

Video: War Criminal Henry Kissinger Heckled at New York University Speech

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*New York University students heckled and disrupted an appearance by **Henry Kissinger** on Tuesday, accusing the former US Secretary of State of complicity in war crimes and crimes against humanity.*


Kissinger, now 95, was wheeled into NYU's Stern School of Business on Tuesday evening, where he appeared as part of the school's speaker series 'In Conversation with Mervyn King.'

Meanwhile, protesters – some of them members of the International Socialist Organization – gathered outside to denounce Kissinger's checkered history of bloody foreign policy positions, including his support for Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet in the 1970s, under whom some 80,000 political opponents were jailed and at least 3,000 executed.

Inside, Kissinger was repeatedly interrupted by left-wing protesters, with the first shouting

"Henry Kissinger, on behalf of the International Criminal Court, you are a war criminal, you have committed genocide against the people of the world!" before being escorted out by security.

Comrades at NYU disrupting Henry Kissinger's talk at the Stern School of Business. [#NoWarCriminalsAtNYU pic.twitter.com/FbgkmXGbY3](#)

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Plans are to disrupt the entire event. War criminals and orchestrators of genocides deserve no platform. [pic.twitter.com/fiCujNG5tz](#)

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"Henry Kissinger, you have blood on your hands," another protester piped up. "What about the people of Chile? Live with the results of what you've done."

Like the first interruptor, the second was removed, as the crowd's boos and jeers became louder. The same thing happened when a third protester spoke up.

“You deserve to answer to war crimes!” another shouted, before telling the venerable statesman “You deserve to go to jail and then rot in hell!”

Heckling and chanting continued as Kissinger departed the event later that evening.

A disrupter getting escorted as she tells Kissinger to rot in hell.
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Throughout Kissinger’s long diplomatic career, he was lauded for easing US relations with the Soviet Union and China, as well as negotiating the end of the Vietnam War. However, he has also been criticized for orchestrating a US-sponsored coup in Chile, giving the Argentinian junta free rein to commit mass murder and human rights abuses after the 1976 coup, and supporting Pakistan’s genocide against Bangladesh in 1971.

Kissinger also oversaw the escalation of the Vietnam War into Laos and Cambodia, which devolved into a four-year bombing campaign that killed as many as 100,000 civilians. Worse, it cleared the way for Pol Pot’s Khmer Rouge to take power in Cambodia’s ensuing power vacuum, and commit genocide of an estimated 1.5 million people.

Several student groups had called on NYU to cancel the invite-only event, [writing](#):

“When this man is publicly celebrated as a wise sage of diplomacy, national security, and foreign affairs, his despicable hawkishness is implicitly endorsed.”

The university responded that

“The free exchange of diverse ideas and viewpoints is a fundamental value at NYU. As such, an invited speaker should be able to be heard without disruption.”

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