

DUCK SOUP

Definition of “Duck Soup” Per [Dictionary.Com](#): An easily accomplished task or assignment, a cinch to succeed, as in *Fixing this car is going to be duck soup*. This expression gained currency as the title of a hilarious popular movie by the Marx Brothers (1933).

The original allusion has been lost. [Early 1900s]

Duck Soup is a 1933 American [pre-Code musical black comedy film](#) written by [Bert Kalmar](#) and [Harry Ruby](#), with additional dialogue by [Arthur Sheekman](#) and [Nat Perrin](#), directed by [Leo McCarey](#). Released theatrically by [Paramount Pictures](#) on November 17, 1933, it starred the [Marx Brothers](#) ([Groucho](#), [Harpo](#), [Chico](#), and [Zeppo](#) in his final Marx Brothers’ movie) and also featured [Margaret Dumont](#), [Louis Calhern](#), [Raquel Torres](#) and [Edgar Kennedy](#). It was the last of five Marx Brothers movies released by Paramount Pictures.^[1] In the film, Groucho portrays the newly installed president of the mythical country of Freedonia. Zeppo is his secretary, while Chico and Harpo are spies for the neighboring country of Sylvania. Relations between Groucho and the Sylvanian ambassador deteriorate during the film, and they go to war at the conclusion.