

God's Not Dead: We the People

God's Not Dead: We the People is a 2021 American Christian drama film directed by Vance Null, with a script written by Tommy Blaze, from an original story co-authored by Cary Solomon and Chuck Konzelman.^[2] The sequel to *God's Not Dead: A Light in Darkness* and the fourth installment in the *God's Not Dead* series, the plot centers around Rev. David "Dave" Hill's role in presenting a case for God before Congress. The film was released on October 4, 2021, in a three-night theatrical engagement,^[3] and grossed over \$1.1 million in the domestic box office.

A sequel titled, *God's Not Dead: Rise Up* is in production and scheduled for a 2024 release.^{[4][5]}

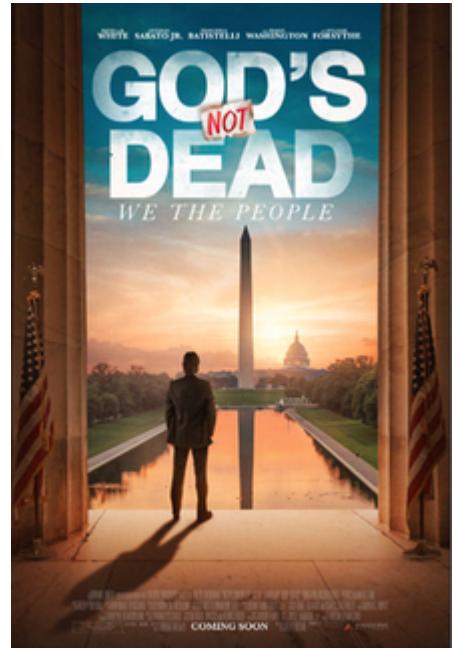
Plot

A group of parents led by a local pastor are home-schooling their children when a representative from social services makes an unannounced visit and determines the parents' teaching is not sufficient, in light of the requirements of the common core state standards. A local judge, played by Jeanine Pirro, gives them a week to prove that their education is adequate or the students will be forced to go to public school. The pastor and the parents head to Washington, D.C. to testify in front of a Congressional sub-committee on home-schooling. Much of the last half of the film consists mainly of long speeches by the parents, pastor, and members of Congress over the topic of home-schooling.

Cast

- David A. R. White as Reverend Dave Hill, a pastor who appeared in all three previous *God's Not Dead* films.
- Antonio Sabàto Jr.^[6] and Francesca Battistelli^[7] as Mike and Rebecca McKinnon, a couple who plan to homeschool their child
- Jeanine Pirro as Judge Elizabeth Neely,^[2] the local town judge who decides whether the McKinnons will continue to homeschool their children, send them to public school, or have them incarcerated if they refuse. Pirro previously made an uncredited cameo in the third film.
- Isaiah Washington^[2] as Rep. Daryl Smith, a Congressman who helps Dave.

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Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Vance Null
Screenplay by	Tommy Blaze
Story by	Cary Solomon Chuck Konzelman
Produced by	Brent Ryan Green
Starring	David A. R. White Antonio Sabato Jr. Francesca Battistelli Jeanne Pirro Isaiah Washington William Forsythe
Cinematography	Brian Shanley

- William Forsythe as Senator Robert Benson
- Matt Anspach as Brandon McKinnon, Mike and Rebecca's older son
- Benjamin Onyango as Reverend Jude Mbaye,^[8] a minister from Ghana and Dave Hill's friend who died in the previous film. He appears in a dream to encourage Dave to stand up for freedom.
- Dani Oliveros as Kayla Neely, Judge Neely's daughter who sells Brandon her car and becomes his girlfriend
- Marco Khan as Misrab, Ayisha's estranged father who rejected her from the first film, and tries to reunite her in an attempt to redeem himself all while deciding whether or not to accept Jesus Christ as savior
- Hadeel Sittu as Ayisha, Misrab's daughter who became Christian, and becomes involved in a car accident
- Paul Kwo as Martin Yip
- Paul Carroll as Congressional Aide

Edited by	Vance Null
Music by	Pancho Burgos-Goizueta
Production company	<u>Pinnacle Peak Pictures</u>
Distributed by	<u>Fathom Events</u>
Release date	October 4, 2021
Running time	91 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English
Box office	\$1.1 million ^[1]

Production

The film's production was announced on David A. R. White's Instagram in late 2020.^[9] It was filmed in Oklahoma during the COVID-19 pandemic.^[10]

Reception

The film, like its predecessors, was largely panned by critics. Steve Pulaski of *Influx Magazine* gave the film a rare "F" letter-grade, criticizing the plot and message saying, "*God's Not Dead: We the People* is not merely the worst in an already-misbegotten series, but so utterly deplorable that its status as a three-night-only event in theaters at least assures that significantly fewer people will see it."^[11]

Conservative Christian film critic Christian Toto praised the film, stating that while it "shares the franchise's flaws...its bold mission statement has never been more necessary."^[12]

See also

- Religious education
- School choice
- Christian persecution complex

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