

# Trailer for ‘Oppenheimer’: Lt General Leslie Groves (Matt Damon) Challenges Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer (Cillian Murphy)

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[Matt Damon](#) is questioning [Cillian Murphy](#)’s priorities in [Oppenheimer](#).

In [the newest trailer](#) for [Christopher Nolan](#)’s upcoming star-studded biographical drama, *Damon, 52, plays Leslie Groves, a real-life Army engineer officer who is shown advising J. Robert Oppenheimer (Murphy, 46) to think about the potential trade-off of his effort to successfully test-detonate an atomic bomb he creates during [World War II](#).*

“Are you saying there’s a chance that when we push that button, we destroy the world?” Groves asks Oppenheimer at one point.

“Chances are near zero,” the latter says, which leads Groves to respond, “Near zero?”

“What do you want from theory alone?” the theoretical physicist asks.

“Zero would be nice,” Groves says.

But Oppenheimer seems to believe a small risk is worth it.

“We’re in a race against the Nazis ... and I know what it means if the Nazis have a bomb,” he says at the beginning of the trailer.

[No evidence that The Third Reich had plans to develop the atomic bomb, [Hitler was firmly opposed to the bomb](#)]

The rest of the three-minute preview gives viewers a peek at several other cast members

starring alongside Murphy and Damon, including [Florence Pugh](#), [Emily Blunt](#), [Robert Downey Jr.](#), [Kenneth Branagh](#), [David Krumholtz](#) and [Josh Peck](#).

*Oppenheimer*, which will premiere on July 21, is based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning biography titled

[\*American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer\*](#).

Oppenheimer famously led the Manhattan Project, the effort to create an atomic bomb during World War II.

Damon gave an interview to [Variety](#) in March on the [red carpet](#) for his recent Nike drama [Air](#), in which he revealed that *Oppenheimer* has a nearly three-hour runtime.

He also rained praise upon costar Murphy — who had smaller roles in Nolan’s [Batman](#) films, plus [Inception](#) and [Dunkirk](#), and has expressed [interest in playing a lead](#) for the acclaimed director, 52.

“Cillian is [everything you would want him to be](#). He is phenomenal. He’s phenomenal,” Damon raved.

And despite the movie’s longer runtime, the [Oscar](#) winner added, “It goes so fast, it’s great.”

*Oppenheimer* is in theaters July 21.

Trailer below:

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