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# THE CHOMSKY EFFECT: ANARCHISM, PUNK ROCK & THE SCOTTISH ENLIGHTENMENT

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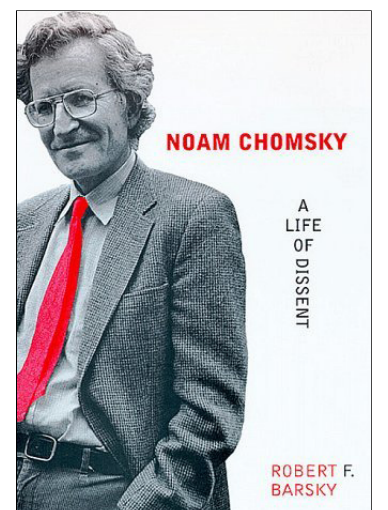
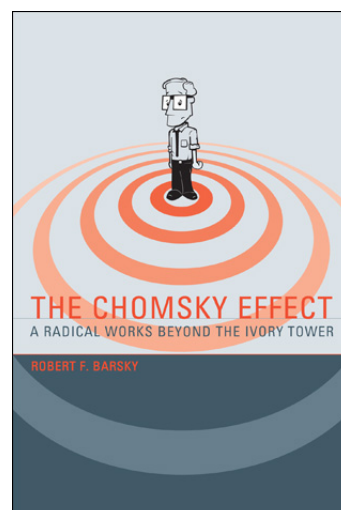
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Robert Barsky is a professor in the French and Italian Dept. and the English Department at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. He is an expert on Noam Chomsky, literary theory, Convention refugees, immigration and refugee law, and Montreal. His biography of Chomsky entitled *Noam Chomsky: A Life of Dissent* was published in 1997 by MIT Press, and was followed in 2007 by *The Chomsky Effect: A Radical Works Beyond the Ivory Tower*, also published by MIT Press.

"Whether you revere or revile him, no one can doubt that Noam Chomsky has been roiling more waters than any other intellectual activist on the globe for well over four decades. In this imaginative and sympathetic account of Chomsky's interventions in a wide variety of political arenas, Robert Barsky provides ample ammunition for both sides of the debate over the effectiveness of the Chomsky effect."

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"Robert Barsky succeeds in uniting the various strands in Chomsky's career—teaching, political theory, philosophy, and public debate. Chomsky's success constitutes definitive proof that an intellectual can be an activist and that every society needs a Socrates to shame it. Barsky has produced a work of homage to learning and to personal courage."

—Julius H. Grey, Constitutional lawyer, former member of McGill Faculty of Law