

The Naked Gun 2: The Smell of Fear ★★½

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Verdict: See It

Naked Gun 2 is more of the same from the Zucker brothers. And while the same is still sufficiently funny, it's hard not to yearn for some new tricks from these old comedy dogs. David and Jerry Zucker are just coasting on their proven *Airplane* formula of piling silliness upon stupidity. The laughs are still there, but considering that these guys could make 100 of these films in their sleep, you can't help wondering what the point is. Where's the challenge? Where's the film's creative

spark? A few of the sight gags *are* extremely creative, including a hilarious pot shot at Michael Dukakis. But, for the most part, the sameness of the moronic humor has made the jokes bland. The result: *Naked Gun 2* is difficult to distinguish from the Zuckers' previous efforts, including the original *Naked Gun*. And yet, when a movie makes you laugh about once every 30 seconds, it's hard, and unfair, to complain too strenuously.

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