



# ANTI-FLAG

## LIES THEY TELL OUR CHILDREN

### SOLD EVERYTHING

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**Well, they sold all our bodies, collected our names /  
Sold all our fears, stole all our birthdates / Every  
thought we have exchanged for windfall / If they gave  
you nothing, you'd have nothing at all / Fuck all their  
borders and fuck all their wars / The violence of  
Wall Street and profiteer cures / Neo-liberal white  
saviors, Murdoch and Fox News / Fuck the Pittsburgh  
Police, and the president, too. / They sold everything. /  
You don't mean a goddamn thing.**

Money is the ideal mechanism for implementing inequality. It is abstract: it seems to be able to represent everything. It is universal: people who have nothing else in common accept it as a fact of life. It is impersonal: unlike hereditary privileges, it can be transferred instantly from one person to another. It is fluid: the easier it is to change position in a hierarchy, the more stable the hierarchy itself is. Many who would revolt against a dictator readily accept the authority of the market.

When all value is concentrated into a single instrument, even the irrecoverable moments of our lives are drained of meaning, becoming tokens in an abstract calculus of power. Everything that cannot be financially quantified falls by the wayside. Life becomes a scramble for financial gain: each against all, sell or be sold.

To make a profit: that means to gain more control over the resources of society relative to everyone else. We can't all profit at once; for one person to profit, others have to lose leverage, proportionately speaking. When investors profit on employees' labor, that means the more the employees work, the wider the financial gap between them becomes.

A system driven by profit produces poverty at the same pace as it concentrates wealth.

The pressure to compete generates innovations faster than any previous system, but alongside them it produces ever-increasing disparities: where equestrians once ruled over pedestrians, stealth bombers now sail over motorists and homeless people. And because everyone has to pursue profit rather than accomplishing things for their own sake, the results of all this labor can be disastrous. Climate change is just the latest in a series of catastrophes that even the most powerful capitalists have been powerless to halt. Indeed, capitalism doesn't reward entrepreneurs for remedying crises, but for cashing in on them.

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