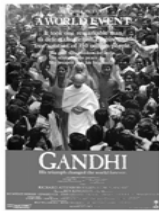


Top Ten Political Movies You Must See
Compiled by filmmaker and KU Professor, Keven Willmott
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10. **“Gandhi”** (1982) by Richard Attenborough
 “His Triumph Changed The World Forever”

Biography of Mahatma Gandhi, the lawyer who became the famed leader of the Indian revolts against the British through his philosophy of non-violent protest.

9. **“All The President’s Men”** (1976) by Alan Pakula
 “At times it looked like it might cost them their jobs, their reputations, and maybe even their lives.”



Chronicles the work of Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein who revealed the secrets of the cover-up of the White House's involvement in the Watergate break in.



8. **“Advise and Consent”** (1962) by Otto Preminger
 “Are the men and women of Washington really like this?”

Senate investigation into the President's newly nominated Secretary of State, gives light to a secret from the past, which may not only ruin the candidate, but the President's character as well.

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“The Best Man” (1964) by Franklin Schnaffer
 “Does The Best Man Always Get To The White House?”



The other party is in disarray. Five men vie for the party nomination for president. No one has a majority as the first ballot closes and the front-runners must decide how badly they want the job.

7. **“The Seduction of Joe Tynan”** (1979) by Jerry Schatzberg
 “There are many ways to be seduced. Fame. Power. Love. Joe Tynan knows them all.”



Respected liberal Senator Joe Tynan is asked to to lead the opposition to a Supreme Court appointment. It means losing an old friend and stretching principles to make the necessary deals, as well as further straining his already part-time family life.

6. **“Missing”** (1982) by Costa-Gavras

Based on the real-life experiences of Ed Horman, this is the story of an American father of conservative background who comes to a South American country to search for his missing son, a journalist.

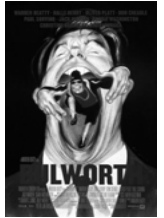


5. **“The Candidate”** (1972) by Michael Ritchie
 “Too Handsome. Too Young. Too Liberal. Doesn't have a chance. He's *Perfect!*”

Bill McKay is a candidate for the U.S. Senate from California. He has no hope of winning, so he is willing to tweak the establishment.

4. **“Bulworth”** (1998) by Warren Beatty
 “Brace Yourself. This politician is about to tell the truth!”

A suicidally disillusioned liberal politician puts a contract out on himself and takes the opportunity to be bluntly honest with his voters by affecting the rhythms and speech of hip-hop music and culture



3. **“Seven Days In May”** (1964) by John Frankenheimer
 "I'm suggesting Mr President, there's a military plot to take over the Government of these United States, next Sunday..."



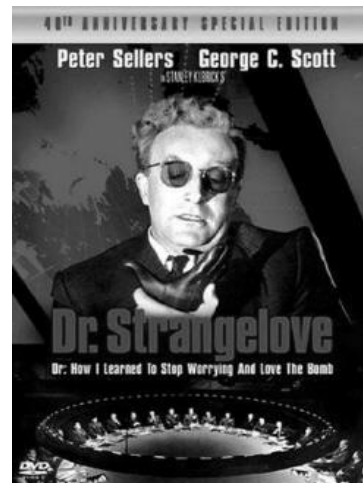
US military leaders plot to overthrow the President because he supports a nuclear disarmament treaty and they fear a Soviet sneak attack.

2. **“Reds”** (1981) by Warren Beatty
 “Not since Gone With The Wind has there been a great romantic epic like it!”

A radical American journalist becomes involved with the Communist revolution in Russia and hopes to bring its spirit and idealism to the United States.



Kevin Willmott’s Pick for the Top Political Movie
You Must See Is...



“Dr. Strangelove
or: How I Learned To Stop
Worrying and Love the Bomb”
 (1964) by Stanley Kubrick

“The Hot-Line Suspense Comedy”

An insane general starts a process to nuclear holocaust that a war room of politicians and generals frantically try to stop.