A research chemist comes under personal and professional attack when he decides to appear in a 60 Minutes (1968) exposé on Big Tobacco.

**Director:** Michael Mann  
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Cast overview, first billed only:

- Al Pacino as Lowell Bergman
- Russell Crowe as Jeffrey Wigand
- Christopher Plummer as Mike Wallace
- Diane Venora as Liane Wigand
- Philip Baker Hall as Don Hewitt
- Lindsay Crouse as Sharon Tiller
- Debi Mazar as Debbie De Luca
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Storyline

Balls-out 60 Minutes (1968) Producer Lowell Bergman (Al Pacino) sniffs a story when a former research biologist for Brown & Williamson, Jeff Wigand (Russell Crowe), won't talk to him. When the company leans hard on Wigand to honor a confidentiality agreement, he gets his back up. Trusting Bergman, and despite a crumbling marriage, he goes on camera for a Mike Wallace (Christopher Plummer) interview and risks arrest for contempt of court. Westinghouse is negotiating to buy CBS, so CBS attorneys advise CBS News to shelve the interview and avoid a lawsuit. 60 Minutes (1968) and CBS News bosses cave, Wigand is hung out to dry, Bergman is compromised, and the CEOs of Big Tobacco may get away with perjury. Will the truth come out? Written by <jhailey@hotmail.com>

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Details

Country: USA
Language: English | Japanese | Arabic | Persian
Release Date: 5 November 1999 (USA) See more »
Also Known As: 60 Minutes See more »
Filming Locations: Long Beach Polytechnic High School - 1600 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, California, USA See more »
Budget: $90,000,000 (estimated)
Opening Weekend USA: $6,712,361, 7 November 1999
Gross USA: $29,089,912
Cumulative Worldwide Gross: $60,289,912

Company Credits
Production Co: Touchstone Pictures, Forward Pass, Blue Lion Entertainment

Technical Specs
Runtime: 157 min
Sound Mix: DTS | Dolby Digital | SDDS
Color: Color
Aspect Ratio: 2.39 : 1

Did You Know?
Trivia
Wigand tells his entering chemistry class that their first experiment would be to "measure the molecular weight of butane." Student comprehension of a topic as complex as this would require background knowledge of chemistry. But, by failing to raise their hands to indicate they had such knowledge, the students would likely not have been able to understand this as their first lesson in the subject. See more »

Goofs
Lowell Bergman didn't quit CBS until 1998, not the morning after the 1996 Jeffrey Wigand interview was shown. See more »

Quotes
Lowell Bergman: What does this guy have to say that threatens these people?
Mike Wallace: Well, it isn't that cigarettes are bad for you.
Lowell Bergman: Hardly new news.
Mike Wallace: No shit.
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