

Senator Rand Paul Rebuked the Deep State for Secrecy and Called for Congress to Take Back Power to Declare War

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Senator Rand Paul organized a press conference outside the CIA's briefing on the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi that the lawmaker was blocked from attending, even though he is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Paul said that only eight Congressmen are given intelligence information, which creates an oligarchy-like system instead of a democratic system. Paul called out the deep state and argued that, if lawmakers aren't allowed to have access to the intelligence community's conclusions, they can't provide oversight. Paul said that the Senate needs to take back foreign policy as the president lacks the authority to declare war (in Yemen) without permission from the Senate. He said that 63 Senators support a vote for a resolution requiring President Trump to stop support for Saudi Arabia's war in Yemen.