Learn and Do More

Thank you for tuning in with us to hear Pitt Chancellor Emeritus Mark A. Nordenberg and Susanne Sachsman Grooms discuss the importance of congressional oversight. The following document provides resources mentioned during the interview and suggested action items.

Video References:

- Visit the House Committee on Oversight and Reform’s website to learn more about their vital work.
- Read the text of Article I, Section I of the Constitution, which gives the House Committee on Oversight and Reform its power.
- Check out the Washington Post’s article Soldiers Face Neglect, Frustration At Army’s Top Medical Facility, which exposed the conditions at Walter Reed Hospital.
- Read more on the House Committee on Oversight and Reform’s Investigation of Skyrocketing Prescription Drug Prices.
- Take a look at the House Bill 1046, Medicare Negotiation and Competitive Licensing Act of 2019.
- Read Head of government media agency flouts subpoena, angering Democrats and Republicans.
- Read about the congressional investigation of the Fast and Furious operation, including the misleading February 4, 2011 letter to Congress.
- Read about the Hatch Act and why Federal watchdog agency says Kellyanne Conway should be fired after violating the Hatch Act.
- Look at House Democrats Introduce Landmark Reforms Package, the Protecting Our Democracy Act and House Democrats unveil changes to ‘prevent future presidential abuses’.
- Examine the Bipartisan Policy Center’s report Oversight Matters: What’s Next for Inspectors General.
- View the Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community’s Statement on Processing of Whistleblower Complaints.
- Learn more about Elijah Cummings with Business Insider’s The incredible life of Elijah Cummings: How a sharecropper’s son rose to become one of the fiercest Democrats who took on Trump.

Take Action:

- Vote in 2020 Presidential Election. Apply for a mail-in ballot today using TurboVote.
- Find and contact your federal, state, and local elected officials using this online directory.
- Remind 3 friends to create a voting plan using Rock the Vote’s digital platform.
- Sign up to be a poll worker on election day.
- Host a socially distanced or virtual debate watch party with people of differing perspectives.
- Complete the 2020 Census.
- Check out 75 Things White People Can Do and learn how to be a racial justice ally with this guide.
- Read books like Keeping a Watchful Eye: The Politics of Congressional Oversight by Joel Aberbach.
- Learn more about Congressional oversight with the 2020 Congressional Oversight Manual.

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