

# **FRENCH DECOLONIZATIONS BLOOD AND TEARS**

Directed by David Korn-Brzoza  
2 x 80'



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# SYNOPSIS

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With over 45 countries and territories involved across all five continents, three decades of claims, struggles, hopes and disillusion and over half a billion people still bearing this legacy today, French decolonization is one of the major shocks of the 20th century. However this key historical episode remains largely unknown and confrontational, burdened by the weight of prejudices, violence, crime, guilt and nostalgia. Through the voice of the last witnesses having experienced the events firsthand, but also through the testimony of their descendants who today are the bearers of this memory, our account will focus on the human dimension to offer for the first time a global synthesis of a shared heritage which still remains sensitive.

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## DIRECTOR'S FILMOGRAPHY

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As a director specialized in history and specifically 100% recolored historical footage, **David Korn-Brzoza** has written and directed numerous landmark documentaries on the major conflicts of the 20th century, on the history of the Third Reich, and on espionage. In 2002, he wins the Gold Plaque at the Chicago International Film Festival for *Echelon: The Secret Power*. In 2004, he also receives an award for Best Scientific Film at the Teleciencia Festival and a World Gold Medal at the New York Film Festival for *Superbat*. Most of his films have been aired in primetime and have received a huge success in terms of both critical acclaim and attendance. Since 2015, *After Hitler* and *Hitler's Last Year* count among the films that totaled the largest audiences of National Geographic.

## EPISODE 1: 1931-1954

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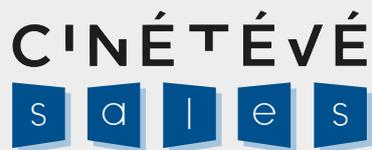
1931: More than 110 million men and women around the globe live under France's colonial empire. While the empire is at its peak, the WWII defeat in 1940 will raise questions about the system of domination that until then seemed eternal. From Senegal to Indochina (Vietnam), and from Madagascar to Algeria via Morocco and the Ivory Coast, France will do whatever it can to hold onto its colonies. Its main method: repression.

## EPISODE 2: 1954-1969

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1954: After eight years of bloody conflict, the French colonial empire is disintegrating. The defeat at the Battle of Diên Biên Phu forces France to withdraw, first from Indochina, then from its territories in India. For the other populations under French rule, that defeat is a spark: France is powerful, but not invincible. The Algerian War breaks out just a few months later. The blaze soon spreads from Africa to the Antilles via the Indian Ocean and Polynesia. France responds with both cunning and military might to try to preserve its sovereignty.





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