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CHICAGO – "Captain America: Civil War" is more of an "Avengers" movie than it is a Captain America movie. But that's okay because this is easily the best Avengers movie Marvel Studios has ever made, and it also might be the best movie the studio has ever made.



All the legwork from the previous movies in the Marvel cinematic universe pays off handsomely because the stakes are so profoundly personal. The best parts of the Avengers movies – and Marvel Studio movies in general – is the interplay among the characters, rather than the villains. This film dispenses with the forgettable villains and their overblown plans for total annihilation, and gets down deep into a divide between the Avengers themselves.

After an operation chasing a global terrorist incurs some unfortunate collateral damage, the Secretary of State (William Hurt) wants to put the Avengers on a tight leash under the authority of the United Nations. Captain America (Chris Evans) has grown increasingly disillusioned with bureaucracies and his own government, and bristles at the idea of adding even another layer of international bureaucracy to their missions. But Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.), nursing a broken heart and a bout of grief over the events covered in "Age Of Ultron," is all for changing things up. When Captain America's old brainwashed buddy Bucky (aka "The Winter Soldier") is wanted for a terrorist bombing, the cracks in the team come to the forefront, as Captain America tries to get to his old friend before the government does.

"Captain America: Civil War" opens everywhere on May 6th, in IMAX, 3D and regular screenings. See local listings for IMAX & 3D theaters and show times. Featuring Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Scarlett Johanssen, Paul Bettany, William Hurt, Don Cheadle, Anthony Mackie, Jeremy Renner, Chadwick Boseman, Paul Rudd, Tom Holland, Elizabeth Olsen and Daniel Bruhl. Written by Christopher Markus and Steve McFeely. Directed by Anthony and Joe Russo. Rated "PG-13"

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Captain America (Chris Evans) Gathers His Team in 'Captain America: Civil War' *Photo credit: Walt Disney Studios*

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