

Gabbard slams Clapper, Brennan for thinking they could 'undermine' a 'duly elected president'

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Director of National Intelligence (DNI) Tulsi Gabbard on Wednesday slammed former CIA Director John Brennan and former DNI James Clapper for believing they had the "right to undermine the duly elected president of the United States because they disagree with his positions or his policies."

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Gabbard said government officials should be solely focused on "serving the American people and upholding the Constitution," and accused the two former intelligence officials of failing in that manner.

"For me to be here as the eighth director of national intelligence and uncover how James Clapper and others like John Brennan manufactured intelligence to try to undermine President Trump's administration and presidency, and the voices of the American people, and then go back to the founding of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence that came about as a result of the terrorist attack on 9/11 and the manufacturing of intelligence to support the regime-change war in Iraq that George Bush led is an interesting bookend," Gabbard said in a speech at the National Conservatism conference.

Brennan and Clapper have defended their investigation and claimed they tried to be neutral by keeping their intelligence review under wraps because any leaks about Russia's alleged meddling would become "political dynamite."

Gabbard said there have also been instances where the federal government used false information to obtain warrants to illegally spy on American citizens, according to the Daily Signal.

"These are just a few of, unfortunately, what is a long list of known examples of politicization and weaponization that all point to the truth that many of us here in this room know, which is that the rot runs deep, and it's not just in the intelligence community," the director said.

"I've seen examples of this across almost every federal agency," she continued. "So it requires us all to confront the uncomfortable truth that we have these conspirators, these traitors to the Constitution, who are working within our government, who dangerously believe that they are not only above the law, but ... the Constitution and the Bill of Rights."

Gabbard said it was important to refocus the country on pursuing the truth because the former administration and rogue government employees are hurting the United States and maintained that she was committed to reporting the truth.

"I'm grateful to serve in this position, grateful to President Trump for entrusting me with this mission to truly seek the truth, find the truth and tell the truth to the American people, so that true accountability and true change, lasting change can come about," she concluded.