

# Hard Vision

Bad Religion  
'The Riot' DVD  
(L.A. Access Video)  
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The DVD is a video punkumentary which captures on a home camcorder the events leading up to and after the riot that broke out at the El Portal Theater in North Hollywood on December 29th, 1990. It was just by chance that this guy was able to video this show. And lucky for him, it seems he was the only one. Well, I guess him and a partner. The 38 minutes leading up to the riot have been well edited just show some crowds in the lobby and bits from the opening bands. Then you get to see the guy on stage telling the crowd that the Fire Marshall is shutting down the show due to some safety issues. I guess after the first bottle was thrown, the cameramen high tailed it out of the building. A riot breaks out, you're the only cameramen in the building, and you leave. So yes, there is no footage of what went on inside. None. Just some long distance footage out side of some cops and firemen hosing down some rowdy fans. That's it. Kinda lame if you ask me. There are some special features on the disk as well. Again nothing really too exciting. I was expecting a little more Bad Religion performances I guess. That and a little violence. Oh well, if you're a fan, you dig it. And kudos for the dudes filming it. That must still be a great story eh? But don't be too surprised if you become bored watching this.

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