

**WHAT IF THE HISTORICAL TRUTH
WAS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT?**

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SYNOPSIS

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Myths die hard, and the history of the 20th century is no exception to the rule. Even now, there are dubious notions that we still take for Gospel truth. What if the historical truth was slightly different? This archive-based documentary collection revisits key moments in the 20th century from a new perspective in order to provide a subtler and more thoughtful interpretation, shedding light on elements that have been forgotten or sometimes overshadowed.

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SWITZERLAND AND WWII: AN EXEMPLARY NEUTRALITY?

Directed by Philippe Saada

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History has bequeathed to us an image of Switzerland as a country that maintained admirable neutrality during World War II. And yet! From 1939 to 1945 the tiny Confederation abandoned its legendary values, and business-as-usual took precedence over other considerations. The country preserved its neutrality by taking liberties with its most fundamental principles, even when those concessions compromised its own honor.



JOHN-PAUL II: A MODERN POPE?

Directed by Christiane Ratiney

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John Paul II has gone down in posterity as a modern pope who defended freedom. And yet! Favoring upholders of traditional morals over reformists, the Holy Father broke the momentum (towards freedom) in developing nations – particularly in Latin America. Preferring injustice to unrest, he also covered up scandals in an institution that claims to be exemplary. A pope whose fast-track canonization conceals numerous gray areas...



THE DENAZIFICATION OF GERMANY: A SUCCESSFUL PROCESS?

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Directed by Mickael Gamrasni

Posterity has inherited an image of the denazification orchestrated by the Allies and continued by the Germans after World War II as having been remarkably successful. The process is believed to have lastingly extracted German society from the throes of fascism, totalitarianism and authoritarianism, to the point that Germany has become a model of tolerance and democracy. And yet! That massive purging was far from thorough; on the contrary, it hit plenty of dead ends and let many issues slip through the cracks.



RONALD REAGAN: AN UNQUALIFIED PRESIDENT?

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pw: president2020?

Directed by Cédric Condom

Posterity has inherited a disastrous image of President Reagan: a series B actor with limited intellectual capacity who preferred napping to reading briefings, and playing cowboy on his ranch to taking his role as president of the United States of America seriously. And yet! One of the most popular and controversial President in American history is nothing like the caricature of him.



OPERATION OVERLORD: A MASSIVE VICTORY?

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pw: Victory2020?

Directed by Bernard George

Posterity has inherited an image of Operation Overlord as a heroic achievement. Thanks to an instinctive understanding uniting the British and the Americans and the irreproachable combativeness of their troops – firm in the belief that they were fighting for freedom and democracy, the Allied Landing is remembered as an overwhelming victory. And yet! Between disagreements amongst the leaders, hasty planning, logistical problems, the vagaries of the weather, and the soldiers' lack of preparedness, Operation Overlord was very nearly a fiasco.



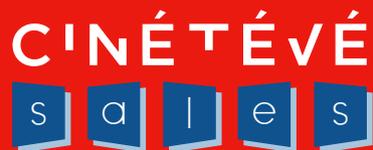
THE BRITISH EMPIRE:

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pw: model2020?

A MODEL OF DECOLONIZATION?

Directed by Déborah Ford

Posterity has inherited the idea that British decolonization was a peaceful, consensual and exemplary process. Unlike the other colonial powers, which clung to their imperialist dreams, the government of His, and later Her, Majesty offered the peoples under its dominion a peaceful transition to independence. And yet! Decolonization from the United Kingdom was no walk in the park. With violent repression, forced displacement of populations, internment camps and civil wars, the British crown didn't let go of its colonial jewels until it was forced to... often at the price of great bloodshed!



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