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Is the “liberal class” to blame for the American political system?

Chris Hedges argues that liberal institutions have sold out to corporations

May 30, 2012 - Waterloo—Why is the American political system in a downward spiral? According to Chris Hedges, it’s the fault of the “liberal class.”

In what promises to be a controversial and provocative lecture, Hedges will argue that the liberal class—the press, universities, liberal religious institutions, labour unions, and the Democratic Party—have forsaken their core values and sold out to corporate interests.

Chris Hedges, a foreign correspondent for nearly two decades, is the author of such books as *War Is a Force That Gives Us Meaning*, *American Fascists*, *I Don’t Believe in Atheists*, and *Empire of Illusion*. He is a senior fellow at The Nation Institute.

What? Chris Hedges’ “Big Thinking” lecture, “Death of the liberal class” at the 2012 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Where? Dining Hall, Wilfrid Laurier University (Senate & Board Chamber)

When? May 31, 2012 at 7:45 AM.

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