

The Lockdown Logbook

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5 documentaries for free

they might not lift your spirits, but are worth watching anyway

Planet of the humans—Jeff Gibbs & Michael Moore (2020)

Michael Moore presents *Planet of the Humans*, a documentary that dares to say what no one else will — that we are losing the battle to stop climate change on planet earth because we are following leaders who have taken us down the wrong road — selling out the green movement to wealthy interests and corporate America. No amount of batteries are going to save us, warns director Jeff Gibbs (lifelong environmentalist and co-producer of “Fahrenheit 9/11” and “Bowling for Columbine”). This urgent, must-see movie, was released on Earth Day (22nd April) & is guaranteed to generate anger, debate, and, hopefully, a willingness to see our survival in a new way—before it’s too late. ([watch it for free until May 22nd](#))

Before the flood – Fisher Stevens & L. Di Caprio (2016)

Before the Flood is a 2016 documentary film about climate change directed by Fisher Stevens. The film was produced as a collaboration between Stevens, Leonardo DiCaprio, and other producers. Martin Scorsese is an executive producer. The film premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival in September 2016, and was released theatrically on October 21, before airing on the National Geographic Channel. As part of National Geographic's commitment to covering climate change, the documentary was made widely available and free of charge on various platforms.

The full film doesn't seem to be available for free any longer, but you can watch a selection of excerpts [here](#)

Anonymous - The internet's own boy – Brian Knappenberger (2019)

Aaron Schwartz lived a lifetime online. As an internet pioneer, activist, writer, and computer programmer (among various other hats he wore), Schwartz had a meteoric rise and fall, one that involves the creation of Reddit, RSS, and Creative Commons. *The Internet's Own Boy* documents his life, primarily using interviews with Schwartz's family, friends, and peers, as well as footage of Schwartz himself. Schwartz was a prodigy; he took his own life at age 26, after being indicted for alleged computer crimes and his story is as compelling as you'll see in any documentary ([it's available here](#))

A Simpler Way: Crisis as Opportunity — Jordan Osmond & Samuel Alexander (2016)

If you've ever considered freeing yourself from the rigors of modern living or making changes to help the environment, watch *A Simpler Way: Crisis as Opportunity*. It's about an Australian community out to lighten Mother Earth's load by living... simpler. Tiny houses, gardens—it's all covered. Watching a group of people work together makes A Simpler Way more interesting because there's more discussion about what's going on, compared to watching a single person working toward a goal. That discussion and the interviews with various experts help form a compelling case ([available here](#))

Charlottesville: Race & Terror –Vice News (2017)

Vice News had a front row seat at the white supremacist rally in Charlottesville that culminated in an act of domestic terrorism that left one person dead. The 22-minute doc takes viewers behind the scenes to detail some of the planning that went into the rally. Then it takes you to the front lines where the tension and danger is palpable. The doc immediately went viral and Vice and HBO made it available for all online, making it one of the most essential YouTube documentaries available. In trying times, *Race and Terror* is important for how it exposes the toxic mindset that spurs division and propagates dangerous rhetoric. ([available here](#))