

| YEAR  | FILM                              | POLITICAL ASPECT                            |
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| <b>early political films: birth of the genre:</b> |                                   |   |
| 1915  | THE BIRTH OF A NATION             | D.W. Griffith's Civil War & its aftermath   |
| 1930  | ABRAHAM LINCOLN                   | D.W. Griffith bio-pic of 16th president     |
| 1932  | THE DARK HORSE                    | campaign for governorship w/Bette Davis     |
|   | I AM A FUGITIVE FROM A CHAIN GANG | exposés conditions in Southern chain gang   |
|   | THE WASHINGTON MASQUERADE         | tribulations of new senator in Washington   |
|   | WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND         | new congressman fight corruption in D.C.    |
| 1933  | DUCK SOUP                         | Groucho is president; Brothers wage war     |
|   | GABRIEL OVER THE WHITE HOUSE      | Depression-era President is transformed     |
|   | HEROES FOR SALE                   | story of 1 man from WWI thru Depression     |
| 1934  | OUR DAILY BREAD                   | workers form commune to make living         |
|   | THE PRESIDENT VANISHES            | President fakes his own abduction           |
| <b>Frank Capra sets the standard:</b>             |                                   |   |
| 1932  | AMERICAN MADNESS                  | bank president stands ground vs. board      |
| 1936  | MR. DEEDS GOES TO TOWN            | man inherits fortune, tries to give it away |
| 1939  | MR. SMITH GOES TO WASHINGTON      | naïve man appointed to fill Senate seat     |
| 1941  | MEET JOHN DOE                     | poor man used to manipulate voters          |
| <b>others follow his lead:</b>                    |                                   |   |
| 1936  | THE GORGEOUS HUSSY                | President Jackson befriends young woman     |
| 1939  | YOUNG MR. LINCOLN                 | John Ford bio-pic of Lincoln's early years  |
| 1940  | ABE LINCOLN IN ILLINOIS           | Lincoln's life before he becomes President  |
|   | THE GRAPES OF WRATH               | John Ford's study of migrant workers        |
|   | THE GREAT DICTATOR                | Chaplin satire about Hitler-like leader     |
|   | THE GREAT MCGINTY                 | Sturges comedy about crooked politician     |
|   | THE HOWARDS OF VIRGINIA           | VA family caught up in nation's birth       |
| 1941  | CITIZEN KANE                      | newspaper tycoon runs for office            |
|   | LOUISIANA PURCHASE                | Senator Bob Hope investigates graft in LA   |

| <b>political films: a fixture of Hollywood movies thru end of studio era:</b> |                                  |   |
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| 1942  | THE GLASS KEY                    | crooked politician tries honest campaign      |
|   | TENNESSEE JOHNSON                | bio-pic of President Andrew Johnson           |
| 1943  | THE GANG'S ALL HERE              | Carmen Miranda helps the US during WWII       |
|   | MISSION TO MOSCOW                | President FDR sends ambassador to Russia      |
| 1944  | HAIL THE CONQUERING HERO         | returning phony WWII hero runs for mayor      |
|   | SONG OF RUSSIA                   | touring US conductor loves Russian woman      |
|   | WILSON                           | chronicle of President's political career     |
| 1946  | THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES      | 3 WWII vets return home, try to acclimate     |
|   | IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE            | man's life affects politics of his small town |
| 1947  | BOOMERANG!                       | States Attorney resists political pressure    |
|   | THE FARMER'S DAUGHTER            | young woman runs for Congress                 |
|   | THE SENATOR WAS INDISCREET       | diary of crooked Southern Senator is stolen   |
| 1948  | STATE OF THE UNION               | industrialist considers runs for presidency   |
| 1949  | ADAM'S RIB                       | married lawyers battle over equal rights      |
|   | ALL THE KING'S MEN               | rise & fall of populist Southern politician   |
| 1951  | STRANGERS ON A TRAIN             | Hitchcock suspense vs. D.C. background        |
| 1952  | WASHINGTON STORY                 | reporter stalks wholesome Congressman         |
| 1953  | A LION IS IN THE STREETS         | peddler finds his true calling in politics    |
|   | THE PRESIDENT'S LADY             | bio-pic of President Andrew Jackson           |
| 1954  | ON THE WATERFRONT                | corruption on NY/NJ docks uncovered           |
|   | SALT OF THE EARTH                | Chicano miners strike for equal rights        |
|   | SUDDENLY                         | 3 gangsters try to assassinate president      |
| 1956  | THE BOSS                         | ruthless vet takes control of state           |
| 1957  | A FACE IN THE CROWD              | TV star influences/controls politicians       |
| 1958  | THE LAST HURRAH                  | old political boss runs for re-election       |
| 1959  | ON THE BEACH                     | deals with aftermath of global nuclear war    |
| 1960  | SUNRISE AT CAMPOBELLO            | story of FDR's bout with polio at age 40      |
| 1961  | ADA                              | man running for governor marries hooker       |
| 1962  | ADVISE & CONSENT                 | Senate investigates Sec'y of State nom.       |
|   | THE MAN WHO SHOT LIBERTY VALANCE | Senator returns to scene of his fame          |
|   | THE MANCHURIAN CANDIDATE         | wartime POW becomes political assassin        |
| 1964  | THE BEST MAN                     | 2 men vie for party's presidential nom.       |
|   | DR. STRANGELOVE                  | insane general triggers path to nuclear war   |
|   | FAIL-SAFE                        | US planes sent to Moscow w/nuclear bomb       |
|   | KISSES FOR MY PRESIDENT          | 1st US woman president & "1st husband"        |
|   | SEVEN DAYS IN MAY                | US military leaders plot to overthrow pres.   |
| <b>films dealing with President John F. Kennedy:</b>                          |                                  |   |
| 1960  | PRIMARY                          | doc about 1960 Wisc. presidential primary     |
| 1961  | ADVENTURES ON THE NEW FRONTIER   | doc shows JFK at start of his presidency      |
| 1963  | PT 109                           | future president fights to save his crew      |
| 1964  | FOUR DAYS IN NOVEMBER            | nation responds to JFK's assassination        |
| 1973  | EXECUTIVE ACTION                 | fictional speculation re: JFK assassination   |
| 1991  | JFK                              | Oliver Stone's drama re: JFK assassination    |
| 2000  | THIRTEEN DAYS                    | JFK deals with Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962   |
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| <b>post-Hollywood studio era films:</b>   |                                      |  |
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| 1969                                      | MEDIUM COOL                          | violence at 1968 Dem. National Conv.         |
| 1972                                      | THE CANDIDATE                        | outsider Californian runs for US Senate      |
|   | THE MAN                              | the man becomes 1st black US president       |
|   | 1776                                 | musical of American Revolution's politics    |
| 1973                                      | THE WAY WE WERE                      | romance of 2 people with differing politics  |
| 1974                                      | CHINATOWN                            | P.I. caught up in L.A. political deceit      |
|   | THE CONVERSATION                     | surveillance expert has crisis of conscience |
|   | THE PARALLAX VIEW                    | reporter digs into senator's assassination   |
| 1975                                      | NASHVILLE                            | Robert Altman's musical political drama      |
|   | THREE DAYS OF THE CONDOR             | CIA researcher finds co-workers dead         |
| 1976                                      | ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN              | Woodward & Bernstein uncover Watergate       |
|   | NETWORK                              | TV network exploits deranged anchorman       |
| 1977                                      | THE PRIVATE FILES OF J. EDGAR HOOVER | bio-pic re: man who headed FBI 1924-72       |
|   | TWILIGHT'S LAST GLEAMING             | renegade general threatens to start WWII     |
| 1979                                      | BEING THERE                          | simple gardener becomes political pundit     |
|   | THE CHINA SYNDROME                   | reporter finds hazards at nuclear plant      |
|   | THE SEDUCTION OF JOE TYNAN           | senator opposes Supreme Court appointee      |
|   | WINTER KILLS                         | long after US pres. killed, more clues found |
| 1981                                      | BLOW OUT                             | movie sound man uncovers assassination       |
|   | FIRST MONDAY IN OCTOBER              | 1st woman appointed to US Supreme Court      |
|   | REDS                                 | radical US journalist John Reed in Russia    |
| 1984                                      | 1984                                 | George Orwell's story of futuristic society  |
|   | SECRET HONOR                         | fictionalized Nixon ruminates on politics    |
| 1986                                      | POWER                                | political consultant finds campaign mystery  |
| 1987                                      | NO WAY OUT                           | politician accidentally kills his mistress   |
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| <b>political films in the modern era:</b> |                                      |  |
| 1989                                      | BLAZE                                | latter years of Louisiana governor Earl Long |
|   | BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY           | bio-pic of Ron Kovic, paralyzed in Vietnam   |
| 1991                                      | TRUE COLORS                          | election exposes 2 friends' opposite views   |
| 1992                                      | BOB ROBERTS                          | corrupt folksinger runs crooked election     |
|   | THE DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMAN          | con man gets elected to Congress             |
|   | MALCOLM X                            | bio-pic of Black Nationalist leader          |
|   | PATRIOT GAMES                        | IRA assassins target CIA analyst & family    |
|   | STORYVILLE                           | young politician uncovers family secrets     |
| 1993                                      | DAVE                                 | look-alike is put in place as US president   |
|   | IN THE LINE OF FIRE                  | Secret Service agent takes on assassin       |
|   | THE PELICAN BRIEF                    | law student uncovers political conspiracy    |
|   | THE WAR ROOM                         | doc of Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign  |
| 1994                                      | FORREST GUMP                         | he appears at many historical moments        |
|   | SPEECHLESS                           | 2 political speechwriters fall in love       |
| 1995                                      | THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT               | widowed US president & lobbyist fall in love |
|   | NIXON                                | bio-pic of President Richard Nixon           |
| 1996                                      | CITY HALL                            | Deputy Mayor of NYC under investigation      |
|   | INDEPENDENCE DAY                     | aliens are coming to invade & destroy        |
|   | MY FELLOW AMERICANS                  | 2 rival former presidents join forces        |

| <b>political films in the modern era: continued:</b> |                                    |   |
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| 1997   | ABSOLUTE POWER                     | career thief witnesses presidential crime     |
|  | AIR FORCE ONE                      | hijackers seize plane carrying president      |
|  | AMISTAD                            | mutiny aboard slave ship going to America     |
|  | MURDER AT 1600                     | female staffer's found in White House         |
|  | WAG THE DOG                        | fabricated war covers president's scandal     |
| 1998   | BULWORTH                           | liberal politician puts hit out on himself    |
|  | ENEMY OF THE STATE                 | lawyer becomes target of corrupt politician   |
|  | PRIMARY COLORS                     | political campaign (based on Bill Clinton's?) |
| 1999   | DICK                               | 2 girls on White House tour meet Nixon        |
|  | ELECTION                           | teacher works on high school election         |
| 2000   | THE CONTENDER                      | woman's past haunts her run for vice-pres.    |
| 2002   | PATH TO WAR                        | Pres. Johnson & his team debate Vietnam       |
| 2003   | THE FOG OF WAR                     | doc-interview with Robert S. McNamara         |
|  | HEAD OF STATE                      | Chris Rock runs for president!                |
| 2004   | THE ASSASSINATION OF RICHARD NIXON | man goes to extremes to reach his dream       |
|  | CSA: CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA | mock doc: South wins Civil War                |
|  | FAHRENHEIT 9/11                    | Michael Moore views tragic events of 9/11     |
|  | FIRST DAUGHTER                     | daughter of US president goes to college      |
|  | OUTFOXED: RUPERT MURDOCH'S WAR     | doc on conservative bias of Fox News          |
|  | SPARTAN                            | high-up US official's daughter is kidnapped   |
|  | UNCONSTITUTIONAL                   | doc on loss of rights since 9/11-Patriot Act  |
| 2005   | GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK          | Edward R. Murrow exposes Joe McCarthy         |
|  | SYRIANA                            | political drama about state of oil industry   |
|  | WARM SPRINGS                       | FDR seeks cure for paralysis in Georgia       |
| 2006   | AMERICAN DREAMZ                    | US president signs up for TV talent show      |
|  | BOBBY                              | story of assassination of Robert F. Kennedy   |
|  | MAN OF THE YEAR                    | TV comedian satirizes news, runs for pres.    |
|  | UNITED 93                          | events on United flight 93 on 9/11            |
| 2007   | BURY MY HEART AT WOUNDED KNEE      | how Native Americans were displaced           |
|  | CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR               | congressman's dealings in Afghanistan         |
|  | LIONS FOR LAMBS                    | events in Afghanistan affect D.C. politics    |
|  | SHOOTER                            | marksman learns of plot to kill president     |
| 2008   | FROST/NIXON                        | recreates post-Watergate TV interviews        |
|  | THE HURT LOCKER                    | sergeant in Iraq War joins bomb squad         |
|  | MILK                               | Harvey Milk's struggles as gay activist       |
|  | RECOUNT                            | 2000 presidential election & FL recount       |
|  | SWING VOTE                         | presidential election comes down to 1 vote    |
|  | VANTAGE POINT                      | several views of attempted assassination      |
|  | W.                                 | bio-pic of President George W. Bush           |
| 2009   | STATE OF PLAY                      | congressional aide is killed                  |
| 2010   | THE CONSPIRATOR                    | female charged in assassination of Lincoln    |
|  | FAIR GAME                          | CIA operative has identity leaked by govt.    |
| 2011   | THE IDES OF MARCH                  | political staffer learns about dirty politics |
|  | J. EDGAR                           | bio-pic of Hoover, head of FBI for decades    |
| 2012   | ARGO                               | CIA man tries to save Americans in Tehran     |
|  | THE CAMPAIGN                       | Will Ferrell as campaigning congressman       |
|  | GAME CHANGE                        | Sarah Palin runs for vice-president in 2008   |
|  | LINCOLN                            | Pres. fights for Emancipation Proclamation    |