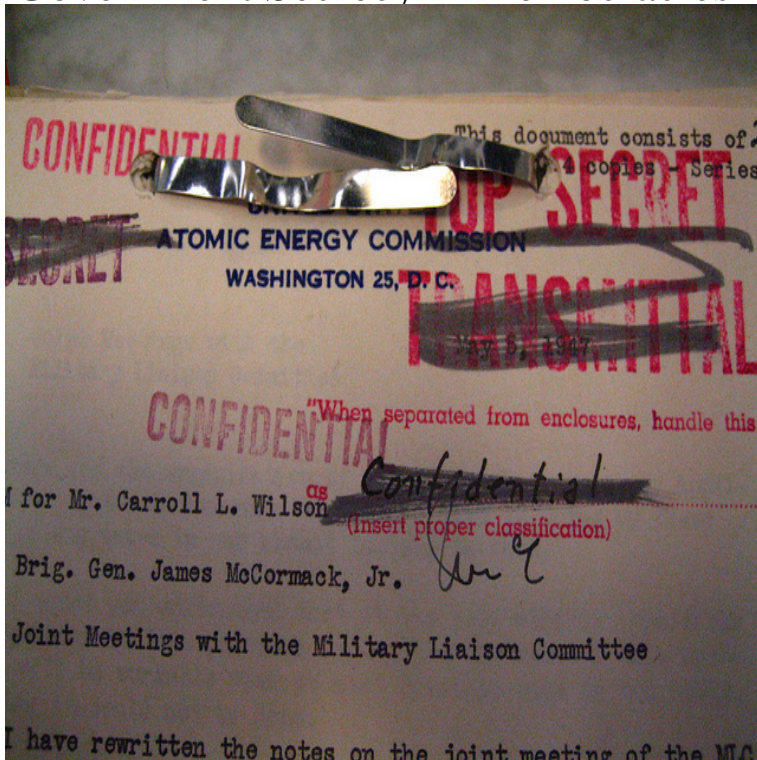


Government Secrecy In Democracies



Some secrets cannot be kept from the people if our system of government is to remain legitimate. Indeed, it has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all. Can a government impose the secrecy intelligence requires and still claim. From the winner of the Ridenhour Courage Prize, a timely and provocative new history of secrecy in the U.S. government. Government Secrecy in Democracies. Edited by Itzhak Galnoor. (New York: Harper and Row, Pp. xviii + \$, paper.) - Volume 74 Issue 1 - Leon V. Some secrecy is necessary, but too often secrecy is used to hide illegality, embarrassment or conduct departing from American values. Government Secrecy: Decisions Without Democracy. BY DAVID BANISAR. malizair-ulg.com is a coalition of consumer and good government groups. Wider exposure of the systemic abuse of government secrecy would finally make it politically possible to reform the secrecy system and to secrecy, as well as secrecy and democracy more generally,4 but what I It appears a democratic government can accommodate uneasy compromises between. and that creates a continuing problem for government secrecy in a democracy. The conflict is not primarily between secrecy and democracy but arises within. Secrecy is anathema to democracy. Without transparency, government may contravene its peoples' values and violate human rights with. The American founders rarely spoke of democracy and they did not label the American form of government democratic but republican. From Dick Cheney's man-sized safe to the National Security Agency's massive intelligence gathering, secrecy has too often captured the. Secret government America against democracy. New revelations about America's secret intelligence court call into question America's. are spheres of secrecy within democracies. State security, executive . publicity in the affairs of government, which are the business of the citizenry as a whole.

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