



## IRS scandal asks question, did the White House know?

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We asked you if you thought White House officials knew about the IRS scandal. 75 percent said yes, 17 percent said no and eight percent were unsure.

We're finding out the efforts taking place to hold more people accountable.

A new week and new attempts to answer some permeating questions in this ongoing IRS investigation.

"The first time the White House was aware of this investigation was a few weeks ago when our counsel's office was notified that it was happening," explained White House Communications Director Jay Carney on NBC's 'Meet the Press.'

"Right now the biggest missing piece is who knew what and when they knew it," believes John Samples, Director of the Cato Institute Center for Representative Government.

Samples says given the history of corruption of the IRS, testimony last week just scratched the surface.

From Friday's hearing, "did you ever have any contact, either by e-mail, phone or in person, with the White House regarding the targeting of tax-exempt groups from 2010 until today?" questioned one lawmaker.

"Absolutely not," came the answer.

But the Inspector General revealed that in 2012, before the election, officials at the Treasury Department were made aware of the ongoing investigation, raising new questions about who, if anyone, knew anything inside the White House.

Several lines in the IG report timeline, including the first one, are blurred out. So why wouldn't the president be informed?

"One of the ways Washington works is that lawyers have a way of protecting their clients, particularly if your client is president of the United States," Samples said

Concerns of a cover-up in the name of politics are not going away

"It seems like the truth is hidden from the American people just long enough to make it through an election," commented Rep. Dave Camp, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.