



THE BLACK HEART OF AMERICA

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SYNOPSIS

For most Americans West Virginia is the remote, wild “Hillbilly Country” deep in the Appalachians. During the fall the mountains blaze with color. But underneath this idyllic landscape lurks hell: a labyrinth of narrow, dark tunnels, where miners crawl on their hands and knees all day long. Metallurgical coal, a vital ingredient for the steel industry, the “black gold” of West Virginia, once built the USA. Today West Virginia is one of the poorest states. And it is Trump-land, since the President promised to bring the old black heart of America back to life.

CAST AND CREW

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ORIGINAL TITLE

Das schwarze Herz Amerikas

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Politics, Social issues

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