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
   d. 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

4. Conclusion: About Truth, Truth, and Power