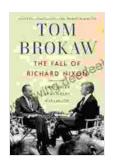
# Reporter Remembers Watergate: A Look Back at the Political Scandal That Shocked the Nation



#### The Fall of Richard Nixon: A Reporter Remembers

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In the early morning hours of June 17, 1972, five men were arrested for breaking into the Democratic National Committee headquarters in the Watergate Office Building in Washington, D.C. The break-in was part of a larger plan by the Nixon administration to spy on the Democratic Party and sabotage their presidential campaign.

The Watergate scandal quickly became one of the biggest political scandals in American history. The scandal led to the resignation of President Richard Nixon, the only president in American history to resign. It also led to the indictment and conviction of dozens of high-ranking government officials, including Nixon's chief of staff, H.R. Haldeman.

Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, two reporters for The Washington Post, played a key role in uncovering the Watergate scandal. Woodward and Bernstein's reporting on the scandal won them the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service in 1973.

In a recent interview, Woodward reflected on the Watergate scandal and its impact on American politics. Woodward said that the scandal was a "watershed moment" in American history. He said that the scandal led to a decline in public trust in the government and a greater skepticism of authority.

Woodward also said that the Watergate scandal is still relevant today. He said that the scandal is a reminder of the importance of a free and independent press. He said that the press is essential to holding the government accountable and protecting the public interest.

### **The Watergate Timeline**

- June 17, 1972: Five men are arrested for breaking into the Democratic National Committee headquarters in the Watergate Office Building.
- June 18, 1972: The Washington Post publishes a story about the break-in, written by reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein.
- June 23, 1972: President Nixon announces the formation of a special task force to investigate the Watergate break-in.
- July 15, 1972: The Senate Select Committee on Presidential
   Campaign Activities begins hearings on the Watergate scandal.
- October 20, 1973: The Saturday Night Massacre: President Nixon fires Archibald Cox, the special prosecutor investigating the Watergate

scandal.

- October 30, 1973: The House Judiciary Committee votes to impeach President Nixon.
- August 8, 1974: President Nixon resigns.

#### The Key Players in Watergate

\* \*\*Richard Nixon:\*\* President of the United States from 1969 to 1974.

Nixon resigned in disgrace after the Watergate scandal. \* \*\*H.R.

Haldeman:\*\* Nixon's chief of staff. Haldeman was convicted of perjury and obstruction of justice in the Watergate scandal. \* \*\*Bob Woodward:\*\* A reporter for The Washington Post who played a key role in uncovering the Watergate scandal. \* \*\*Carl Bernstein:\*\* A reporter for The Washington Post who played a key role in uncovering the Watergate scandal.

#### The Impact of Watergate

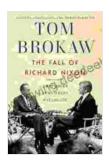
The Watergate scandal had a profound impact on American politics. The scandal led to a decline in public trust in the government and a greater skepticism of authority. The scandal also led to a number of reforms, including the creation of the independent counsel law and the Freedom of Information Act.

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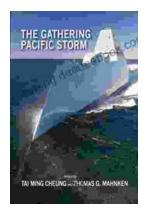
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