

"All countries around the world are faced with police violence.

For democracies, it has become a crucial concern for their own survival.

The film looks at social scientist Max Weber's assertion that "the state claims the monopoly of legitimate violence."

It questions definitions of "state" and "legitimate violence," and asks who should regulate this monopoly."

DAVID DUFRESNE

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THE MONOPOLY OF VIOLENCE

a film by david dufresne

DURATION 86 min

Screening ratio: 1,78 / Sound: 5.1

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SYNOPSIS



As anger and resentment grow in the face of social inequalities, many citizen-led protests are being repressed with an ever-increasing violence. In MONOPOLY OF VIOLENCE, David Dufresne gathers a panel of citizens to question, exchange and confront their views on the social order and the legitimacy of the use of force by the State.

"Historically very attentive and particularly sensitive to the social and political debate, the Directors' Fortnight would like to support David Dufresne's film, which manages to raise and complexify a necessary and dramatically contemporary debate."

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(DIRECTORS FORTNIGHT)



"The Directors' Fortnight's support is the recognition of a new form of "cinema vérité", emerged from social networks, and phones. A counter story to which the big screen gives incomparable and unprecedented strength."

DAVID DUFRESNE

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

(in order of appearance)

Gwendal Leroy, fork lift operator
Patrice Philippe, truck driver
Alain Damasio, writer
Fabien Jobard, sociologist
Michel Forst, UN Special Rapporteur
Bertrand Cavallier, general in the gendarmerie
Mathilde Larrère, historian
Vanessa Codaccioni, historian
Patrice Ribeiro, Synergie-Officiers union
Ludivine Bantigny, historian
Sebastian Roché, sociologist

Anthony Caillé, CGT Police union

Monique Chemillier-Gendreau, Emeritus Professor of Public Law

William Bourdon, lawyer

Mélanie N'goyé-Gaham, social worker

Arié Alimi, lawyer

Vanessa Langard, decorator

Benoit Barret, Alliance Police union

Manon Retourné, stay-at-home mother

Taha Bouhafs, journalist

Sébastien Maillet, plumber

Rachida Sriti, psychotherapist

Myriam Ayad, stay-at-home mother

Romain Huët, ethnographer

DAVID DUFRESNE WRITER - DIRECTOR



David Dufresne is a multi award-winning documentary writer-director. For the past few years, he has also been acknowledged as a sentinel against police violence. Notably, thanks to his Twitter account through which he leads operations aiming at raising public awareness on police force misconduct.

Former reporter for Libération, he has also been a founding member of Mediapart, a French independent investigation media. Since 2010, he has developed several online documentary projects, at the crossroads between journalism and cinema, most notably Prison Valley (2010) and Fort McMoney, shot respectively in the US and Canada.

David Dufresne also wrote highly praised novels & non-fiction books. His latest release, Dernière Sommation (ed. Grasset, 2019), inspired by his experience investigating State violence, was a best-seller.

FILMOGRAPHY

DOCUMENTARIES - THEATRICAL RELEASE

2020 THE MONOPOLY OF VIOLENCE

Long-feature documentary Production : Le Bureau & Jour2fête

DOCUMENTARIES - TELEVISION

2019 LE PIGALLE : UNE HISTOIRE POPULAIRE DE PARIS

Long-feature documentary, 60 min Production : Arte, Temps Noir

2007 QUAND LA FRANCE S'EMBRASE

Long-feature documentary, 70 min Production : France 2, Yami

Official selection - FIPADOC 2011 (FR)

WEB-DOCUMENTARIES

2016 HORS-JEU, with Patrick Oberli.

Documentary

Production : Arte, Tamedia, RTBF, BR https://horsjeu.football/

DADA-DATA. Web experience celebrating the 100th anniversary of the

Dada Movement

Production: Arte, SSR, SRF, RTS

https://www.behance.net/gallery/34289495/DADA-DATA

Grimme OnLine Award (GER)
Lovie Award for best design (UK)
Numix Award for best online work (CA)

2013 FORT McMONEY. Documentary/game

Production: ONF, Arte, Toxa

http://www.fortmcmoney.com/#/fortmcmoney

Canadian Screen Award for best online media interactive

production (CA)

Gémeaux Prize for best original interactive

documentary (CA)

Grand Prix Boomerang for best documentary website (CA)
Special mention of the Visa d'Or Jury RFI-France 24 (FR)

Web-documentary Prize at the FIFE (FR)

Knowledge & Education Prize at the Grimme OnLine Awards (GER)

2011 MANIPULATIONS, L'EXPÉRIENCE. Web experience

Production: France 5, Yami 2, Upian

2010 PRISON VALLEY, with Philippe Brault.

Documentary

Production : Arte, Upian http://prisonvalley.arte.tv/?lang=fr

World Press Photo Award for best non-linear work (NL)
Best Web-documentary at the Visa pour l'Image 2010 (FR)
Special mention of the Jury at the Doc/Fest Sheffield (UK)
Italia Prize (IT)

TECHNICAL LIST

Director David Dufresne Writer David Dufresne

Cinematographer Edmond Carrère

Sound Clément Tijou

Picture Editing Florent Mangeot

Sound Editing Théo Serror
Mix Laure Arto

Color-grading
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Co-producer **JOUR2FÊTE** French Distribution **JOUR2FÊTE**

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