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**40 years after Ford s presidency**

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Narrated by Jeff Daniels, the film captures interviews with several of Ford's cabinet members including Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld and Dr. Henry Kissinger. Challenges of the Ford presidency are illuminated by some of America's top political reporters and authors including Tom Brokaw, Bob Woodward, Dan Rather and Bonnie Angelo.

The film sheds light on the importance of character and trust as virtues in the world's most powerful position. It also shares how Ford did not have the traditional background associated with the contemporary presidency.

He grew up in the Midwest, earned the rank of Eagle Scout, played college football at the University of Michigan and served in the U.S. Navy. Peter Secchia, former U.S. Ambassador to Italy and personal friend of President Ford, is the film's executive producer.

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