

**Friday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m.**  
**Peace Center of Delaware County**  
**1001 Old Sproul Rd., Springfield, PA**  
**FREE!**

**I**n this much-lauded 1976 social commentary, veteran news anchorman Howard Beale (Peter Finch) discovers he's about to be fired as a result of poor ratings and announces that for his last newscast he plans to kill himself on air.

However, rather than "blowing his brains out" on air as promised, he launches into a rant about the corruption of truth, news media, and how people cringe helplessly before the demise of western civilization and beg to be left alone for just another day.

As news directors and camera crew sit dumbfounded, Beale appeals to his listeners across the country to go to their windows, open them, and say "I'm as mad as hell, and I'm not going to take it anymore!" People by the thousands do so.

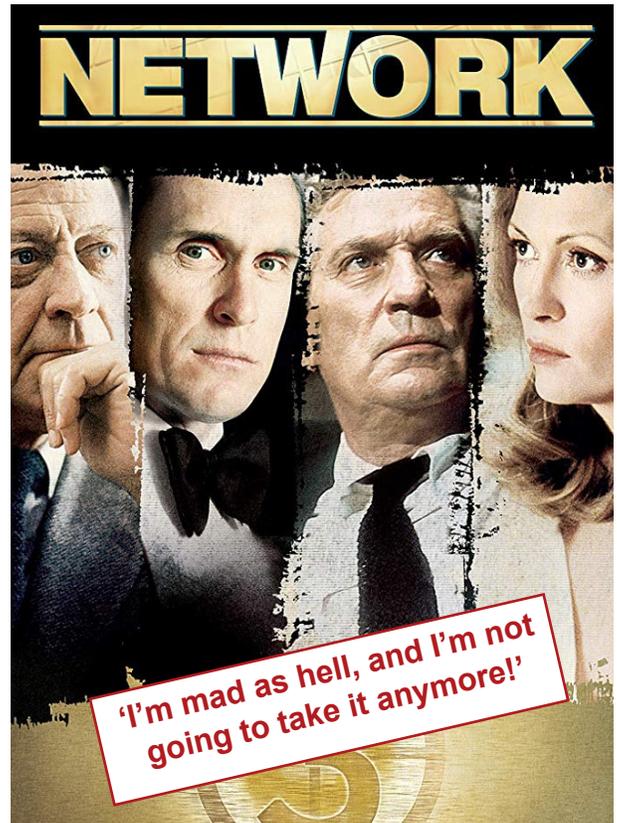
Overnight, ratings for the newscast go through the roof, allowing ambitious news producer Diana Christensen (Faye Dunaway) to plan programming around Beale's "mad prophet of the airways." That is just the beginning of the madness and what it unleashes.

*NETWORK* tells a tale in which news and entertainment are one and the same, all for the sake of profit. The story it told then is actually today's documentary about reality TV, Fox News, "alternative facts, and Donald Trump, host of "The "Apprentice," making "America Great Again" as president of the United States.

*NETWORK* was written by Paddy Chayefsky and directed by Sydney Lumet, whose social impact filmmaking includes: *12 Angry Men*, *Dog Day Afternoon*, *Serpico*, and *The Verdict*.

Film critic Chris Nashawaty from *Entertainment Weekly* says, "The film's never been more timely."

**Nominated for 10 Academy Awards, this film won four: Best Actor (Peter Finch), Best Actress (Faye Dunaway), Best Supporting Actress (Beatrice Straight), and Best Original Screenplay (Paddy Chayefsky).**



**1976. 121 min. Rated R. Comedy/Drama.** Written by Paddy Chayefsky. Directed by Sydney Lumet. MGM/United Artists. Starring Faye Dunaway, William Holden, Peter Finch, Robert Duvall.

Peace Center of Delaware County  
**First-Friday Film Screening**

Springfield Friends Meetinghouse  
(Behind Mr. Car Wash, at the corner of Old Marple Road and Rt. 320/W Sproul Road)

**7 p.m. — Free — Large Screen**

**Doors open 6:30 p.m. for light refreshments. After-film discussion.**

**Directions: [www.delcopeacecenter.org](http://www.delcopeacecenter.org), or call 484-574-1148**

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