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## *Tapped*

Lindsey, Jason, and Stephanie Soechtig. *Tapped*. Santa Monica: Atlas Films, 2009. 35 mm, 75 min. <https://youtu.be/72MCumz5lq4>.

Is access to clean drinking water a basic human right or a commodity that should be bought and sold like any other article of commerce? This documentary is a behind-the-scenes look into the unregulated and unseen world of an industry that aims to privatize and sell back the one resource that ought never to become a commodity: our water. From the plastic production to the ocean in which so many of these bottles end up, this film trails the path of the bottled water industry and the communities which were the unwitting chips on the table. An insightful portrait of the lives affected by the bottled water industry, it features those caught at the intersection of big business and the public's right to water. (Adapted from the [Official Film Website](#) )

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### **Further readings:**

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### **Related links:**

- Divide in Concord (Film Profile)  
<https://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/divide-concord>

- “The Story of Bottled Water” (Video)  
<http://storyofstuff.org/movies/story-of-bottled-water/>
- Thirst (Film Profile)  
<https://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/thirst>
- Bottled Water (Natural Resources Defense Council)  
<https://www.nrdc.org/stories/truth-about-tap>

**Websites linked in this text:**

- <http://tappedmovie.com/>
- <https://www.environmentandsociety.org/multimedia/collection/environmental-films-project>