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## Military Men Are Dumb, Stupid Animals

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many people have asked about the origin of a quote from Henry Kissinger regarding military men, which came from Woodward and Bernstein's "The Final Days" (1976). Here is the complete paragraph--and for context, the one following--excerpted from pages 194-195 of the second Touchstone paperback edition (1994).



Alexander Haig, newly appointed White House chief of staff, greets newsmen in H. R. Haldeman's former office on May 4, 1973. (UPI / Bettmann)

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In their December 1975 Foreword to "The Final Days", Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein state that the book is based on interviews and re-interviews with 394 people, concentrating on the last 100 days of Nixon's administration. None of the quotes or information in the book is individually footnoted or referenced--they do mention that "we did not accord equal weight to all sources," and that "nothing in this book has been reconstructed without accounts from at least two people."

Authors Woodward and Bernstein also note that "The Final Days" is "the work of four people. Scott Armstrong, a former Senate Watergate Committee investigator, and Al Kamen, a free-lance writer/researcher, assisted us full time in the reporting, research and some of the writing."

Kissinger's quote regarding military men comes from Chapter 14, which extensively discusses Al Haig, Kissinger and other Nixon staff advisors' negotiations and differences over national security issues during the 1969-1974 period.

The exact, direct quote marks begin with the word 'dumb' and terminate after the word 'used'.

Here is the FULL KISSINGER QUOTE verbatim from the bottom two lines of page 194 to line 14 of page 195:

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[paragraph]

In Haig's presence, Kissinger referred pointedly to military men as "dumb, stupid animals to be used" as pawns for foreign policy. Kissinger often took up a post outside the doorway to Haig's office and dressed him down in front of the secretaries for alleged acts of incompetence with which Haig was not even remotely involved. Once when the Air Force was authorized to resume bombing of North Vietnam, the planes did not fly on certain days because of bad weather. Kissinger assailed Haig. He complained bitterly that the generals had been screamin for the limits to be taken off but that now their pilots were afraid to go up in a little fog. The country needed generals who could win battles, Kissinger said, not good briefers like Haig.

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On another occasion, when Haig was leaving for a trip to Cambodia to meet with Premier Lon Nol, Kissinger escorted him to a staff car, where reporters and a retinue of aides waited. As Haig bent to get into the automobile, Kissinger stopped him and began polishing the single star on his shoulder. "Al, if you're a good boy, I'll get you another one," he said.

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SOURCE:

Bob Woodward & Carl Bernstein  
The Final Days  
second Touchstone paperback edition (1994)  
Chapter 14, pp. 194-195

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### Woodward's Secret Agenda

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Woodward Watch

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Woodward, since being the Rockefeller Kissinger man in the war to keep the CIA in the control of petroplutocrats, beat Nixon, the fighter for civilian control. Kissinger was deep throat. Ever since, Woodward has been the voice of the Likud. 2 of his missions in his current book are to create the misimpression that Bush is in control in the White House.. and to divert attention from the Mossad role in 911 to others.

The man was at DCI Casey's bedside.

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### No Woodward was Deepthroat

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Woodward is a CIA plant, like a sleeper agent. The CIA had and has infiltrated various professions including journalism. What better cover than that of a reporter? So his "deepthroat" is either himself or his CIA handlers.

### Movie!

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"The monopoly press dare not ever tell you how important he really is. At the time of the Second World War, his father was a top official of both Army Intelligence and Naval Intelligence. Savvy folks recognize that as being actually a top officer of OSS, precursor to the America Central Intelligence Agency. " All the rest you can read at <http://www.rense.com/general52/overthro53.htm>

### Bush Family Crony

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And to think that Kissinger was President Bush's choice to lead the 911 investigations! Talk about the fox guarding the hen house! This Rockefeller stooge has as much compassion for the victims of 911 as he did the victims of the Vietnam War. To these people its all a business deal. Remember that President Kennedy had Kissinger thrown out of the White House and refered to him as being insane! Of course they murdered Kennedy and brought Kissinger back into the White House. Now there's a book for Woodward.

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