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*“Releasing classified material without authorization threatens our nation’s security and undermines public faith in government.” Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein*

The Majority staff of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs just issued a report on national security leaks coming from the Trump administration. One can only hope that Special Counsel Robert Mueller reads it and uses his team of pro-Democrat prosecutors to investigate.

This Committee, in addition to its role as the chief oversight committee in the Senate, is specifically entrusted with two important responsibilities—to oversee our nation’s federal records and to examine “the effectiveness of present national security methods, staffing, and procedures as tested against the requirements imposed by the rapidly mounting complexity of national security problems.”

Unauthorized release of national security information is a violation of Federal law and presidential directives. Those leaking are subject to prosecution and up to 10 years imprisonment.

The report states that the amount of leaks is alarming and is causing real harm. Susan Hennessey, a Brookings Institution scholar and former National Security Agency lawyer, said that recent disclosures of telephone intercepts are beyond anything in her experience. “This information is really, really sensitive,” she told *The Washington Post*. The *New York Times* wrote in a candid self-assessment: “Journalism in the Trump era has featured a staggering number of leaks from sources across the federal government.” President Obama’s CIA director called the deluge of state secrets “appalling.”

When compared to President's Bush and Obama, the number of leaks are startling. During President Trump's first 126 days in office, there were 125 leaks. These leaks contained information that is potentially damaging to national security under the standards laid out in a 2009 Executive Order signed by President Obama.

During their first 126 days as President, there were 9 leaks in the Bush and 8 in the Obama administrations. Per the report, "of the 125 total stories, half were broken by *The Washington Post* or *The New York Times*. But leaks also flowed to 16 other news organizations, ranging from mainstream newspapers such as *The Wall Street Journal* and wire services such as Reuters, to major television network websites, venerable magazines such as *Foreign Policy*, and relatively newer outlets like *The Daily Beast*."

Many of the leaks presented President Trump in a negative fashion and appeared to be designed to embarrass the administration. More than 70 leaked stories were attributed to "officials", including "U.S. officials"; "former U.S. officials"; "current and former U.S. officials"; "senior U.S. officials"; "former government officials"; "administration officials"; "intelligence officials"; "national security officials"; "Justice Department officials"; "law enforcement officials"; and "defense officials."

The Harvard Kennedy School's Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy also released a study on negative reporting of the Trump administration:

- CNN 93% negative
- NBC 93% negative
- CBS 91% negative
- New York Times 87% negative
- Washington Post 83% negative
- Wall St. Journal 70% negative
- Fox News 52% negative

The American public has been the recipient of an onslaught of negative news about their duly elected President. The purpose appears to be to delegitimize the election of President Trump. The Harvard study states:

“Trump’s coverage during his first 100 days set a new standard for negativity. Of news reports with a clear tone, negative reports outpaced positive ones by 80 percent to 20 percent.”

The intellectual media elite along with politically motivated government “officials” have engaged in a dangerous game that is threatening national security. They are engaged in a coup against the President of the United States.