

## Henry Kissinger

Henry Alfred Kissinger was born in Germany in 1923. He is well known for playing a dominant role in U.S. foreign policy between 1969 and 1977. During this period, he worked to improve relations with Russia and China. He also negotiated the Paris Peace Accords, ending American involvement in the Vietnam War.

Kissinger served as 56<sup>th</sup> U.S. Secretary of State from 1973 to 1977. He also served as National Security Advisory and is the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1938, Kissinger's family left Germany and moved to New York to flee from Nazi persecution. He attended high school at George Washington High during the day and worked in a brush factory at night. Later, Kissinger went to City College of New York and studied accounting. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1943. Kissinger was assigned to a military intelligence section where he volunteered for hazardous intelligence duties during the war.

After the war, Kissinger continued his studies and received a Ph.D. from Harvard University. Kissinger had great influence on American foreign policy and is still an influential political advisor.

Mr. Kissinger has two children, Elizabeth and David. He is married to Nancy Maginnes and they live in Connecticut and New York City.