

List of movies identified as most polarised in the period (2014-2018). Each movie is followed by any controversies/ disputes which we could find around them.

1. God's not dead (110603) - Movie ids are shown in round brackets



God's Not Dead has never been warmly welcomed by mainstream critics. The problem isn't really the production value (which is mostly fine), or even the statement in the title, a contradiction of a willful misreading of Nietzsche that's so generic and bland that few people would find it offensive.

But the movies *are* offensive, and not only to those who aren't in their target audience. (This is where I state my bona fides: I'm a lifelong Christian who was raised in a conservative evangelical home, and I've been **writing about these movies** since I was the chief film critic at Christianity Today, the evangelical magazine started by Billy Graham.) Most people outside the series' target bubble **notice its outsize, navel-gazing persecution complex** right off the bat.

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<https://www.vox.com/culture/2018/4/3/17180138/gods-not-dead-light-darkness-evangelical-christian-persecution-race>

<https://www.avclub.com/god-s-not-dead-is-a-mess-even-by-christian-film-standar-1798179908>

2. Blue Planet 2 (179135)

BBC in new fakery row as it emerges viewers WON'T be told when scenes in flagship documentary Blue Planet II were filmed in laboratories rather than the wild

- Sir David's new BBC Two show includes close-up lab footage of corals bleaching
- Producers recreated rock pool and burrow of zebra mantis shrimp for close-up
- Fangtooth filmed in chamber on ship after samples were taken from deep ocean
- But Sir David, 81, and executive producer have defended filming techniques


DUCK DRAMA

Did Blue Planet II mislead audiences with this staged footage?

PRODUCERS of Blue Planet II have been accused of misleading audiences by planting hundreds of rubber ducks in the sea for a scene in the BBC show.

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<https://www.news.com.au/entertainment/tv/current-affairs/did-blue-planet-ii-mislead-audiences-with-this-staged-footage/news-story/7bbf677364da38b74fcf353aece32e6>

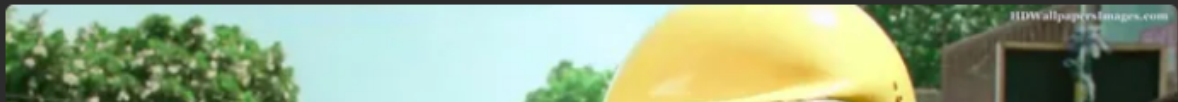
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<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5007471/Sir-David-Attenborough-91-says-NO-plans-retire.html>

3. PK (120138)

PK the alien. This is no country for aliens.

By Ananya Bhattacharya: Aamir Khan has managed to ruffle some feathers yet again. With Rajkumar Hirani's PK reigning over social networks and saffron-office discussions, there is one thing for sure. PK, banned or not, will rule the public memory for a while before passing away like every other controversy-storm that the country faces once in a while. And as the film sees itself as the rallying point of the raging controversy now - there's but one thing that is robbing the sleep off many eyes: to ban or not to ban PK. We give you five reasons why PK must be banned.



Links:

<https://www.indiatoday.in/movies/bollywood/story/5-reasons-why-aamir-khan-pk-must-be-banned-233423-2014-12-30>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-30602809>

4. **Louis C.K.: Live at The Comedy Store (127098)**

- **Comedian Louis C.K., who was accused and admitted to masturbating in front of multiple women last year, has joked about it on stage.**
- **LaughSpin reports that C.K. addressed his fall after the sexual misconduct controversy during a set at West Side Comedy Club in New York City.**

Links:

<https://www.vanityfair.com/hollywood/2018/08/louis-ck-comedy-cellar-performance-noam-dwor-man-interview>

<https://www.insider.com/louis-ck-jokes-about-his-sexual-misconduct-at-nyc-comedy-clubs-2018-10>

5. **Fed Up (116907)**

The documentary has been criticized by some doctors and scientists as occasionally misrepresentative of scientific evidence. The film makes the claim that drinking one soda a day will increase a child's chance of becoming obese by 60%.



Reason Magazine

<https://reason.com> › Culture › Food › Food Policy

What Fed Up Gets Wrong About the Food Industry

17-May-2014 — The new documentary Fed Up claims to shine a critical light on the food industry and the "obesity epidemic." But it ignores the real culprit.

Links:

<https://reason.com/2014/05/17/fed-up-with-fed-up/>

<https://podsauce.com/articles/fed-up-examines-f-factor-a-diet-culture-controversy-and-whistleblowers/>

6. **Fifty Shades Darker (168712)**

Why 'Fifty Shades Darker' Is A Bad Movie With A Terrible ...

10-Feb-2017 — Despite **controversy and backlash on its harmful content**, 2015's Fifty Shades of Grey movie was a financial success, if not a critical one.

Women have told us that viewing and enacting this “script” has led them to suppress their own needs, thus limiting their sexual pleasure. They spoke about mimicking porn actors to please men. Men might not have asked them to do this but women often took for granted that it was expected of them.

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<https://www.cosmopolitan.com/entertainment/movies/a8702302/fifty-shades-darker-problems/>

<https://theconversation.com/fifty-shades-darker-an-abusive-fairy-tale-that-robs-women-of-sexual-freedom-72724>

7. **To All the Boys I've Loved Before (191351)**

Lana Condor Gets Real About The Racist Backlash Against "To All the Boys I've Loved Before"

"I understand the frustration and I share that frustration of wanting to see more Asian-American men in media," she said. "For this, all I can say is this is the story that I wrote."

In the movie, bashful Lara Jean Song Covey (Lana Condor) is a high school junior who'd rather swoon among the pages of a bodice ripper than confess her tender feelings to a

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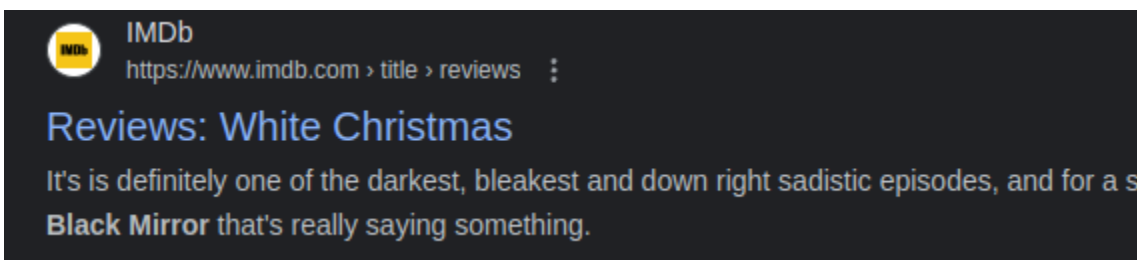
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<https://www.refinery29.com/en-us/2021/02/10317542/to-all-the-boys-movies-asian-representation>

8. **Black Mirror: White Christmas (174053)**

Black Mirror's season 2, episode 4, "White Christmas" has one of the most divisive endings out of the entire series, primarily due to how Joe (Rafe Spall, *The Ritual*) is punished for his crime - here's why. Charlie Brooker's dystopian television show includes several controversial storylines that cause



Links:

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt3973198/reviews>

<https://collider.com/black-mirror-white-christmas-ending-explained/>

9. Endless Love (109189)

awakening

- Brooke Shields said Endless Love director Franco Zeffirelli's behavior made her uncomfortable while shooting the movie when she was just 15 years old
- She also accused the the producers of Blue Lagoon of exploiting her sexuality
- Her comments come in Shields' new documentary released on Hulu on April 3

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<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-11935615/Brooke-Shields-slams-Endless-Love-director-twisted-TOE-make-ecstasy-face.html>

<https://decider.com/2023/04/03/brooke-shields-endless-love-franco-zeffirelli-sex-scenes-toe-twisting/>

10. Fifty Shades of Grey (125916)

Controversy. Fifty Shades of Grey has attracted criticism due to its depictions of BDSM, with some BDSM participants stating that the book confuses the practice with abuse, and presents it as a pathology to be overcome, as well as showing incorrect and possibly dangerous BDSM techniques.



HuffPost

<https://www.huffpost.com> > entry > the-real-reason-th... ⋮

The Real Reason That 50 Shades of Grey Poses a Danger ...

27-Oct-2017 — Namely, by violating the boundaries of the submissive and basically being a dick-in-the-box who gets away with it because he's handsome and rich ...

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<https://www.usmagazine.com/entertainment/pictures/50-shades-of-grey-drama-through-the-years-feuds-exits-more/>

<https://screenrant.com/anastasia-fifty-shades-of-grey-worst-decisions/>