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### TAPED

Even before Watergate, the U.S. government wiretapped citizens.

In 1970, the U.S. Civil Service Commission admitted to having a "Security Investigations Index" containing over 10 million citizen names.

And the U.S. Military admitted surveillance of anti-Vietnam war activists.



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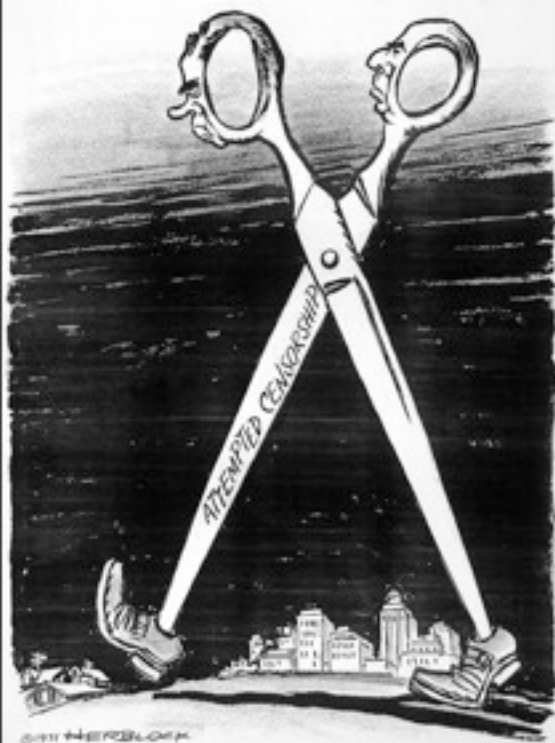
### "New Figure On The American Scene"

In 1971, the New York Times and several other U.S. newspapers began publishing the "Pentagon Papers", government documents that exposed details about American involvement in Indochina.

The Nixon Administration attempted to suppress publication of the papers.

Ultimately, the Supreme Court rejected requests for a permanent injunction due to Nixon's repeated attempts to curb public information.

### NEW FIGURE ON THE AMERICAN SCENE



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### "There's No Need For An Independent Investigation..."

During the presidential election in 1972, reports surfaced concerning serious violations of campaign regulations.

The General Accounting Office found numerous irregularities in reports by the Republican Committee to Re-elect the President (CREP).

Democrats called for an independent investigation but the administration said it would investigate itself.

"THERE'S NO NEED FOR AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION,  
WE HAVE EVERYTHING WELL IN HAND"



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### National-Security Blanket

On May 22, 1973, Nixon admitted that he had concealed information in the case involving the break-in at Democratic Headquarters.

Nixon claimed he was only involved in order to protect national security "operations".

He claimed innocence of any wrongdoing and said he had no intention of leaving office.

### NATIONAL-SECURITY BLANKET



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### Nixon Awash

By June 1973, the entire country was wrapped up in the televised hearings of the Senate Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities.

During the June 25 session, former presidential counsel John Dean began testimony before the committee. By the time he was finished, Dean had directly accused Nixon of involvement in the Watergate coverup.



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### "I Am Not A Crook"

On November 17, 1973, President Nixon told 400 Associated Press managing editors that he had not personally profited from public service.

"I have earned every cent. In all of my years in public life I have never obstructed justice. People need to know whether or not their president is a crook. Well. I'm not a crook," he declared.

Four months later an IRS investigation revealed that Nixon owed \$433,000 in back taxes.



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### Un-indicted Co-conspirator

By July 1974, Nixon's vice-president, Spiro Agnew, pleaded "no contest" to tax evasion charges and resigned.

Nixon's closest aides had been convicted of illegal activities and the Water-gate grand jury named Nixon an "un-indicted co-conspirator." The jury recommended impeachment and the Supreme Court required Nixon to turn over all of his subpoenaed tapes.

He resigned August 9, 1974.

### UNINDICTED CO-CONSPIRATOR



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### "Move Over..."

Incidentally, there were many other Nixon scandals even before Watergate.

These included improper influence by ITT Corp. with the Republican National Committee; Nixon's involvement with milk prices that amounted to a shakedown for campaign funds; plus, establishment of quotas on businesses to boost campaign donations.

And don't forget all that taxpayer money spent on Nixon's San Clemente and Key Biscayne homes.

### "MOVE OVER, WE CAN'T STAY IN A HOLDING PATTERN FOREVER!"



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### Cardboard Reagan

BTW, Republican President and conservative icon, Ronald Reagan (a.k.a. Teflon Ron) had his share of scandals.

Reagan's own Iranian hostage crisis evolved into a holy mess. The suicide attack on a Marine barracks in Beirut resulted in the deaths of 241 Americans. And can you say "Iran-Contra?"

Domestically, the Reagan Administration had indictments in the EPA and resignations in HUD due to corruption.

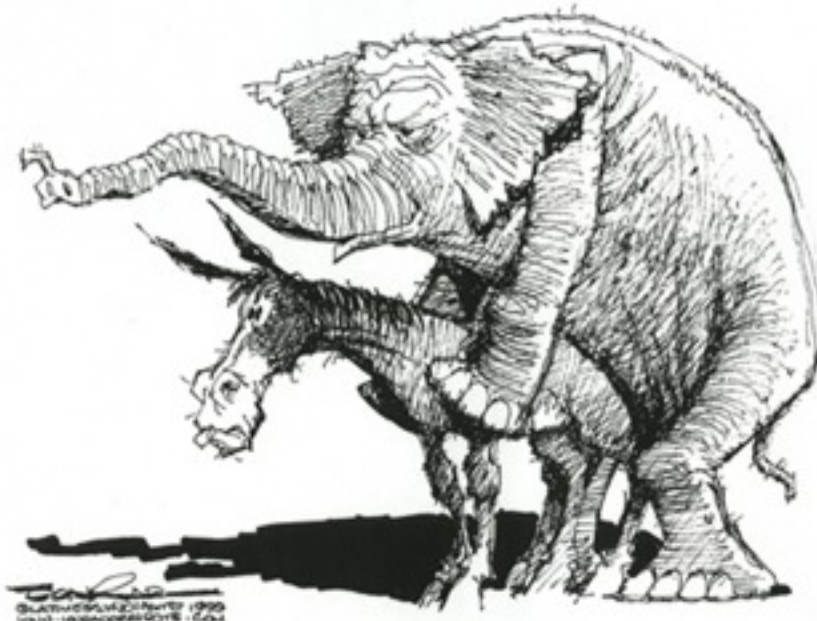
### CARDBOARD RONALD REAGAN



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### CONGRESSIONAL BIPARTISANSHIP



An infamous cartoon by Los Angeles Times cartoonist Paul Conrad (1924 - 2010). Conrad earned three Pulitzer Prizes but thought his proudest career achievement was being included on Richard Nixon's White House Enemies List.