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## Live Not By Lies

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### What Will This Series Be Like?

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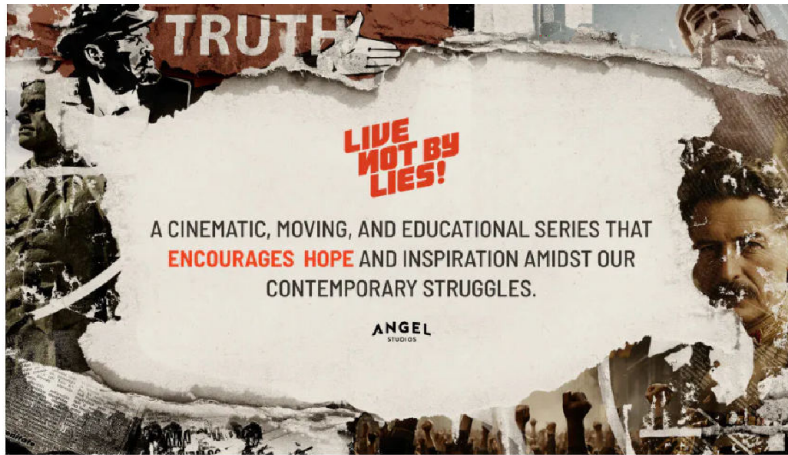
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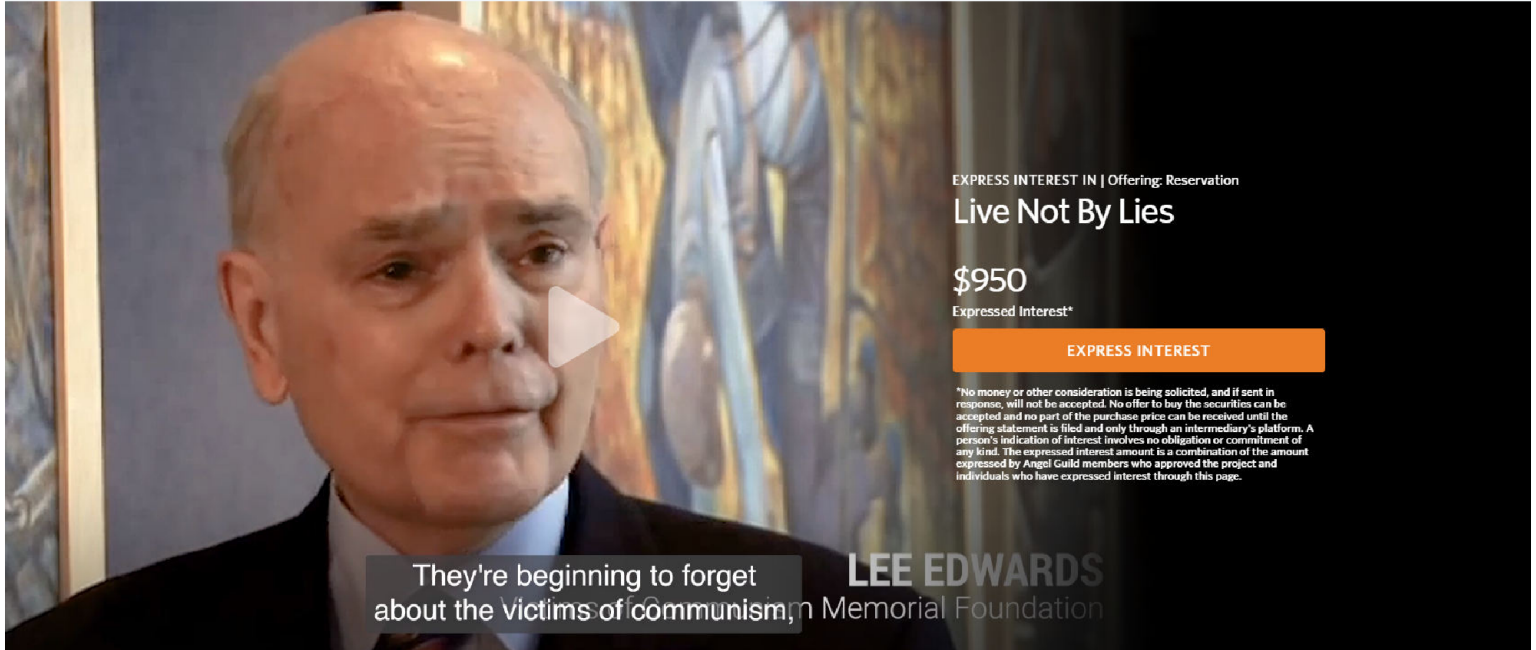
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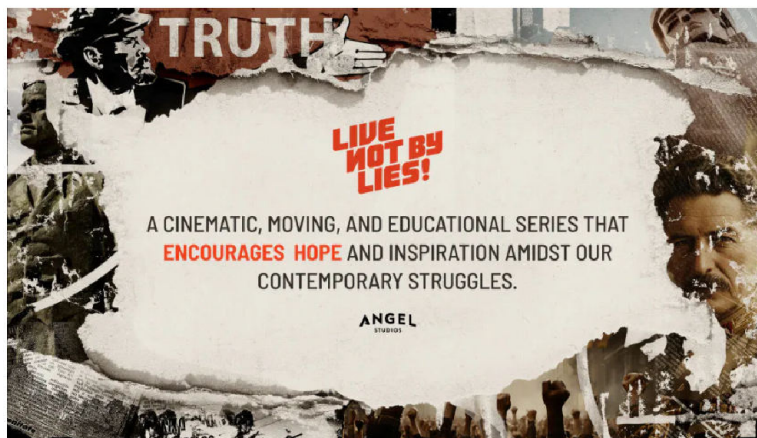
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