

Enemies of the State

Enemies of the State is a 2020 American documentary film directed and produced by Sonia Kennebeck. It follows Matt DeHart, a former intelligence analyst and convicted sex offender, who claims that the FBI invented child pornography allegations against him in retaliation for possessing confidential documents alleging misconduct by the CIA. Errol Morris serves as an executive producer.

The film had its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival on September 11, 2020. It was released on July 30, 2021, by IFC Films.

Synopsis

Matt DeHart and his family claim that after he discovered documents showing misconduct by the CIA, he was the victim of an attempted cover-up by the United States government. He alleges that he was tortured by the FBI and framed for the possession of child pornography. His claims remain unverified and ultimately he pleaded guilty to sex crimes against minors in federal court in Tennessee.

Release

The film had its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival on September 11, 2020.^{[2][3]} The film was initially set to have its world premiere at the Tribeca Film Festival in April 2020, but the festival was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.^{[4][5][6]} In March 2021, IFC Films acquired U.S. distribution rights to the film, and set it for a July 31, 2021, release.^[7]

Reception

Enemies of the State holds a 78% approval rating on review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, based on 40 reviews, with an average of 6.4/10. The website's critics consensus reads: "Its narrative twists and turns hinder the effectiveness of its message, but *Enemies of the State* is a fascinating and

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Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Sonia Kennebeck
Produced by	Ines Hoffman Kanna Sonia Kennebeck
Cinematography	Torsten Lapp
Edited by	Maxine Goedicke
Music by	Insa Rudolph
Production companies	Codebreaker Films Reva & David Logan Foundation International Documentary Association Chicken & Egg Pictures JustFilms/Ford Foundation
Distributed by	IFC Films
Release dates	September 11, 2020 (TIFF) July 30, 2021 (United States)

timely look at the erosion of trust and truth."^[8] On Metacritic, the film holds a rating of 74 out of 100, based on 13 critics, indicating "generally favorable reviews".^[9]

Running time	103 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English
Box office	\$8,495 ^[1]

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