



Press Release

John Pilger Documentary: THE NEW RULERS OF THE WORLD **Sunday 15 January at 6.05pm**

Mention the name John Pilger to conservatives and right-wingers, and they start frothing at the mouth. He is a fearless seeker of the truth, champion of the underdog and a man who is unafraid of alienating top politicians.

In this powerful documentary, award winning journalist and filmmaker, John Pilger, investigates globalisation. He takes Indonesia as his prime example - a country described by the World Bank as a model pupil until its globalised economy collapsed in 1998. The film examines the use of sweatshop factories by famous brand names and asks: who are the real beneficiaries of the globalised economy?

Pilger goes beyond the hype of the new global economy and reveals that the divisions between rich and poor have never been greater – two thirds of the world's children live in poverty – and the gulf is widening like never before. Did you know that enormously rich men, like Bill Gates, have a wealth greater than all of Africa? The reality behind much of modern shopping and the famous brands is a sweatshop economy, duplicated in country after country.

Of this documentary, Kieron Corless of Time Out says: "Globalisation is a big subject to tackle and there's no doubt this latest film is a full meal, throwing a lot of factual information at the viewer. That it never feels overwhelming or unfocused testifies both to Pilger's film-making experience and those political news instincts he developed at the Daily Mirror, in the days when the Mirror really mattered."

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