

## **P2840 PATH TO WAR (USA, 5/18/2002) [TV]**

**Credits:** director, John Frankenheimer ; writer, Daniel Giat.

**Cast:** Michael Gambon, Donald Sutherland, Bruce McGill, James Frain, Felicity Huffman, Alec Baldwin.

**Summary:** Political melodrama set chiefly in Washington, D.C. in the 1960s. Immediately following his victory in the 1964 presidential election, Lyndon Johnson's (Gambon) dream of "The Great Society" and his vision for civil rights in America was devastated by the impact of the Vietnam War. It was a war he didn't start, but which he seemed unable to end. Torn between those who recommend military escalation and those who advise a search for peace, Johnson watches as his presidency and the nation are divided by the deaths of young Americans overseas and protests at home.

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