

Will Comey's Testimony Matter?

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Senate Republicans Put Trump on Notice:

On Thursday, for three riveting hours, the Senate confirmed that it can still perform its constitutional role by conducting a fair and neutral investigation into potential misconduct within the executive branch. Senators on both sides of the aisle asked probing questions about former Comey's interactions with the president and his administration. More pressingly, their questions drilled down into the specific elements of the crime of obstruction of justice in order to make public what precisely Trump did, and did not, do. In our era of partisan gridlock, these proceedings were refreshingly professional.

Since Trump's inauguration, alas, the norm has become that the judiciary resolves all manner of political questions. This is not how our separation of powers is structured. Thursday's hearings serve as a reminder that Congress remains fully able to provide oversight of the executive branch.

President Trump is now on notice that he is subject to scrutiny, even by members of its own party. If dissent on the Republican side of the aisle continues to grow, this administration will be remain under fire.

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