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 Bien Laden
Trump – Turmoil but.....!
Biden and the anticipated relationship
Wrap-up