

**The first Independent Media Center** was established in November 1999 by alternative media activists to provide coverage of the World Trade Organization protests in Seattle.



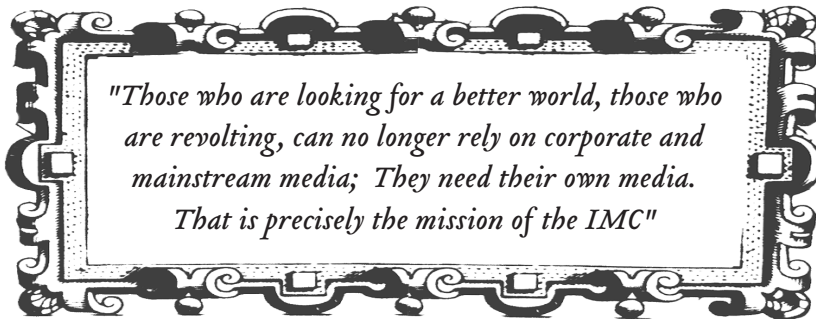
The Seattle Independent Media Center became a clearing house of information for journalists, and provided up-to-the-minute reports, photos, audio and video footage through its website and satellite linkups. It used a democratic **open-publishing** system to produce video documentaries, a newspaper and a 24-hour micro radio station. Meanwhile [www.indymedia.org](http://www.indymedia.org) logged **more than 2 million** hits before the last whiff of **tear-gas** had dispersed.

Since the N30 'Battle In Seattle', thousands of **independent media makers** have set up Independent Media Centers in their communities. There are now **over a hundred and fifty** local IMCs covering **six continents** where they provide **safe spaces** for **independent news** through **web sites, print, radio, video** and many other media.

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*We work for people who continue to act for a better world despite corporate media's distortions and unwillingness to cover their efforts to free humanity.*



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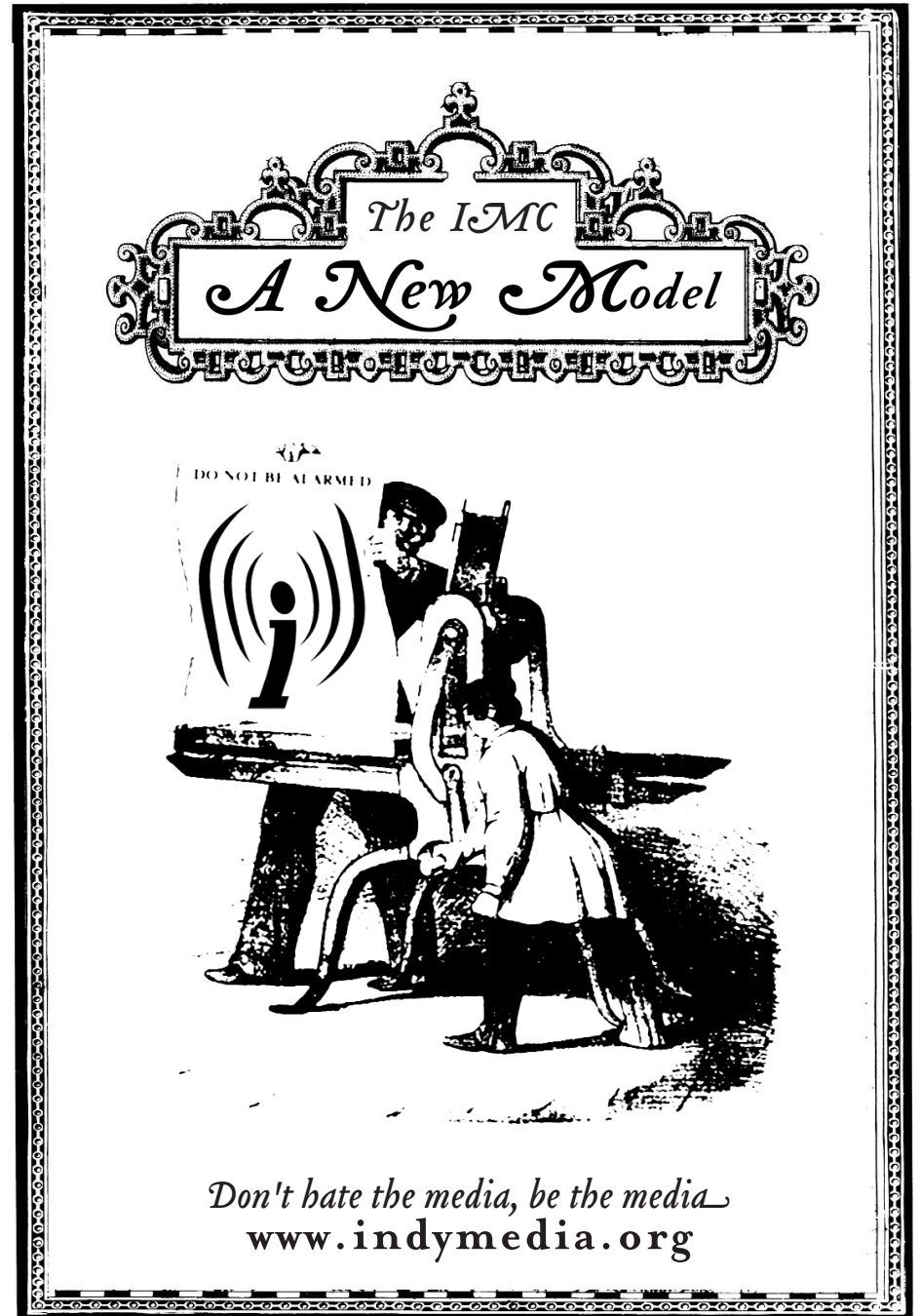


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