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## Member feedback: Paths Of Glory

35 people voted. The breakdown and comments are listed below.

### 'Excellent': 21 votes

- How little regard the Upper/Officer Classes had for the masses in the Victorian and Edwardian eras.
- A powerful anti-war film that hasn't dated much in the 50+ years since it was made.
- Powerful, showing how barbaric the generals were. Ohh the waste of lives.
- Has stood the test of time.
- Thoroughly enjoyable. Excellent acting & casting.
- A great film – very moving.
- An outstanding film. Technically perfect & a powerful story. Great performances from all – especially Kirk Douglas (as usual).
- It still packs the same punch as it always does! One of the best anti-war films ever.
- Well-acted – good drama!
- We have not learned anything!!
- A 'classic' – excellent performances by everyone – moving story.
- Why do we not learn?
- Suggestion: Compulsory viewing for all high-ranking officers perhaps?
- Unexpectedly, most enjoyable. True to life, I imagine.
- Very moving. The stupidity of war.
- Still marvellous after all these years!

### 'Very Good': 9 votes

- This must have been a difficult film to distribute in 1957, assuming the audience in the USA ever asked the question "is our military like this too?"  
How would such a film set in Afghanistan go down today, 11/11/14, in the UK?
- Good depiction of life in trench warfare and of the shameful scapegoating of the innocent. Kirk Douglas was magnificent, an admirable foil to those only interested in their own careers.
- Enjoyed the tight script – by the standards of today's film makers. The faces/clothes seemed a little out of context... Powerful message all the same.
- Still packs a punch – Douglas was excellent.
- Very well told, simple story, devoid of mawkishness – and eloquent with understatement. Still think [Le Grande Illusion](#) pipped it to the post – and may have inspired.
- A very strong anti-war film. What a shame they didn't have a French star.
- Impactful.
- Trajic!

**'Good':** 3 votes

- Not sure time has been kind to it. Too many wars & examples of bad military mistakes since then.  
Full marks for scriptural effrontery & pace & some sound camera work.

**'Satisfactory':** 0 votes

**'Poor':** 0 votes

**2 comment submitted without a vote:**

- Excellent for its time, but less so compared with modern productions. Good shock value for those at home who never witnessed *[an]* army at war.
- Impossible to see this without looking through the prism of the infamous murder of Speckled Jim

Based on the above, the film had an overall score of 4.55.