



# 1979 - BIG BANG OF THE PRESENT

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## SYNOPSIS

Our world is defined by the failure of communism, the rise of market economics, and by the power of politicised religion. 1979 was the dramatic year when all these forces came together and gave birth to the world as we know it today. A dynamic, investigative documentary that looks back at the past to explain the present.

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