

# The Price We Pay: “Dirty Banking” and the Dark History of Offshore Havens and Corporate Tax Avoidance

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*The Price We Pay* is inspired by Brigitte Alepin’s book *La Crise fiscale qui vient*. Director Harold Crooks (who co-directed *Surviving Progress* with Mathieu Roy) blows the lid off the dirty world of corporate malfeasance with this incendiary documentary about the dark history and dire present-day reality of big-business tax avoidance, which has seen multinationals depriving governments of trillions of dollars in tax revenues by harboring profits in offshore havens.

Tax havens, originally created by London bankers in the 50s, today put over half the world’s stock of money beyond reach of public treasuries.

Nation states are being reshaped by this offshoring of the world’s wealth. Tax avoidance by big corporations and the wealthy – citizens of nowhere for tax purposes – is paving the way to historic levels of inequality and placing the tax burden on the middle class and the poor. Crusading journalists, tax justice campaigners and former finance and technology industry insiders speak frankly about the accelerating trends that are carrying the Western world to an unsustainable future.

**The Price We Pay: Official Trailer**

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