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AMERICAN EXPERIENCE *The Movement and the “Madman”*
Premieres Tuesday, March 28, 2023, on PBS and Streaming on [PBS.org](https://www.pbs.org)

Explore the Little-Known Story of the Dramatic 1969 Showdown Between President Nixon and the Anti-War Movement



November 15, 1969 march in Washington, DC led by Coretta Scott King. Credit: Pond 5.

(BOSTON, MA) – *The Movement and the “Madman”* shows how two antiwar protests in the fall of 1969 — the largest the country had ever seen — pressured President Nixon to cancel what he called his “madman” plans for a massive escalation of the U.S. war in Vietnam, including a threat to use nuclear weapons. At the time, protestors had no idea how influential they could be and how many lives they may have saved.

Told through remarkable archival footage and firsthand accounts from movement leaders, Nixon administration officials, historians, and others, the film explores how the leaders of the antiwar movement mobilized disparate groups from coast to coast to create two massive protests that changed history.

Directed by Stephen Talbot, *The Movement and the “Madman”* premieres as a Special Presentation of **AMERICAN EXPERIENCE** on **Tuesday, March 28, 9:00-10:30 pm.**

The Movement and the “Madman” will stream simultaneously with broadcast on all station-branded PBS platforms, including [PBS.org](https://www.pbs.org) and the [PBS App](https://www.pbs.org/app), available on iOS, Android, Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android TV, Samsung Smart TV, Chromecast and VIZIO. It will also be available for streaming with closed captioning in English and Spanish.

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The Filmmakers

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Stephen Talbot (Producer/Director) is an Emmy, duPont and Peabody award-winning filmmaker who has produced, written or directed more than 40 documentaries for public television. As a student at Wesleyan University, he made his first documentary about the November 1969 anti-war protests in Washington, DC.

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