



President Richard Nixon Meeting with Vice President Designate Congressman Gerald Ford, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, and Chief of Staff Alexander Haig, Jr., in the Oval Office, October 13, 1973. The Nixon Library, Public domain.

Dead to Rights

The need to remember Henry Kissinger for who he was.

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No federal property should be allowed to be named in Kissinger's honor, including U.S. naval ships, weapons, post offices, and national parks. No federal funds should be authorized to those colleges and universities who name their school properties or programs after him. A complete revision of public-school curricula should reflect the truth of his time as a public servant, and no federal statutes should be erected in the war criminal's name. (Just as statues of Confederate generals and other such monuments served as symbols of white supremacy to threaten African Americans, so too would Kissinger memorials validate his treacherous crimes.) The Democratic Party platform adopted at next year's national convention in Chicago must incorporate, at a minimum, these specific proposals.

“It sickened me that with an imperial wave of his hand, an American could sentence people to death on the basis of a cheap whim.”—*Patricia Derian*

On the international level, other governments should forbid any U.S. ships, airplanes, and other vehicles, bearing Kissinger’s name from their waters or airspace. In addition, a recorded vote should be taken in the United Nations General Assembly where Member States require that all U.N. peacekeepers be taught about the true legacy of Kissinger.

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[Martin Edwin Andersen](#) first broke the story in [The Nation](#) in 1987 of Henry Kissinger giving a “green light” to Argentina’s far-right generals for their state terrorist dirty war. Andersen subsequently lost his job as a professor at the Pentagon’s [National Defense University](#) (NDU) for, among other disclosures, blowing the whistle on an NDU colleague from Chile who served previously as a senior official in Captain General Augusto Pinochet’s state terrorism organization. [Jaime Garcia Covarrubias](#) later received life imprisonment for his role in three separate cases of the murders of nine unarmed people, [being found guilty](#), in 2023 (at the time of the fiftieth anniversary of the far-right military coup in Chile), in the case involving four university students and others.