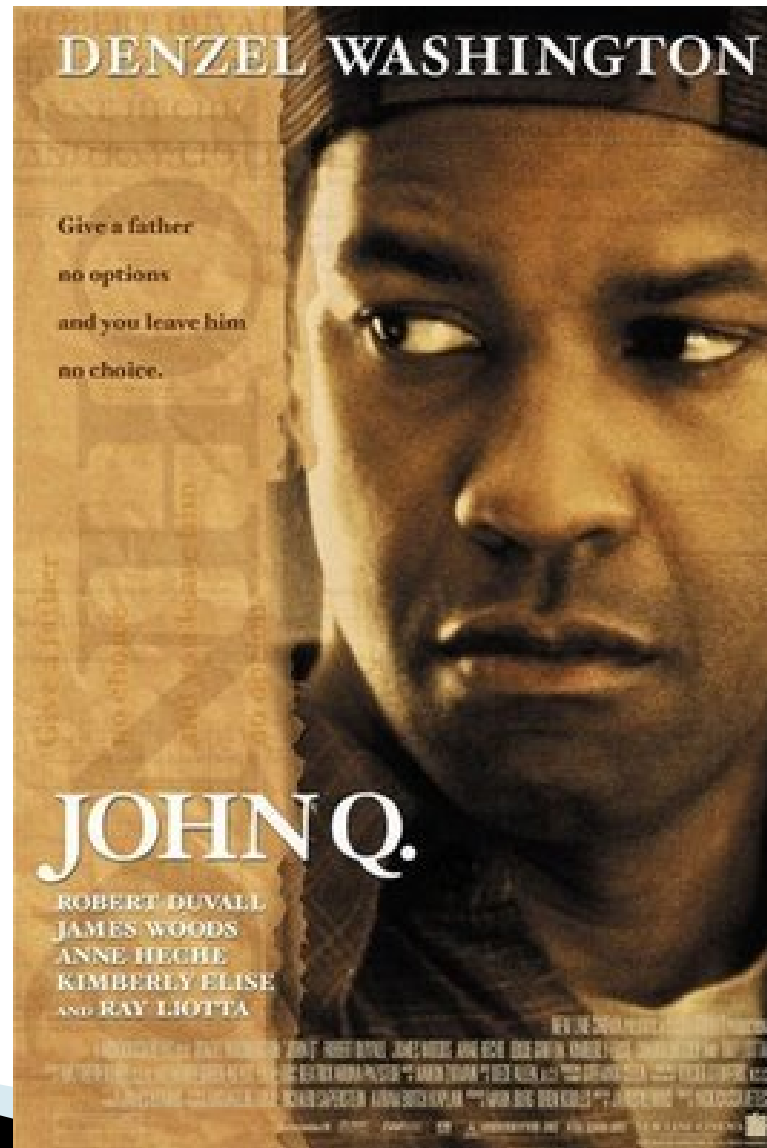


John Q (2002): Intro



A boy needs a heart transplant his parents can't afford.



Origin



Director Nick Cassavetes



His daughter Sasha had issues with the healthcare system.

Of course, healthcare is still a hot topic...



Cassevetes
decided to
're-tell' the
story Sidney
Lumet told in
Dog Day
Afternoon
(1975).

The robbery should have taken
10 minutes. 4 hours later, the bank
was like a circus sideshow. 8 hours
later, it was the hottest thing on live
T.V. 12 hours later, it was all history.
And it's all true.



AL PACINO
in **DOG DAY**
AFTERNOON

In that film, Al Pacino takes a bank hostage to get a sex change operation for his gay lover.



Cassevetes obviously changed things a little.



The Story: A good man is backed in to a corner.



The film asks, “What would *you* do?”



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“Everyman” John Archibald (John Q. Public): Denzel Washington



Kim Elyse as Denise



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Daniel E. Smith as Mike



James Woods represents the medical establishment.



Anne Heche represents corporate greed



The Law: Robert Duvall (hostage negotiator) and Ray Liotta (chief)



Bystanders: the Hostages



The story has a lot of holes, but watch Denzel Washington give an acting lesson.



John Q is next.

