**1. Jennifer Laverty**Was *On the Waterfront* an enjoyable movie to watch? If you didn’t think so why not?
**What do you think about actors being asked about their political sympathies? Do you think that their political views play into how they are publically perceived? Has this every changed your mind about an actor or actress?**
I don’t ever think actors or actresses should be asked about their political views. I don’t think it matters and it is not why we like or dislike them in a movie or as an actor. I think the politics that are playing out now have become a divisive issue among everyone. It divides families, friends, and co-workers, when it’s not something that should be a deciding factor in if we like our friends or not. Talking politics becomes something that could go the wrong way if you have opposite views with the person your discussing it with. I have never thought about political views of an actor or actress prior to deciding if I am going to go see their film
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2. **Mackenzie Newhouse**
 *On The* *Waterfront*is easily one of the most representative films of the time it was made. This social issue film focused on the no-frills dock workers and the lives they lead. The environment of the Cold War age is everywhere in the film. The film focused on the surge on working class struggle and the ways dock workers were coping with said struggles. The involvement of gangsters was also a nod to the social environment at the time. There is a lot of powerful imagery in the film that leads the viewer into the right frame of mind to see the world it was created in. The billowing smoke and steam on the docks is one image that conveys the feel and environment well. The musical score was also created specially to heighten the emotional responses of the audience at just the right times. At its core, this is a film about struggle and that was at the center of many issues during the Cold War.
I think that as public figures, actors have a choice about how they disclose their political affiliations. While they can choose to remain politically neutral, I think the public platform they are given is a great way to help bring about any political change they may believe in. I respect the privacy of those who choose not to disclose but I respect those who disclose and fight for the social issues they believe in as well. I think their political views absolutely play into the ways the public views them, sometimes rightfully and sometimes not. People take things way too far in the digital age but it also allows for a level of accountability that has never existed before in Hollywood. In a time of constant political statements in Hollywood, there is an especially bright spotlight on the stars to make the right moves and support what they believe in. I have changed my views and stopped supporting an actor based on something they said or did in their personal life. I refuse to support someone who harms others or supports those who harm others and will absolutely discontinue my support of them because of it. I am aware that the loss of my personal support has no effect on them but I personally cannot stand for supporting someone who does harm.
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