

# The World Bank Partnering with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP): “HELP”ing Build Big Brother’s Village

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The Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP), based at the University of British Columbia and leading the drive to daycare or all-day kindergarten in British Columbia, is closely linked to the World Bank in both its key people and its agendas for child and family policy. This paper is divided into three parts:

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## 1. About the World Bank

Subsidized daycare is usually assumed to be a platform of the ‘left.’ However it is a policy embraced by the World Bank which is not seen as ‘left’ by any those who position themselves anywhere on the ‘left’ of the political spectrum concerning economic issues.

Leading critics on the left, such as Naomi Klein, Michael Parenti, and Noam Chomsky, say the policies (supposedly undertaken in the name of reducing poverty) of the World Bank and its sister organization, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), have caused greater exploitation and poverty, and have harmed democratic movements.

These critics say the World Bank and the IMF advance the profit interests of U.S. multinational corporations by promoting eradication of all barriers to a globalized economy. They push nations to eliminate any restrictions on foreign ownership, to reduce environmental and worker protection, and to eliminate national ownership of infrastructure and resources.

Michael Parenti “Mystery: How Wealth Creates Poverty In The World”:

<http://www.countercurrents.org/parenti250407.htm>

Some examples:

The World Bank attempted to privatize water in a Bolivian city, which would have made drinking water inaccessible to the majority of the population.

Michael Shank, “Chomsky on The Rise of the South”

<http://www.chomsky.info/interviews/20080130.htm>

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Paul Wolfowitz, a top ‘neo-con’ and recently the World Bank’s president, was a top Pentagon official in the Bush administration and a strong supporter of Indonesia’s bloody dictator, Suharto.

Chomsky, “On Capitalism, Europe, and the World Bank”

<http://www.chomsky.info/interviews/20070402.htm>

The World Bank was instrumental in the violent and corrupt sell-off of the vast national assets of the former Soviet Union to Western corporations.

Naomi Klein, “The World Bank has the perfect standard bearer”

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/story/0,,2066764,00.htm>