

## Drowning in Confusion

The primary goals of congressional oversight are to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse, and to protect civil liberties and individual rights by ensuring that the executive branch complies with the laws and the Constitution.

Congress is to apply its oversight powers to ensure that federal programs are being administered properly and within budget and whether executive branch officials are obeying the law and complying with the legislative intent of the laws.

The government's oversight charter does not explicitly grant Congress the authority to conduct inquiries or investigations of the executive, to have access to records or materials held by the executive, or to issue subpoenas for documents or testimony from the executive.

How do tax returns have a bearing on how well the executive branch is operating under the constitution, let alone 10 years ago? How do ten year old tax returns have a bearing on the current execution of duties in the WH or exec offices?

I suggest that all documents **specified** by the committee be submitted to their boss and DOJ prior to release to ensure no security information is released nor any info that would come under Executive Privilege.

Hire staffers in WH/DOJ to review all the documents. Two staffers and documents could be ready in 5 years; 50 staffers and you can have them in a year. Deliver all **specified** documents to congress in a single step. Track all the costs of compliance to the oversight committees.

Who is overseeing congressional committees' execution?

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