

COUNTERPOINT

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WELCOME A NEW E-MAGAZINE

The world is a global village, a village with a population of more than six billions. In this village there are men and women, brothers and sisters, there are barristers and farmers, treasurers and craftsmen, great leaders and humble prayers, there are religions and believes of all kind, there is compassion and there is hate, there is the will to learn and there is stubbornness, there is the meaning of life and there are those who search for it, there are friends and enemies, there are many peoples.

The village is divided into two parts - the part that rules the village and the part that follows the rules – willingly or not – there is no other way for it. The ruling part uses the media to communicate their rules within themselves and to the other part of the village. This media is powerful. It says: pray and the whole village kneels down and prays; it says: go to war and the whole village goes to war; it says: believe and the whole village believes. Thus the village is fooled every hour, every day; the village turns like a mad clockwork that nobody can stop. If you ask about the time the clock lies – this clock is not telling anybody the right time, this clock is telling everybody the right lie at the right time.

But then, many among the followers and even many among those who belong to the ruling part have thought critically about the village and their own deeds for centuries and their number has grown and it is still growing. The questions they rise are simple but the answers are hidden in the darkest corners of the village. Why are we divided into two parts? Why are some members of the village treated differently as others? Why is there justice for the ones and not for the others? Why is compassion a limited resource to which not everybody has access to? Why is media featuring issues of self-interest and not such of a common beneficial value?

The questions were asked and some of the concerned gathered and discussed these issues. They were every where in village arguing, seeking for answers, seeking for solutions. They spoke out loud in front of the village but only a few could hear them, they addressed the rulers but they didn't listen.

Now it is time that the global village has a powerful voice to carry the critics of the concerned to everybody's ears.

Every politician shall listen when those, who have nothing to say, are talking. Every media owner shall be alert when unpopular opinions are published.

CounterPoint e-magazine shall be the voice for those who really care about the global village.

THE GOALS OF COUNTERPOINT

- Providing the audience with a wide range of articles that are based on the critical observation of the world we live in
- Presenting oppositional readings of the media as it is presented to us every day
- Featuring those who are never featured in the media
- Confront those who rule the world with a constructive feedback on their politics
- Touching themes that are not likely to be touched by other media

AGENDA AND ISSUES

CounterPoint magazine wants every kind of text that puts the world into a different perspective, shows it under a different view point, from a unique angle. Any text shall be written with care and to the point. No four-letter words will be published here. If you attack somebody you have to give good reason for it.

The current agenda will be displayed on the CounterPoint web page:
www.geocities.com/counterpointmag2002

Besides that you can write about everything that is within the defined goals of CounterPoint.

SUBMISSIONS

All submissions must be sent to the editor:

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No fees will be paid for any submission!

DISTRIBUTION

Everybody who wants to have a first release copy can write a mail to the editor with the subject: "ad to mailing list".

Everybody who has a CounterPoint e-magazine shall send it to others. **Thus a decentralised distribution net can be established.**

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**The world matters because one day you are the one
who has a problem with it**

You can make a difference – here and now