

# The Criminalization of U.S. Foreign Policy: The Life and Legacy of Henry Kissinger

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According to [America's top three newspapers](#), as measured by circulation, Henry Kissinger was a figure who both excelled in international diplomacy and generated rivals and critics. [2][3][4]

This "loved by some" mentality is certainly reflected in prominent politicians in the U.S. U.S. Republican Senator John McCain during a Senate Armed Services Committee in which Kissinger made a statement mentioned the protest against Kissinger by the group Code Pink was "disgraceful," "outrageous," and "despicable." And he apologized profusely to Kissinger for "allowing such disgraceful behaviour towards a man who served this country with the greatest distinction." [5]

In the Democratic Party, Hillary Clinton, wrote a 2014 review of Kissinger's book, [World Order](#). In the article she praised Kissinger calling him a "friend" and stating:

"Even when there are tensions between our values and other objectives, America, he reminds us, succeeds by standing up for our values, not shirking them, and leads by engaging peoples and societies, the sources of legitimacy,

not governments alone.”[6]

To those not in positions of elite power and privilege, it would be difficult to ignore the multitudes of deaths, torture which flourished from the seeds planted by Kissinger in countries around the globe. His underhanded and covert diplomacy as he pursued his own version of foreign policy realism resulted in massacres across Cambodia, Chile, Argentina, East Timor, and Bangladesh. To name just a few.[7]

And then there are the concerns of the elite class. Consider this quote from Kissinger’s [National Security Study Memorandum 200](#) entitled “Implications of Worldwide Population Growth For U.S. Security and Overseas Interests.”

The study should take into account the President's concern that population policy is a human concern intimately related to the dignity of the individual and the objective of the United States is to work closely with others, rather than seek to impose our views on others.

The President has directed that the study be accomplished by the NSC Under Secretaries Committee. The Chairman, Under Secretaries Committee, is requested to forward the study together with the Committee's action recommendations no later than May 29, 1974, for consideration by the President.



Henry A. Kissinger

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Kissinger finally passed away at the end of November., aged 100. Given the profound impact his policies had on the world stage, and its perception of America, a show like the Global Research News Hour had to put on a show reflecting an appraisal of his monstrous crimes. We do so during this week with the assistance of four guests. They include an emeritus Professor of Law at Princeton University, a scholar from RMIT university, an activist from the U.S. and Canadian journalist and researcher.

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