

Bipartisanship Examined in New Documentary Exploring Joe Lieberman's Legacy

Discover the story of Joe Lieberman, a leader who upheld bipartisanship and Jewish values, in a new documentary premiering March 18 and 19.

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, March 11, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In an era where political division threatens the very fabric of democracy, [Centered: Joe Lieberman](#) is a powerful testament to the leadership America needs now more than ever. Spanning more than 40 years, Senator Joe Lieberman's career placed him at the center of some of the most consequential events in modern American history.

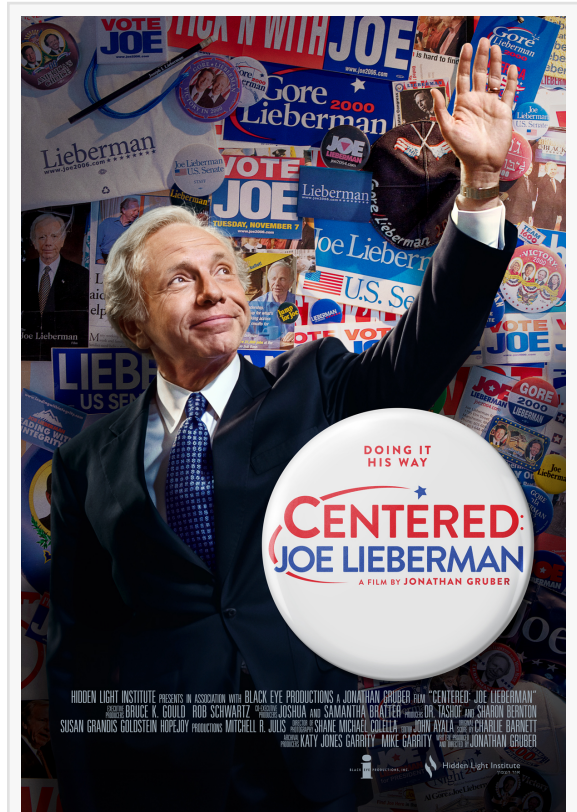
He worked closely with both Republican and Democratic presidents—leaders from opposite ends of the political spectrum who were nonetheless consistent in their praise of his character, convictions, and commitment to putting country over party.

A Leader Who Broke Barriers and Built Bridges

In 2000, Al Gore made history by choosing Joe Lieberman as his running mate, making him the first Jewish-American on a major party's presidential ticket. Lieberman's nomination was a groundbreaking moment for Jewish representation in national politics and a testament to his reputation as a leader of integrity, faith, and moral clarity.

At a time when bipartisanship was still possible, Lieberman represented a unique ability to work across ideological divides. His selection symbolized a commitment to principled governance, proving that a leader grounded in faith and values could appeal to a broad coalition of Americans.

A Legacy of Leadership Respected by Presidents—Even When They Disagreed



Centered: Joe Lieberman Movie Poster

Lieberman's legacy of bipartisanship and moral leadership left a lasting impression on those who worked with him, including U.S. presidents from both parties. Their words underscore the profound impact of a leader who always put service, integrity, and common ground first—even when he challenged them.

President George W. Bush: "Joe wasn't afraid to engage with Senators from across the aisle and worked hard to earn votes from outside his party. We pray that Joe's example of decency guides our Nation's leaders now and into the future."



Senator Joe Lieberman and President George W. Bush Exit the Presidential Limousine

- Yet, Lieberman led efforts opposed by the Bush administration—he was a lead sponsor of the 9/11 Commission and the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, both of which were initially resisted before ultimately becoming critical legislative achievements.

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President Bill Clinton: “He always stood by his convictions while demonstrating that honorable compromise is the lifeblood of a functioning democracy.”

- Lieberman proved that integrity mattered more than party loyalty when he became the first major Democrat to publicly rebuke Clinton over the Monica Lewinsky scandal,

delivering a scathing Senate speech condemning the President's behavior.

President Barack Obama: “He stuck by his principles because he knew it was the right thing to do.”

- Yet, Lieberman stood against Obama's proposed public option for national healthcare, preventing it from being included in the Affordable Care Act, a decision that frustrated many Democrats but reflected his concerns about government overreach and spending.

President Joe Biden: “Joe believed in a shared purpose of serving something bigger than ourselves.”

- Despite their mutual respect, Lieberman and Biden were on opposite sides of one of the most significant debates of their careers—the Iraq War after Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait in 1990. Lieberman was a vocal supporter of military intervention, while Biden opposed it.

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Sen. Lieberman meets with Pres. Barack Obama in 2011_Photo Courtesy Barack Obama Presidential Library

- In 2000, Al Gore took a historic risk—both for himself and for the country—by selecting Joe Lieberman as his running mate, making him the first Jewish-American on a major party’s presidential ticket. The decision was groundbreaking at the time, reflecting Gore’s confidence in Lieberman’s decency, intellect, and unwavering moral compass to serve the nation at the highest level. Lieberman’s selection was not just a political choice but a bold statement about the importance of integrity, bipartisanship, and values-driven leadership in American public life.

The Formula for Leadership: Country, Values, and Faith

Lieberman’s formula for success was simple but powerful:

- Country First: He never let party loyalty override his duty to the American people. He crossed the aisle when it meant getting things done, even when it cost him politically.
- Core Values: Whether it was fighting for national security, standing up for ethical leadership, or advocating for religious liberty, Lieberman never wavered from his beliefs.
- Faith as a Guiding Light: His Jewish identity was not just a personal commitment but a moral compass that shaped his decisions. Lieberman’s observance of the Sabbath, ethics, and service were not just private practices—they were a testament to the power of faith in public life.

Why This Film Matters Now More Than Ever

At a time when Americans are exhausted by political division and looking for a path forward, Centered: Joe Lieberman delivers an urgent reminder:

- Politics doesn't have to be toxic. Lieberman showed that respect, dialogue, and common ground can lead to real progress.
- Compromise isn't weakness—it's leadership. He proved that working across the aisle isn't about giving in but about moving forward.
- Integrity still matters. When so much of politics feels driven by self-interest, Lieberman's career is a testament to the power of serving the greater good.

This is a film for Republicans, Democrats, and Independents alike—for anyone who believes in a better way forward and wants to see real leadership in action.

Experience Centered: Joe Lieberman in Theaters

Limited Two-Day Engagement: March 18–19

[Regal Cinemas Nationwide](#)

Tickets Available Now:

Value Tuesdays Half-Price Tickets: March 18

Don't miss this rare opportunity to witness history, leadership, and the power of bipartisanship on the big screen.

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