

# Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee: “We Get More [Info on NSA Spying] In The Newspapers Than In Classified Briefings”

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NSA is a Rogue Agency

Patrick Leahy – the *Chairman* of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and member of the Subcommittees on Defense and Homeland Security for the Appropriations Committee – has top secret clearance.

Leahy [said](#) today:

We sometimes find we get far more in the newspapers — we get crossword puzzles as well — we get more in the newspapers than in classified briefings.

As we’ve repeatedly noted, most [Congress members had no idea what the NSA is doing](#). Even staunch defenders of the NSA – and [congress members on the intelligence oversight committees](#) – now say [they’ve been kept in the dark](#).

Likewise, a Federal judge who was on the secret spying court for 3 years [says that it’s a kangaroo court](#). Even the *current* judges on the secret spying court now admit that [they’re out of the loop and powerless to exercise real oversight](#). When these judges raised concerns about NSA spying, the Justice Department completely [ignored them](#).

In short, there is *no real oversight* by [Congress](#), [the courts](#), or [the executive branch](#) of government. And see [this](#) and [this](#).

While leaker Edward Snowden is treated as a traitor by the fatcats and elites, he is [considered a hero by the American public](#). Members of all 3 branches of government – [Executive, Legislative and Judicial](#) – have *praised* the debate on spying which Snowden’s leaks started.

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