 Critics Perspectives

For further information, students can research these movie reviews

| Critic | Statement | I agree/ disagree because… |
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| Thomas Doherty: Movie Review | Murrow alone did not get rid of McCarthy but the film makes it appear that way. |  |
| Richard Alleva: Movie Review | 1. The film ‘lacks the multifariousness of a good doco’ 2. For any story in which an individual gets hammered by a group, the test of its artistry lies not in how sorry we feel for the victim - we can’t help but sympathise- but in how believably the group’s cruelty is portrayed. |  |
| Peter hunter: Washington Post | Clooney leaves out the nuance, context, empathy, anything that suggests a larger truth that nothing is as simple as it seems….The film, therefore, is like a child’s view of these events, untroubled by complexity, hungry for myth and simplicity.’  TV acquires a cathartic function within American democracy and becomes part of the wider system of checks and balances.’ |  |

In pairs, consider the following statement and write a short response:

Does the film simplify a complex era? Explain your reasons.