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## Audience feedback: Leviathan

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

### 'Excellent': 9 votes

- *Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose* – I wonder how long before Putin acquires sufficient historical perspective?
- “How can a man preach Freedom, whilst destroying the very foundation of morality?” The Leviathan is everywhere: in the timbers of the wrecked ships; the oil-powered demolition machine in Sweden; the giant that took another innocent – and, of course, in the State that Hobbes urged us to trust lest the “Free” life is nasty, brutish and short. It does, perhaps, lead us back to the old Franklin quote that men who sacrifice their freedom for temporary security deserve neither.
- Better second time around!
- By gum, it’s grim oop North! No wonder they drink so.
- A film that handsomely repaid its second viewing this evening – superb!
- 2<sup>nd</sup> viewing more impressive. How it got through the Russian censors, heaven knows. Overwhelming sense of ruthless power on every front, civil power, commerce, the church, nature & the vodka industry.
- Superb acting, exquisite scenery, just enough humour to offset a profoundly pessimistic portrayal of Russia.
- Powerful!

### 'Very Good': 12 votes

- Very powerful film. Bleak but absorbing – lovely cinematography.
- The story of Job, but no redemption! Wonderfully absorbing experience!
- Beautifully shot and gripping throughout, with an air of impending catastrophe.
- So dramatic, so very sad.
- Powerful and very depressing.
- Well told story and insight into life in Russia. Enjoyed the drinking scenes.
- Gripping. Really enjoyable & didn’t guess the ending at all.
- Grim, but gripping.
- Feeling sober – more ways than one.
- Had I not been forewarned that this had a political slant, I might not have factored it in all through, while watching... Slow, but it needed that time to make the point.
- Yes, we all need the Church’s spiritual guidance, don’t we?

**'Good':** 1 vote

- Inside the belly of the whale... Wreckage – industrial, natural, human, spiritual – and another part of the '[?] search' – life is usually faster than this!

**'Satisfactory':** 0 votes

**'Poor':** 0 votes

Based on the above, the film had an overall score of 4.36.