

Foreign Language Film Festival 2007-2008

Fahrenheit 9/11

About the movie

DIRECTOR	Michael Moore
YEAR / COUNTRY	2004 / USA
GENRE	Documentary
ACTORS	Michael Moore, George Bush



PLOT

Michael Moore examines the relationship of the Bush administration and the Saudi Royal family, and suggests that there could be a connection between this relationship and the terrorist attack on the twin towers on September 11, 2001, and the subsequent wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Though no conclusive proof is given, Moore is critical of the Bush administration, portraying it as arrogant and often incapable. A wide range of people are interviewed from soldiers involved in the war, politicians involved in political decision making, to pacifist groups, old people in an old person's home, and Britney Spears. All in all, the film is entertaining and raises awareness, and it is frequently humorous.

LANGUAGE

The language of the film is taken from all walks of life since a very wide range of people are interviewed.

VOCABULARY

To knock off: to kill	Rally round the troops: to support the troops
To sit by: to just wait and look	Awesome: great
Just as long as: only if	Freeze assets: block investments and money
Misconduct: bad behaviour	To smoke them out of their holes: to force them out of their hiding places
Disenfranchised: to have your rights taken away from you	To botch: to make a mistake of something
Lame duck: a person who sits there stupidly taking all criticism	Cattle: bestiame (in Italian)
To be loafing: to be doing nothing	To live on the edge: to live dangerously
To hang out: to go around or sit around doing nothing	To trample on: to walk on violently
To be grounded: to be obligated to stay home or stay on the ground	To undermine: to take away credibility
To be stranded: to be abandoned and unable to get away	Ultimate rush: a sublime feeling
Dragnet: old TV detective show	Rotted: marcio (in Italian)
What did he make of him?: what did he think of him?	To go to elaborate lengths: to exaggeratedly do many things in order to do one big thing
To run something into the ground: to destroy something through using it a lot and badly	The haves and the have mores: the rich and the richer
Lousy: very bad	To be duped: to be tricked
To behead: to cut off someone's head	To be better off: to be in a more beneficial position
A downer: something that is depressing	Flesh aches: your body hurts
To recruit: to look for people to enroll in the army	Grief grabbed me: I felt profound sadness
Coalition of willing: coalition of "volenterosi" (in Italian)	To be back on track : to be in the right direction again
To hook us up with a deal: to put someone in a good position to do business	To crush in a vice: to destroy in a "morsetto" (in Italian)
To scratch you off the list: to eliminate you from the list	Bloodshed: loss of lives