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Film Series

# The People's Nepal

Produced and Directed by James Ellison Wills

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In 2006, the Kingdom of Nepal became the Republic of Nepal, and the Shah family, which had ruled Nepal for 240 years, was deposed. Most of the world's media attention at that time was focused on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, so Nepal received little attention. The April Uprising in 2006 involved over one million people, the largest civil protest movement Nepal had ever experienced. *The People's Nepal* is the story of a revolution and its causes. For centuries, Nepal has been part Hindu and part Buddhist. As is well known, the Buddha was openly and explicitly anti-caste, and not just once or twice, but in many sutras. This film shows the leader of the youth group from the Maoist party quoting directly from the Buddha to justify the party's actions. The Maoists were one of several political parties involved in the struggle to bring representative government to Nepal. The film includes original music, archival photography, and a voice-over narrative by Peter Coyote. 77 Minutes.

Admission is free.

