



# Unpacking “Oppenheimer”

Christopher Nolan’s “Oppenheimer” is the most high-profile film about nuclear weapons ever made. It’s the tale of the beginning of the atomic age and the man who started it.

**“Oppenheimer” is not just history, and it’s not just a movie.**

Today’s nuclear weapons are up to 80 times more powerful than the bomb first created by Oppenheimer, and today, there are 12,500 nuclear weapons spread across nine countries. This discussion guide is intended to spark dialogue among friends, colleagues, family, and fellow movie enthusiasts about the dangers posed by nuclear weapons and the moral and ethical questions raised by the film.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How did the movie make you feel about America’s role in introducing nuclear weapons to the world?
2. What did you learn from this film that you think other people should know?
3. What was a moment or scene in the film that you found particularly disturbing or moving?
4. What did you think about J. Robert Oppenheimer before seeing the movie? Has your view changed? What’s his legacy?
5. What ethical questions did the movie raise that still apply to nuclear weapons today? What about other technologies?
6. What should the role of scientists be in decision-making related to disruptive technologies like AI?
7. What role do you think nuclear weapons should have in today’s world?



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