

## Overview

Following a more than yearlong, bipartisan investigation into Russia active measures targeting the 2016 U.S. election, the House Intelligence Committee has completed a draft report of 150+ pages, with 600+ citations. The draft report addresses, in detail, <u>each of the questions within the agreed parameters of the investigation, as announced in March 2017</u>. It analyzes:

- Russian active measures directed against the 2016 U.S. election and against our European allies;
- The U.S. government response to that attack;
- Links between Russians and the Trump and Clinton campaigns; and
- Purported leaks of classified information.

## **Initial Findings**

The draft report contains 40+ initial findings that describe:

- A pattern of Russian attacks on America's European allies;
- Russian cyberattacks on U.S. political institutions in 2015-2016 and their use of social media to sow discord;
- A lackluster pre-election response to Russian active measures;
- Concurrence with the Intelligence Community Assessment's judgments, except with respect to Putin's supposed preference for candidate Trump;
- We have found no evidence of collusion, coordination, or conspiracy between the Trump campaign and the Russians;
- How anti-Trump research made its way from Russian sources to the Clinton campaign; and
- Problematic contacts between senior Intelligence Community officials and the media.

## **Proposed Recommendations**

The draft report includes 25+ proposed recommendations for Congress and the executive branch to improve:

- Election security, including protecting vote tallies;
- Support to European allies;
- The U.S. government response to cyber-attacks;
- Campaign finance transparency; and
- Counterintelligence practices related to political campaigns and unauthorized disclosures.

## Conclusion

The draft report will be provided to the Committee minority on March 13 for review and comment. After adoption it will be submitted for a declassification review, and a declassified version will be made public. The report's completion will signify the closure of one chapter in the Committee's robust oversight of the threat posed by Moscow—which <u>began well before the investigation</u> and will continue thereafter.

Additional follow-on efforts arising from the investigation include oversight of the unmasking of Americans' names in intelligence reports, FISA abuse, and other matters.