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- In the 1970s congress created two committees, one in the house and one in the senate to over see the intelligence community.
- The committees were created in response to the findings of the wake of the pike and church investigations.
- In today's world lawmakers and watchdog groups often argue if intelligence committees are even doing their jobs.
- Their doubt in the committee's ability to their job only grew stronger when whistleblower Edward Snowden called out the NSA.
- The NSA's surveillance programs proved that the congressional intelligence committees had failed to do their jobs.
- The proven in-efficiency of intelligence committees to do their job has called for congress to begin a full scale investigation of the NSA.

Oversight of Marijuana Laws



Thomas Harrigan



Info on Case

- A senior official with the DEA is testifying before a congressional sub-committee warning about the legalization of marijuana.
- Harrigan said the federal government should not ignore the dangers of the drug.
- Some congressional Republicans accuse the Obama administration of picking which federal laws to enforce.

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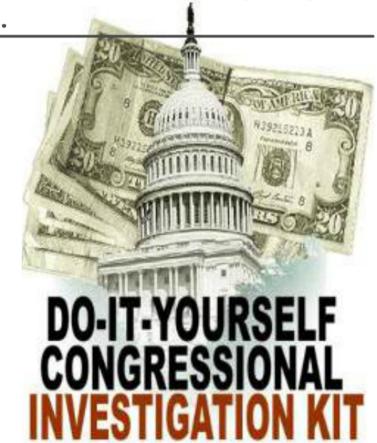
(another implied power of Congress)

Congressional investigations have uncovered many wrongdoings within the executive branch.

They have also focused on the military, private enterprise, and foreign agents.

Result:

By uncovering information and informing the public, investigations have often led to important reform legislation.



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- Republican Representatives in the House felt that the Affordable Care Act was not impacting Americans in a good way.
- This included the cost of increased premiums for healthcare coverage and reduced choice for Americans.
- They examined a variety of issues on the ACA.
- The House rep. Paul Gosar (AZ-R) stated that he doesnt want his constituants being hurt by this "terrible law".