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THE MEDIA IN INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT:  
**WHO WATCHES THE WATCHERS OF THE WATCHERS?**

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1. The Ethos of the Media: Mixing Messages about Oversight
  - a. The Journalistic ethic: reporting, commentary, advocacy
  - b. Differential structure and role of the Media: television, radio, newspapers, magazines
  - c. The Media market: newsworthiness, sensation, accountability, verification
  - c. Dilemmas of Media coverage of Intelligence: Transparency vs Security; Publicity vs Privacy, Democracy vs oppositionalism
  
2. Challenges of Media Reportage on Intelligence and Security
  - a. Secrecy: investigative reporting vs leaks
  - b. Sources: whistle-blowing vs manipulations
  - c. Reportage: skills vs knowledge
  - d. Power of the Press: Political agendas, Sensationalism, Manipulations
  
3. Hardened Journalism, Tough Cases, Intelligence:
  - a. Media as Untruth: BBC and the Hutton Inquiry)
  - b. Media as Self-interest: RCMP and *Ottawa Citizen* reporter Juliet O'Neill
  - c. Media as Veracity: Israel's Bus 300 affair, 1984.
  
4. Conclusion : About Truth, Truth, and Power