ‘Is Trump a fascist?’ (his response might surprise you) and ‘Should we change the Democratic Party from within or create an independent party?’. Chomsky for Activists is an uplifting gift for all of us who feel depressed or confused about the state of our nation and world. Read it and act.” **Medea Benjamin**, Author and Cofounder of CODEPINK