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How One Eisenhower Views Nixon

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John Eisenhower, son of the former president and father-in-law of Julie Nixon Eisenhower, says he feels Richard Nixon was guilty of wrongdoing while in office.

"I don't believe he was an innocent man hounded out of office by a vitriolic press," said Eisenhower, 52, whose father, Dwight D. Eisenhower, picked Mr. Nixon as a running mate in 1952.

"He admitted his own complicity — at least I feel he did — in accepting the pardon, and in his resignation statement," Eisenhower said in an interview with the Philadelphia Sunday Bulletin.

"The basic thing was when he got on television and admitted he told a falsehood as President — looking right into the cameras with that earnest face, the presidential shield behind him and everything. That was it.

"There's no doubt that very bad mistakes were made in the White House. I'm quite sure it wouldn't have happened in my dad's time. The mistake Mr. Nixon made was to let these people run their own show — and they weren't equipped for it."

Eisenhower is retired from the Army and living in suburban Phoenixville.

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