
American Presidents and the Intelligence Community

OSHER 283-001

Dates: Tuesdays: January 12 – February 16

Time: 9:30 – 11:00 am

Location: Online via Zoom

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- Week 1:** Introductions and class structure
History of the Intelligence Community
Importance of Foreign Cooperative Intelligence Agencies
The first US “Spymaster” Washington
- Week 2:** 1779 through 1861
Lincoln and his Intelligence bureau
Following Lincoln, another period of passive Presidents
Arthur, Teddy Roosevelt, Taft
- Week 3:** Wilson and World War I
Lead-up to WWII
Roosevelt and Truman and World War II
FBI, OSS, and Military Intelligence
- Week 4:** Eisenhower Era and the Cold War
Kennedy and Cuba
Johnson and the Vietnam War period
Nixon and Kissinger - what a team!
- Week 5:** Carter - intelligence reform
Reagan - understanding of and respect
Bush 1 - Gulf War demonstrated problems with intelligence
Clinton - Intelligence Oversight Board
- Week 6:** Bush 2 - weapons of mass destruction!?!?
Obama and the takedown of Osama Bin Laden
Trump – Turmoil but....!
Biden and the anticipated relationship
Wrap-up