



## ***The Revolution Will Not Be Televised***

### **Film Study Guide**

**Director: Kim Bartley and Donnacha O Briain**

**2002 | Documentary | 74 Minutes | Ireland | English | Unrated**

**Synopsis:** *The Revolution Will Not Be Televised* is a feature length documentary on Hugo Chavez, President of Venezuela. Over the course of 7 months, from January to July 2002, the filmmakers secured unprecedented access to film Chavez in his daily life. During this time, there was a coup and the filmmakers were the only crew inside the presidential palace at the time. They were also the first there for his triumphant return some 48 hours later. What had in fact taken place was the first coup of the twenty first century, and the world's first media coup. *The Revolution Will Not Be Televised* is a thrilling insight into President Chavez and the power of the media.

### **Post-Screening Discussion Questions**

1. When you watch or read international news, do you ever wonder if there is another perspective to the story that goes unreported, or do you assume that new reports are unbiased?

2. When you think of documentary films, do you imagine impartiality on the part of the filmmakers?

3. What do you know about the political and economic situation in Venezuela?

4. Venezuela is the 5th largest oil producing country in the world. With that information, would it surprise you to know that over 70% of the population lives in poverty? Why or why not?

5. How would you define “globalization”?

6. How would you define “neo-liberalism”?