

Mike Benz: The CIA Spied on the Trump Campaign With This One Simple Trick!

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SUMMARY

The discussion centers on the implications of the Smith-Mundt Act, which historically prohibited U.S. intelligence agencies from disseminating propaganda domestically. Following its repeal in 2012, concerns have arisen about the potential for these agencies to manipulate public perception and engage in domestic operations, particularly in relation to the Trump-Russia investigation.

- The Smith-Mundt Act (1948-2012) barred U.S. intelligence agencies from lying to American citizens.*
- Its repeal has led to fears of domestic misinformation by agencies like the CIA and FBI.*
- The CIA's involvement in the Trump campaign investigation is highlighted as a misuse of intelligence operations.*
- The Steele dossier, funded by the Clinton campaign, was pivotal in initiating the RussiaGate investigation.*
- John Brennan's testimony to Congress is criticized for being misleading regarding the investigation's basis.*
- The CIA's role is distinguished from law enforcement, emphasizing its focus on foreign threats.*
- The conversation raises concerns about the potential for intelligence agencies to influence domestic politics.*
- There are implications for accountability and legal repercussions for agency officials involved in misleading narratives.*

These are spy agencies whose job is to lie. They are They will fail their job if they are honest. But there was a There was a hard ban put in place under Smith-Mundt on any foreign propaganda being uh basically published at home. And this was a way to say, "Listen, we've we've licensed our spies to lie and to print lies in the media." But we do that to protect American interests abroad, American markets, American national security. And fight the commies. And fight the commies.

Uh But the So we've licensed them to lie to them, but not us. The Smith-Mundt Act protects us from them lying to us. And then the under >> So what happens if that's violated under that act? Like if it turns out that uh a domestic operation is is uncovered >> Mhm. that involves intelligence agents lying to the public for the purposes of what Who even knows? They But they're they're doing it. What happens?

>> Right. What would happen under Smith-Mundt? Well, currently nothing because it's been It was repealed in 2012 under Barack Obama. The So it lasted from 1948 to 2012. It was There was something of the Smith-Mundt Modernization Act, which was smuggled into the NDAA, the National Defense Act Authorization, which is the must-pass, you know, like We don't We're currently under government shutdown. But the NDAA, the military budget and the like. So a lot of times if people will um try to smuggle things into an NDAA because it's never voted against. And this was one of the things that was smuggled in under the Obama

administration. So that firewall that protected Americans from the CIA or the State Department or USAID-funded media lying to them, it lasted from 1948 to 2012. So we've now been over a decade with no protections from our own spy agencies lying to us. The domestic weaponization side of this is We've We've had this big pitbull with a big spike collar and uh you know, a a bad case of rabies, but it's a it's a it's a big bad dog who keeps us safe from the outside. It's hyper-aggressive.

When you bring that dog in the house and it have it at the dinner table next to you, uh you're This thing is trained to maul and protect your family from the outside threats. When you bring that dog in the house, that thing can maul our own family. And this is what we saw. How did they get Trump? They got Trump on RussiaGate. This is how this whole thing started. It started with the CIA and and John Brennan and and James Clapper authorizing CIA infiltration of the Trump campaign and George Papadopoulos and all those got Carter Page and all those guys. The FBI counterintelligence, that's that's the FBI side that works with the CIA. It's counterintelligence because it's countering a foreign country's intelligence agency. Peter Strzok, the guy who told Lisa Page, you know, "Trump's not going to win, right?" Yes, we have an insurance plan. We're working on an insurance plan.

That was the guy in charge of That's FBI counterintelligence. That's the direct side working with the CIA and NSA. >> domestic law enforcement that whose job it is domestically to be like, "Hey, there's bad guys, foreign bad guys. We have to go after them." >> Right. And for example, uh you know, even in a show like Homeland, the CIA is not allowed They're foreign-facing. CIA, State, Pentagon, they are all foreign-facing. But there's an exception to that, a kind of get-out-of National Security Act restrictions free card, which is if you put the word counter in front of it.

Counter You How is the CIA even able to track someone like Carter Page or you know, set set up informants within the the Trump campaign? Well, it's because if they suspect a foreign intelligence agency of using willingly or unwittingly an American citizen, then the CIA can spy on that American citizen to stop that foreign spy agency. And so But just like that, even if you have no predicate, and this is what you you know, as we speak, Jim Jordan, the head of the Weaponization Committee and House Judiciary Committee just referred John Brennan, the CIA director, >> Yeah. for criminal prosecution for lying to Congress about what the predicate they used to start RussiaGate was. The The P dossier, the Steele dossier. When John Brennan testified that that was not used as part of the predicate.

Of course it was, and it took 9 years to get that declassified. It It took President Trump getting, you know, shot in the ear and 91 felony charges against him and his whole presidency, then Biden's whole presidency, and then 6 months into the Trump admin to find the classified annex that from with information from 2016 showing that John Brennan actually did use the Steele dossier as the basis for uh initiating the RussiaGate investigation. But this gets back to it is John Brennan gave a limited hangout.

He said, "Yes, you know, we initiated the RussiaGate investigation because, you know, we had we had high confidence in uh in our sources and in this classified evidence, which you're not allowed to see, but we have a consensus among 17 intelligence agencies uh to give a predicate to investigating the Trump campaign and all of

its different links for, you know, foreign Russian, you know, ties and infiltration and, you know, financial ties and the like. And everyone says, "Well, the only evidence that we've seen appears to be the Steele dossier that BuzzFeed published, and this thing's junk."

So >> And was paid for by the Clinton campaign. >> for by the Clinton campaign. >> Yeah. And then >> It's easy to forget how many crazy things have farmed through British spies who themselves told the FBI, we didn't find out until 9 years later, they told the FBI that they did that they did put together this dossier for two reasons. One, they were paid for by Hillary Clinton and the DNC through Fusion GPS, but the second was because they saw Donald Trump as a threat to the US-UK special relationship. So you've got a dirty dossier written by spies from a foreign country in order to protect that foreign country's interests.

But and we don't get to know any of it because at the time there was no declassification. So John Brennan could get up there and lie to Congress, give a limited hangout. Oh yes, we did launch this investigation. The CIA did spy on the Trump campaign, but we did it for a really good reason. We knew and we know to this day that there are strong links We can corroborate this evidentiary record Paul Manafort. Paul, what about Paul Manafort?

>> Exactly. And so >> Wasn't he corrupt? Right. Which gets back to the Ukraine thing. But the But the point is is they lied and tried to run the clock out on on, you know, statute limitations with perjury. And just like when you give a limited hangout, even if you're busted 5 years, 10 years later, the it's so far out of the news cycle, it's difficult to enforce legally cuz perjury is usually, you know, 5 year statute limitations.

There There's so many ways to lie about what they're doing at every link in the chain so that if one link gets busted, it like gangrene, they can just amputate that link and keep the structure. They're they're interchangeable is what I'm what I'm trying to get at. And the CIA is not a law enforcement agency. It's not. It's a spy agency. The You You don't get arrested by the CIA. You get arrested by the Justice Department. The CIA can do political influence, soft power influence, psychological operations, information shaping, shaping media narratives.

Internationally alone in theory. Internationally alone in theory or domestically to stop some foreign threat. And And this is where you get the CI involved in this RussiaGate type stuff. And then you have the CI playing games with trying to play games with who becomes president, with whether or not the president remains president because if he's a if he's in league with the Russians, well then we have an insider threat at the highest level of the of the American government. We need to get rid of Trump to save Americans from Russian influence. And so you have these CI vectors descending on it. And it's very easy to move through contractors if you can't get official green light, you know, or you don't or you want to try to prevent political blowback from the agency having its fingers on it. You can move through these other, you know, related channels.

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