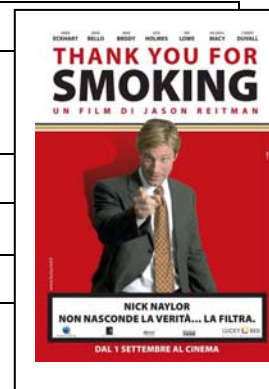


Foreign Language Film Festival 2007-2008

Thank You for Smoking

About the movie

DIRECTOR	Jason Reitman
YEAR / COUNTRY	2005 / USA
GENRE	Comedy
ACTORS	Aaron Eckhart, Maria Bello, Cameron Bright, Adam Brody, Rob Lowe, William Macy, Robert Duvall, J.K. Simmons, Kim Dickens, Connie Ray, Todd Louiso



PLOT

Aaron Eckhart portrays tobacco lobbyist Nick Naylor who is also vice president of the Academy for Tobacco Studies in Washington D.C. Talking is his forte and his winning concept is to never lose an argument.

His opponent, a Vermont senator (played by William Macy) is insistent upon proving him wrong to further his own notoriety.

Robert Duval (the captain) appears as the founder of the Academy for Tobacco Studies and takes a keen interest in Nick as does Katie Holmes (Heather Holloway) a young Washington press reporter who will let nothing stand in her way of obtaining a good story.

Nick's son Joey, played by young Cameron Bright, contributes to the most challenging decisions Nick is faced with.

LANGUAGE

Robert Duvall's fine southern drawl is almost hypnotic. Nick's carefully selected speech makes him clear and concise as opposed to that of his crass boss with his brash way of speaking. The speech and accent each actor uses gives light to each character portrayed.

VOCABULARY

To pay the mortgage: to pay one's debts	A bribe: something such as money offered to induce or influence a person to act dishonestly
To go down in flames: to fail completely	Argument: a discussion of differing points of view
Be straight with: speak the truth	Negotiate: to confer with another in order to come to terms
To spin the truth: to alter the meaning	To smooth talk: an Ingratiating way of speaking
To be groomed for the job: to be well prepared	To hook our kids: to make children become addicted
To skim the surface: to refer to superficially	To be Kosher: to be permissible or legitimate
Rebuttal: an opposition of evidence	To be tough on something: to be rigid or severe with
To put someone away: to kill them	An office warming gift: a job related congratulatory gift
To drop out: to quit	To hook up with: to develop a link with someone
To fire: to discharge from a position	Bad mouthing: to spread a negative rumor about someone
Jet lagged: to be tired after a long flight	