

# MOVIES

## CHANGED OR BANNED IN SOME COUNTRIES



Different countries, different rules. Here are some famous movies that were changed or banned because of their content.



**The Little Mermaid**  
(1989)  
Some scenes edited because of the depiction of the sea witch.



**Top Gun**  
(1986)  
A scene with the flag of Taiwan was removed.



**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone**  
(2001)  
Some scenes reduced or removed.



**The Simpsons Movie**  
(2007)  
Certain religious references were deleted.



**Brokeback Mountain**  
(2005)  
Banned due to LGBTQ+ themes.



**The Interview**  
(2014)  
Banned and threatened because of its plot about North Korea.



**Deadpool**  
(2016)  
Heavily edited: violence and language toned down.



**Bohemian Rhapsody**  
(2018)  
Some scenes edited because of a reported inaccuracy.



“ Censorship can change the story... but the message often stays the same.



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### WARM-UP ACTIVITY

#### THINK AND DISCUSS

Look at the poster and discuss these questions with a partner:

1. Have you ever watched a movie that was controversial?  
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2. Do you think movies can influence people's behavior?  
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3. Why do some countries ban movies?  
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4. Should movies be different for children and adults?  
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5. Have you ever stopped watching a movie because it made you uncomfortable? Why?  
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6. Do social media and the internet make movie censorship more difficult today?  
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7. What topics in movies are considered too controversial in your country?  
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### LET'S SHARE!

Share your ideas with the class  
and listen to your classmates.

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# LISTEN AND REPEAT

Listen and repeat these words  
and their meaning.



WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE SENTENCE
<b>Restriction</b>	A rule that limits something	There were age <b>restrictions</b> for the movie.
<b>Prohibit</b>	To officially stop something	Some countries <b>prohibit</b> violent films.
<b>Editing</b>	Changing or removing parts of a movie	The movie needed heavy <b>editing</b> before release.
<b>Debate</b>	A discussion with different opinions	The film started a public <b>debate</b> online.
<b>Viewer</b>	A person who watches a movie or show	Many <b>viewers</b> enjoyed the movie despite the controversy.
<b>Government</b>	The people who control a country	The <b>government</b> banned the movie in cinemas.
<b>Beliefs</b>	Ideas that people think are true	The movie conflicted with some religious <b>beliefs</b> .
<b>Inappropriate</b>	Not suitable or acceptable	Some parents thought the scenes were <b>inappropriate</b> .
<b>Warning</b>	A notice about possible sensitive material	The movie included a <b>warning</b> before it started.
<b>Theme</b>	The main subject or idea in a movie	Freedom is an important <b>theme</b> in the film.
<b>Scene</b>	A part of a movie	One <b>scene</b> was removed in some countries.
<b>Culture</b>	Traditions and beliefs of a group	Movies can represent a country's <b>culture</b> .
<b>Freedom of Speech</b>	The right to express opinions freely	Many actors defend <b>freedom of speech</b> .
<b>Restricted</b>	Limited or controlled	The movie was <b>restricted</b> for younger audiences.
<b>Entertainment</b>	Movies, music, or activities for fun	Cinema is a popular form of <b>entertainment</b> .
<b>Influence</b>	The power to affect people	Movies can <b>influence</b> society and opinions.
<b>Law</b>	An official rule in a country	Some censorship <b>laws</b> are very strict.
<b>Public Opinion</b>	What people think about something	<b>Public opinion</b> changed after the movie was released.
<b>Producer</b>	A person who helps make movies	The <b>producer</b> defended the controversial scenes.
<b>Criticism</b>	Negative opinions about something	The movie received a lot of <b>criticism</b> online.



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LIVEWORKSHEETS



This listening section includes **FOUR** conversations between two people with **FOUR** questions per conversation (**TOTAL QUESTIONS: 16**). Listen carefully and choose the correct answer. Once the audio has started, it cannot be stopped. Listen to the audio **ONCE ONLY**.

### Violent Movies and Restrictions

#### QUESTIONS 1 TO 4



1. **Why was the movie restricted in some countries?**

- A. Because the movie was too long
- B. Because of violent scenes
- C. Because the actors were controversial
- D. Because it was unpopular

2. **Where did Jake learn about the restriction?**

- A. On social media
- B. At school
- C. In an article
- D. On television

3. **What does Emma say about teenagers?**

- A. Teenagers never watch violent movies
- B. Teenagers already watch similar content online
- C. Teenagers prefer documentaries
- D. Teenagers dislike action movies

4. **What does Jake believe?**

- A. All violent movies are dangerous
- B. Movies never influence people
- C. The effect depends on the viewer and the message
- D. Governments should ban all action movies



## SECTION 1

### Political Movies and Freedom of Speech

#### QUESTIONS 5 TO 8



5. **What type of movie did Liam watch?**

- A. A horror movie
- B. A comedy
- C. A documentary
- D. A romantic film

6. **Why was the documentary controversial?**

- A. Because it criticized political leaders
- B. Because it included violence
- C. Because it was very expensive
- D. Because the actors were unknown

7. **What does Liam believe is important?**

- A. Television ratings
- B. Freedom of speech
- C. Movie awards
- D. Online popularity

8. **How does Sophia describe public opinion?**

- A. Calm
- B. Divided
- C. Unimportant
- D. Positive



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## Edited Movies on Television

### QUESTIONS 9 TO 12



9. *What did Carlos notice about the movie?*

- A. It was shorter than usual
- B. It looked different from the original version
- C. It had technical problems
- D. It was in another language

10. *What did Mia think happened to the movie?*

- A. It was canceled
- B. It was translated
- C. Some scenes were removed
- D. The actors changed

11. *Why do television networks edit movies?*

- A. To reduce costs
- B. To improve the acting
- C. To make movies appropriate for families
- D. To make movies funnier

12. *Why was Mia confused?*

- A. The movie ended too early
- B. Too many scenes were edited
- C. The actors spoke too quickly
- D. The subtitles were incorrect



## Controversial Themes in Movies

### QUESTIONS 13 TO 16



13. *Why are people debating the movie online?*

- A. Because it is a comedy
- B. Because the themes are controversial
- C. Because the actors are famous
- D. Because it was very expensive

14. *Why do some viewers think the movie is inappropriate?*

- A. Because it includes social criticism
- B. Because it is too short
- C. Because the music is bad
- D. Because it is poorly acted

15. *What does Noah think?*

- A. Difficult topics should not appear in movies
- B. Movies should only entertain audiences
- C. Movies should discuss difficult topics
- D. Censorship is always necessary

16. *According to Ava, what can movies do?*

- A. Replace schools
- B. Educate audiences and create awareness
- C. Eliminate controversy
- D. Change government laws



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# AGREE OR DISAGREE?

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Read each statement and decide if you agree or disagree. Discuss your answers with a partner.

	STATEMENT	I AGREE	I DISAGREE
1	Movies should never be banned.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2	Violent movies influence teenagers.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3	Governments should control movie content.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4	Freedom of speech is more important than censorship.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5	Some movies are inappropriate for children.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6	Social media makes movie censorship more difficult today.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7	Horror movies should have stronger restrictions.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8	Movies can negatively influence children's behavior.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9	Streaming platforms should remove offensive movies.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10	Countries should respect cultural differences in movies.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11	Some controversial movies help society discuss important problems.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12	Parents should control what teenagers watch online.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
13	Political movies can create conflict in society.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
14	Content warnings are necessary before some movies.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
15	Banned movies usually become more popular after the controversy.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
16	A movie can be dangerous even without violence.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
17	Sometimes banning a movie makes teenagers more interested in watching it.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
18	Artificial intelligence could be used in the future to censor movies automatically.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



THERE ARE NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWERS. EXPRESS YOUR OPINION!

