



The Imperial Presidency

By Noam Chomsky

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We have created an imperial presidency. The Congress no longer is able to articulate a vision of what is the common good. The Congress exists primarily to ensure the reelection of members of Congress...Â Because of this preoccupation, this fascination with the presidency, the President has become what we have instead of genuine politics, instead of genuine democracy We look to the next President to fix things and, of course, that lifts all responsibility from me to fix things. The Imperial Presidency, by Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr., is a book published in 1973 by Houghton Mifflin. This book details the history of the Presidency of the United States from its conception by the Founding Fathers through the latter half of the 20th century. Schlesinger wrote the book out of two concerns: first, that the US Presidency was out of control and second, that the Presidency had exceeded its constitutional limits. The most extreme example of an Imperial Presidency is the Nixon Administration, especially with reference to the Watergate Scandal. In a similar fashion to reliance of Ronald Reagan on advisors can also be considered a court, especially when looking at the Iran Contra Affair. Criticisms of the Theory. Ever since Schlesinger published his theory in 1973, criticisms of an Imperial Presidency have arisen. The main arguments are that. The Executive Office by comparison with the rest of the Federal Bureaucracy is relatively small. An Imperial President requires the Imperial machinery of global hegemony, and so the National Security State replaced the elected government as the real power. For a peek behind the curtain of the Imperial Presidency's powers, please read The Enemies Briefcase: Secret powers and the presidency. (via Cheryl A.) The last time the U.S. Congress pushed back against the Imperial Presidency and Security Agencies was 45 years ago, in 1975.