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Member feedback: Spirit of '45

17 people submitted feedback. The breakdown and comments are listed below.

'Excellent': 3 votes

- Human greed stops progress.
- Well edited, compulsory viewing before next election. *[Submitted alongside 2 other comments – this was the only one that gave any indication of a rating]*

'Very Good': 6 votes

- As a socialist, I was always likely to enjoy this film. However, I think it was a mistake to skip over 1951-1979. It made it seem to biased. However... it was interesting to see the start of the welfare state & contrast it to the time it was dismantled. I'd like more people to see this of my age (late 30s) as it adds to the debate of how we got out of today's mess. Restarting the manufacturing industry would be a good start?
- Very Interesting.
- Party Political Broadcast?
- Most interesting film.
- The old days & ideas were excellent

'Good': 4 votes

- Interesting, but preaching to the converted.
- Showing only one side of the argument marred what could have been an excellent documentary. There is no doubt that the Welfare State greatly improved everyone's lives, however the deficiencies were ignored or glossed over (Labour lost the '51 election after great unrest). By skipping the next 30 years, Ken Loach ignores the fact that, by 1979, the system had completely broken down and needed to reform (not that a complete dismantling of the Welfare state was the answer. If Ken Loach truly believed the Spirit of '45 was the answer, where was the call to arms from this generation?
- This film is well made, no doubt, but how can one classify it? Is it a documentary? No, because it is not objectively balanced. Is it propaganda then? Some would say no doubt it is. The messages are clear, but will they reach the right ears?

'Satisfactory': 2 votes

- Not convinced by [this] film – arguments not developed properly.
- Overall, had promise, but turned into a Party Political Broadcast with only one side presented.

'Poor': 0 votes

3 comments submitted on one form, 2 without any rating:

- B/W -> Colour -> B/W. Sign of the good/bad times
- Thought provoking!!

Based on the above, the film had an overall score of 3.66.