### Ruby master - Feature #5016

**Kernel#caller with negative limit should limit result to N initial frames**  
07/11/2011 04:44 PM - now (Nikolai Weibull)

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**Description**

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**Related issues:**
- Related to Ruby master - Feature #1906: Kernel#backtrace: Objectifying Kernel...  
  Closed 08/07/2009
- Related to Ruby master - Feature #3917: [proposal] called_from() which is muc...  
  Closed 10/08/2010

**History**

#1 - 07/12/2011 05:40 PM - ddebernardy (Denis de Bernardy)
Dup of #1906 and #3917.

#2 - 07/12/2011 06:14 PM - now (Nikolai Weibull)
I wouldn't say "dup", but it's certainly related. This interface can be used instead of adding Kernel#called_from, if we want to keep the number of methods down. Also, even if we objectify the backtrace as per #1906 that still doesn't mean that we shouldn't have the limit as per this feature request.

#3 - 03/25/2012 04:57 PM - mame (Yusuke Endoh)
- Status changed from Open to Assigned
- Assignee set to ko1 (Koichi Sasada)

#4 - 03/25/2012 05:23 PM - ko1 (Koichi Sasada)
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There are similar proposals.  
https://bugs.ruby-lang.org/issues/3917

Maybe there are other proposals. I want to summarize and implement 2.0.  
At first, I want to know other alternative proposals. Please let me know.

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#5 - 06/26/2012 05:25 AM - ko1 (Koichi Sasada)
- Status changed from Assigned to Closed

See https://bugs.ruby-lang.org/issues/3917