

Spygate Truth

Episode #5 The Phony Dossier

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The FBI and the Department of Justice claimed they had a strong case against Carter Page. But, really, how solid was their evidence? That's the focus of this report.

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The evidence presented to the FISA Court was based on Christopher Steele's dossier of dirt on Team Trump.

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But Steele had no first hand knowledge of anything written in his dossier. As the Inspector General's report noted:

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"Steele...was not the originating source of any of the factual information..."

Video/Graphics IG P133

"Steele relied upon a Primary Sub-Source who used a network of sub-sources."

Sen. Lindsey Graham

LG What you need to know, this is not what Steele found himself, this is what he gathered from one person.

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But even that one person, the Primary Sub-source, had no first hand knowledge of anything in the dossier. As the IG reported:

Video/Graphics	“Neither Steele nor the Primary Sub-source had direct access to the information being reported.”
Video/Graphics	So, the dossier, the basis for all 4 FISAs was just multiple levels of hearsay.
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William Barr U.S. Attorney General	WB So, they took the Steele dossier which they had done nothing to verify and they used that to get the warrant.
Video/Graphics	The FBI actually did try to confirm the dossier. The man in charge of that
Video/Graphics	was Bill Priestap, the head of the FBI's counterintelligence division.
Video/Graphics	He told the Inspector General “We absolutely understood that the Information...could be inaccurate.”
Video/Graphics	and that it might be part of a Russian disinformation campaign.
Video/Graphics	“We did not ever take the information he provided at face value.
Video/Graphics	We went to great lengths to try to independently verify the source's credibility...
Video/Graphics P 102	and to prove or disprove every single assertion in the dossier.”

Video/Graphics	In early October 2016 an FBI and Justice Department team flew to London where Steele works.
Video/Graphics	Agents wanted to know who his sources were and if Steele could verify the information in the dossier.
Video/Graphics	Steele could not corroborate the dossier. Not that day. Not ever.
Video/Graphics	And he refused to reveal the Primary Sub-source's identity.
John Spiropoulos In Studio	As the FBI spied on Team Trump, it kept trying and failing to corroborate the dossier. Finally, in the FBI kept trying to corroborate Christopher Steele's dossier. In January 2017 the FBI caught what it thought was a break in the case. It found and interviewed the Primary Sub-source for the dossier. In fact, he worked just a few minutes away from the FBI's headquarters in Washington. Did he confirm the dossier? That story in our next episode. This is JS reporting.