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Movie Talk with Jennifer Brown/Verge Reporter

Tom Hanks' charisma in [Charlie Wilson's War](#) brings this comedy alive to the audience. Congressman Charlie Wilson's (Tom Hanks) work in the Soviet Union is to help end the war, and the inspirational true story reminds us how tough war times really can be.

It's the story of how a U.S. congressman and a foul-mouth, hot-tempered CIA agent (Philip Seymour) work together to bring unity to Afghanistan and Russia in the Cold War. During this time, Wilson is astonished that the Pakistanis can't provide food for their people.

Wilson first learns about the Afghanistan war on April 6, 1980 while he's in Las Vegas. His compassion for the cause leads him to gain interest in meeting Republican Joanne Herring, who, after Las Vegas, convinces Wilson he must take action.

With the encouragement of Joanne Herring (Julia Roberts), Wilson has an appointment with Pakistan to end the war. She's the Houston honorary council for Pakistan, and she has direct links with leaders in Pakistan.

Soon after he gets back, he risks being indicted for drugs and then escapes charges. In his return trip to Afghanistan, he defeats the Soviet Union, and the people look upon him as a hero.

A hero to his nation, Charlie receives a reward to bringing the war to an end. This was a delightful and comical film to watch. Each scene will keep your attention and keep you laughing.

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