

Notice to WSWs readers

Interview with David North to be broadcast on Australian radio

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On Saturday May 14, at 1 p.m. Australian EST, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's (ABC) Radio National "BookTalk" program will broadcast a lengthy interview with David North, WSWs international editorial board chairman, on the political situation in the United States.

The interview was given by North to program presenter Lyn Gallacher in February during his visit to Australia to promote his recently published book *The Crisis of American Democracy: the Presidential Elections of 2000 and 2004*.

North discusses with Gallacher the central thesis of *The Crisis of American Democracy*, that behind the breakdown of democracy in the US lies the deterioration of the global economic position of American capitalism, and the development of unprecedented levels of wealth concentration and social inequality. The turn to aggressive militarism abroad and the vast expansion of police state measures during the past three years arise, he maintains, not from the so-called "terrorist threat," but from the extreme sharpening of social and class tensions within American society itself.

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For readers who cannot tune in at the time of the broadcast, a Real Audio copy should be available to listen to or download one hour after the interview's broadcast at the "BookTalk" section of Radio National's web site: <http://www.abc.net.au/rn/arts/booktalk/>. To download a copy of the interview, right-click on the link and select "Save Target As." Text transcripts of "BookTalk" presentations are generally available at the same location two weeks after broadcast.

Copies of *The Crisis of American Democracy* can be purchased online in the US for US\$19.95 per issue, at sales@mehringbooks.co.uk in the UK and Europe for £8.99 per issue and mehring@ozemail.com.au in Australia and Asia for A\$19.95 per issue plus postage and handling (\$5 in Australia and the US, £2 in Britain—international rates extra).



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