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The genesis of and challenges to the 3D-printing revolution are subjects that take center stage in a new documentary called *Print the Legend*.

From directors Clay Tweel and Luis Lopez (*Freakonomics*), the film sets out to act as a "time capsule" of a nascent industry," Tweel told *Mashable*. "The result is both a look inside a compelling new technology, and hopefully, a story about the challenges of growing any type of business, and facing the moral dilemmas our marketplace presents."

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That it is. The 90-minute Netflix Original documentary delves headfirst into major issues facing the 3D-printing industry, including 3D printed-guns, which is addressed in the above clip.

Tweel said he knew "nothing" about 3D printing when he walked into the doors of [MakerBot](#) nearly two years ago, but working behind the scenes has taught him much about the industry. "Maybe one of the bigger things we found out is that additive manufacturing can be used with so many different materials," he said. "The concept of the technology can be applied to building items out of metal, wood, concrete and now biological materials in ways that are pretty mind-bending. This is why the potential of 3D printing is so promising, and something we are still genuinely excited about."

Print the Legend is now in theaters across New York and Los Angeles, and is also available on Netflix.

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