

Comments from those surveyed who oppose airing of the program

“I think there is too much pressure on the local stations to broadcast this. I also think it is an example of politics at its worst, especially the timing of the broadcast, and that too many people do not have the knowledge and/or objectivity to judge.”

“It is being done as a "news story" when all it really is is propaganda supporting only one candidate without giving equal time to the other candidate. It is totally inappropriate for this to be mandated programming by an owner of broadcast media.”

“There needs to be equal time/ programs for both candidates without bias or prejudice.”

“They refused to air the episode of Nightline (or some show like that) that honored soldiers that have been killed or wounded in Iraq, as that was supposedly against Bush. They should be reporting actual news, not their (or their owners) opinions.”

“From what I hear it is very critical of one side’s problem without looking at the other side’s problem, which is just as bad.”

“Because it's just going to attack his record and we don't know how much is actually true. How is he to come back from such an event?”

“I do not support smear campaigns disguised as news. Kerry should be given equal opportunity here. Secondly, it is inappropriate so close to the election. I might have a different opinion if I had seen the film already...but I doubt it.”

“It is inappropriate, because the person who this is about is not given the chance to rebut the information in the program. Since this is an election year, it is inappropriate to air this type of material with a rebuttal opportunity.”

“It is a blatant political move, and one that should be covered by equal access provisions of election law. However, since the president of Sinclair Broadcasting is both Republican and a strong supporter of President Bush, it is not surprising.”

“I think they would never air it if Kerry was not running for President. I don't think the same station would show Fahrenheit 9-11 if given the choice.”

Comments from those surveyed who support airing the program

“It will reveal things about Kerry that the public needs to know. I would also support any similar broadcast about Bush as long as it is true.”

“I think freedom of speech allows for creative expression, like the movie Fahrenheit 911. My only objection would be if something is falsely advertised as a documentary and it isn't factual. It creates an ethical problem.”

“I think it is only fair to air as many sides as possible when it comes to such things.”

“It is just as valid to air that as to air the shows critical of George Bush. However, BOTH sides should be given EQUAL time.”

“I feel that the public needs to know about the man who could be our next president. We need to have all the information from both sides so that we can make informed decisions.”

“The program must be factual otherwise they should be sued. We need the truth. We are tired of the lies from both sides!!!!”

“As long as it's aired as an opinion they have the right express that opinion.”

“Facts should be made known to the public.”

“I feel that any important information regarding a candidate running for public office, whether it be good or bad, should be brought to the voters attention. We should know the moral and ethical convictions of such a person.”