

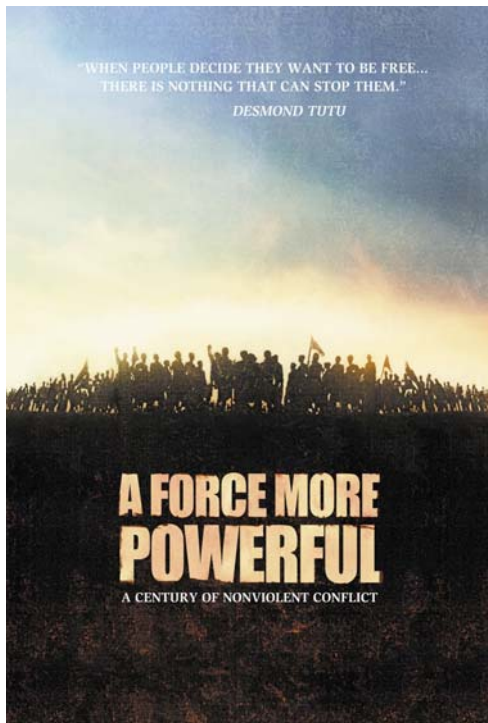
A FORCE MORE POWERFUL:

A CENTURY OF NONVIOLENT CONFLICT

Emmy Nominated Documentary

Available for broadcast and educational distribution

In the past few years, television viewers around the world have been offered many retrospectives on the 20th century. Often these programs have focused on war and examined the tanks, missiles, and bombs that make up the modern military arsenal. The lessons imparted seem to be that power flows only from the barrel of a gun.



A Force More Powerful turned that notion on its head. This three-hour documentary series focuses on one of the 20th century's most important but least understood stories – how millions chose to battle the forces of brutality and oppression with nonviolent weapons – and won.

With archival footage and interviews with witnesses and survivors, *A Force More Powerful* tells six stories of successful nonviolent movements which used strikes, slowdowns, boycotts and massive demonstrations to topple dictators, foil military invaders, establish democracy and win human rights. Here are the heroes, some known, some unsung, who changed the course of the 20th century. Their power flowed not from the barrel of a gun but from discipline and shrewd tactical planning.

Tracing how the movements inspired, borrowed from and built on each other, the series begins in 1907 with a young Mohandas Gandhi, the most influential leader in the history of nonviolent resistance, as he rouses his fellow Indians living in South Africa in a nonviolent struggle against racial oppression.

Part One chronicles how Gandhi refines and expands the nonviolent “weaponry” he discovered in South Africa as he leads India’s campaign for full independence from Britain in the 1930s. It also reveals a new angle on the American civil rights movement in 1960 as students desegregate Nashville, Tennessee.

Part Two follows striking ship workers in Poland as they band together in Solidarity to fight communism head-on in 1980, and then moves to South Africa where activists use boycotts to help dismantle the decades-old apartheid system.

Part Three recounts how Danish citizens resist the Nazi Occupation during World War II. The series concludes in Chile in 1988 where seven million citizens overcome their fears of dictator Augusto Pinochet to participate in a special election which throws him out of office.

A Force More Powerful was written, produced and directed by veteran filmmaker Steve York. Executive producer was Jack DuVall, now director of the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict.

A Force More Powerful originally aired on PBS, American public television, in September 2000. For more information visit www.aforcemorepowerful.org or www.pbs.org/weta/forcemorepowerful

Awards

Emmy Nomination	<i>Outstanding Historical Program</i>
Gold Hugo	Chicago International Television Competition
The Chris Statuette	Columbus International Film & Video Festival
Special Gold Jury	WorldFest Houston International Film and Video Festival
Silver Camera	U.S. International Film and Video Festival
Winner	2nd Annual Jan Karski Film Competition for films of moral courage
Telly Award	

Official Festival Selection

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Sedona International Film Festival · Santa Barbara Film Festival
Santa Monica International Film Festival · Tahoe International Film Festival
WorldFest Houston International Film Festival

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A Force More Powerful has been screened by pro-democracy activists working in Belarus, Burma, Cuba, China, Iraq and Zimbabwe.

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Sale of Home or Educational Cassettes

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Arabic, Burmese (coming soon) English, Farsi, French, Indonesian, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish.

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