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## INDEPENDENT LENS FILMS RECEIVE 2 NEWS & DOCUMENTARY EMMY® AWARD NOMINATIONS FOR “TIKTOK, BOOM.” AND “APART”

*Nominations Mark 81 Total To Date for INDEPENDENT LENS*

(San Francisco, CA) July 27, 2023 — PBS’s award-winning documentary anthology series INDEPENDENT LENS, in association with ITVS, today announced two films released under its banner have been honored with News & Documentary Emmy® Award nominations. This year’s nominated documentaries are “TikTok, Boom.” for Outstanding Business and Economics Documentary and “APART” for Outstanding Politics and Government Documentary. These nominations mark a total of 81 nominations for INDEPENDENT LENS since its inception.

For over three decades, INDEPENDENT LENS on PBS has served as public media’s home for thought-provoking documentaries across a breadth of topics, as showcased by the different categories each film has been nominated in. From the impact of social media platforms such as TikTok to topics like America’s war on drugs, this year’s nominated films spark conversations on issues that are top of mind in communities across the entire U.S.

“These films help us grasp issues and perspectives that exist all across this country, so that we can better inform and propel one another to have transformative conversations,” said INDEPENDENT LENS Executive Producer Lois Vossen. “These much-deserved nominations recognize the filmmakers’ timely work and commitment to telling stories that educate and inspire. We congratulate them and are extremely proud to have supported them throughout their production.”

About the INDEPENDENT LENS nominees:

- [“Apart”](#)

**Nomination:** Outstanding Politics and Government Documentary



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**Filmmaker:** Jennifer Redfearn

**About:** U.S. prisons and jails lead the world in incarcerating women—a vast majority of them mothers. What happens when they return to their families? “Apart” was funded in part by ITVS Open Call initiative.

- [TikTok, Boom.](#)

**Nomination:** Outstanding Business and Economics Documentary

**Filmmaker:** Shalini Kantayya

**About:** The power and complexity of technology is examined through the lens of one of the most influential platforms of the contemporary social media landscape, TikTok.

INDEPENDENT LENS is presented by ITVS, the leading independent documentary co-producer and distributor for public media. Together, INDEPENDENT LENS and ITVS productions have received over 115 News & Documentary Emmy Award nominations since their inception.

The 44th News & Documentary Emmy Awards will be held on September 27th and September 28th, 2023.

#### **ABOUT INDEPENDENT LENS**

INDEPENDENT LENS is an Emmy Award-winning weekly series, airing on PBS, Monday nights at 10:00 p.m. ET. The acclaimed series, with Lois Vossen as executive producer, features documentaries united by the creative freedom, artistic achievement, and unflinching visions of independent filmmakers. Presented by ITVS, the series is funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, a private corporation funded by the American people, with additional funding from PBS, Acton Family Giving, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Wyncote Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Arts. For more, visit [pbs.org/independentlens](http://pbs.org/independentlens). Join the conversation on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram at @independentslens.

#### **ABOUT ITVS**

ITVS is a San Francisco-based nonprofit organization that has, for over 25 years, funded and partnered with a diverse range of documentary filmmakers to produce and distribute untold stories. ITVS incubates and co-produces these award-winning films,



and then airs them for free on PBS via our weekly series, INDEPENDENT LENS, as well as on other PBS series. ITVS is funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, The National Endowment for the Humanities: American Rescue Plan, Acton Family Giving, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Ford Foundation, and Wyncote Foundation. For more information, visit [itvs.org](http://itvs.org).

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