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HEGEMONY OR SURVIVAL America's Quest for Global Dominance

By Noam Chomsky

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Drawing on an astonishing range of documentation, Chomsky shows how the U.S. has long sought to stake out the globe, a process intensified by the current Bush administration. He explains that this “grand imperial strategy” leads to a stark choice: between “two trajectories in current history—one aiming toward hegemony and threatening survival; the other dedicated to the belief that ‘another world is possible.’ Which trajectory will dominate, no one can foretell. The pattern is familiar throughout history; a crucial difference today is that the stakes are higher.”

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