

TIMELINE:
**Congressional Oversight in the Face of Executive Branch and Media
Suppression: The Case Study of Crossfire Hurricane**

2009

- FBI opens a counterintelligence investigation of the individual who would become Christopher Steele’s primary sub-source because of his ties to Russian intelligence officers.¹
- **June 2009:** FBI New York Field Office (NYFO) interviews Carter Page, who “immediately advised [them] that due to his work and overseas experiences, he has been questioned by and provides information to representatives of [another U.S. government agency] on an ongoing basis.”²

2011

- **February 2011:** CBS News investigative journalist Sharyl Attkisson begins reporting on “Operation Fast and Furious.” Later in the year, Attkisson notices “anomalies” with several of her work and personal electronic devices that persist into 2012.³

2012

- **September 11, 2012:** Attack on U.S. installations in Benghazi, Libya.⁴

2013

- **March 2013:** The existence of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s private email server becomes publicly known.⁵
- **May 2013:**
 - News reports reveal Obama’s Justice Department investigating leaks of classified information and targeting reporters, including secretly seizing “two months of phone records for reporters and editors of The Associated Press,”⁶ labeling Fox News reporter James Rosen as a “co-conspirator,” and obtaining a search warrant for Rosen’s personal emails.⁷
- **May 10, 2013:** Reports reveal that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) targeted and unfairly scrutinized conservative organizations seeking tax-exempt status.⁸

- **May 22, 2013:** IRS official Lois Lerner is called to testify in front of Congress regarding the IRS targeting scandal and pleads the Fifth.⁹
- **Mid-2013:** Attkisson and CBS announce “publicly that her personal devices had been accessed and compromised.”¹⁰

2014

- **February 2014:** The Revolution of Dignity takes place in Ukraine.¹¹
- **February 2, 2014:** President Obama says that there was “not even a smidgen of corruption” regarding the IRS’s targeting of conservative organizations.¹²
- **March 5, 2014:** Lois Lerner once again pleads the Fifth in front of a congressional committee, refusing to answer questions about the IRS’s targeting of conservative organizations.¹³
- **April 21, 2014:** Vice President Joe Biden is described as “the public face of the administration’s handling of Ukraine.”¹⁴
- **May 12, 2014:** Burisma announces Hunter Biden joining its board of directors.¹⁵
- **May 20, 2014:** Secretary of State John Kerry’s former Chief of Staff, David Leiter, becomes a lobbyist for Burisma.¹⁶
- **September 2014:** In response to congressional inquiries about the IRS’s targeting of conservative organizations, the IRS admits that years of potentially-responsive records, including many of Lois Lerner's emails, had been lost due hard-drive crashes.¹⁷
- **November 20, 2014:** Senior State Department officials Paul W. Jones and Jonathan Winer plan to meet Christopher Steele at the State Department to discuss Steele's private intelligence reporting on the Russian military intervention in Ukraine.¹⁸

2015

- **February 2015:** State Department official George Kent raises concerns to Vice President Joe Biden’s staff that Hunter Biden’s position on Burisma’s board of directors “could create the perception if a conflict of interest.”¹⁹
- **February 12, 2015:** Vice President Joe Biden says that he’ll make a decision about running for president “sometime at the end of the summer.”²⁰

- **March 2, 2015:** The New York Times reports that Secretary Clinton “exclusively used a private email account to conduct government business while Secretary of State” from January 2009 to February 2013.²¹
- **March 12, 2015:** Chairman Johnson opens investigation into Secretary Clinton’s use of a private email server.²²
- **March 2015:** Paul Combetta of Platte River Networks removes the emails from Secretary Clinton’s server using Bleachbit after realizing he had failed to implement the new email retention period several months earlier.²³
- **April 12, 2015:** Hillary Clinton announces presidential run.²⁴
- **June 16, 2015:** Donald Trump announces presidential run.²⁵
- **July 10, 2015:** FBI opens “Midyear Exam” investigation (MYE).²⁶
- **October 2015:**
 - Fusion GPS hires Nellie Ohr, the wife of DOJ employee, Bruce Ohr, to conduct research on Paul Manafort, among others.²⁷
 - State Department official Amos Hochstein speaks with Vice President Joe Biden in the West Wing of the White House about Hunter Biden’s position on Burisma’s board.²⁸
- **October 11, 2015:** On *60 Minutes*, President Obama calls Secretary Clinton’s actions “a mistake” but states that it did not “pose a national security problem.” Obama further says the issue was “ginned up” because of the presidential race.²⁹
- **October 21, 2015:**
 - The Vice President’s office receives a press inquiry from the Wall Street Journal regarding whether “Hunter’s involvement with Mr. Zlochevsky – who for many Ukrainians has come to symbolize the sort of behavior the Vice President is demanding the country put to an end – undermines the U.S. message[.]”³⁰
 - Vice President Joe Biden announces he will not run for president in 2016.³¹
- **November 2015:** Burisma hired Blue Star Strategies, a Democrat lobbying firm.³²
- **December 7-9, 2015:**
 - Vice President Joe Biden travels to Ukraine and reportedly threatens to withhold \$1 billion in U.S. loan guarantees to Ukraine if President Poroshenko does not fire Prosecutor General Viktor Shokin.³³

- December 7, 2015: The Wall Street Journal publishes “Ukrainians See Conflict in Biden’s Anticorruption Message”³⁴
- December 8, 2015: The New York Times publishes “Joe Biden, His Son and the Case Against a Ukrainian Oligarch.”³⁵

2016

- **January 2016:** The FBI opened a money laundering and tax evasion investigation of Paul Manafort.³⁶
- **January 19-21, 2016:**
 - Ukrainian delegation meets with U.S. officials:
 - Obama White House National Security Council (including Eric Ciaramella and Elisabeth Zentos)
 - Department of Justice
 - FBI
 - Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General
 - Department of State³⁷
 - According to Andrii Telizhenko, a political officer in the Ukraine Embassy in Washington, D.C. who participated in a January 2016 meeting, “U.S. officials volunteered . . . that they had an interest in reviving a closed investigation into payments to U.S. figures from Ukraine’s Russia-backed Party of Regions,” which refers to the investigation that involved Paul Manafort.³⁸ He “recalled DOJ officials asking investigators from Ukraine’s National Anti-Corruption Bureau (NABU) if they could help locate new evidence about the Party of Regions’ payments and its dealings with Americans.”³⁹
- **March 14, 2016:** George Papadopoulos meets with Joseph Mifsud for the first time in Rome, Italy.⁴⁰
- **March 21, 2016:** Carter Page joins the Trump campaign.⁴¹
- **March 28, 2016:** Paul Manafort joins the Trump campaign.⁴²
- **March 29, 2016:** Ukraine’s parliament votes to remove Viktor Shokin from office.⁴³
- **April 2016:**
 - Russia reportedly steals information from the DCCC and DNC networks.⁴⁴
 - Marc Elias, of the law firm Perkins Coie, representing the Clinton Campaign, retains Fusion GPS.⁴⁵

- **April 4, 2016:** FBI's New York Field Office opens a counterintelligence investigation on Carter Page.⁴⁶
- **April 10, 2016:** President Obama speaks with Fox News Sunday about the Clinton email investigation: Obama calls Clinton "careless" but says "she would never intentionally do anything to endanger the security of the United States with her emails."⁴⁷
- **April 12, 2016:** FBI Director James Comey meets with FBI chief of staff James Rybicki, Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates, and DOJ official Matthew Axelrod to discuss how the FBI and DOJ would close MYE investigation. They agree to prepare a memo and hold a joint DOJ/FBI press conference.⁴⁸
- **May 2016:**
 - George Papadopoulos meets with a representative of a Friendly Foreign Government (FFG).⁴⁹
 - Fusion GPS's Glenn Simpson meets Christopher Steele "at a European airport and inquire[s] whether Steele could assist in determining Russia's actions related to the 2016 U.S. elections, whether Russia was trying to achieve a particular election outcome, whether candidate Donald Trump had any personal and business ties in Russia, and whether there were any ties between the Russian government and Trump and his campaign."⁵⁰
- **May 1-2, 2016:** CrowdStrike is hired by the DNC and conducts an investigation into apparent breach of DNC's network.⁵¹
- **May 2, 2016:** FBI Director James Comey emails his draft statement clearing Secretary Clinton of any wrongdoing.⁵²
- **May 4, 2016:**
 - Donald Trump wins Indiana primary and becomes the presumptive Republican nominee for president.⁵³
 - FBI Deputy Assistant Director Peter Strzok texts FBI Special Counsel Lisa Page: "Now the pressure really starts to finish MYE." Page responds: "It sure does."⁵⁴
- **May 11, 2016:** Devon Archer is among six others charged by the Department of Justice for defrauding a Native American Tribe and investors of over \$60 million.⁵⁵
- **May 19, 2016:** Paul Manafort is promoted to Chairman of the Trump campaign.⁵⁶
- **June 2016:** Fusion GPS hires Christopher Steele.⁵⁷

- **June 13, 2016:** CrowdStrike alerts FBI that Russian actors hacked the DNC network.⁵⁸
 - FBI never requests or obtains access to DNC servers.⁵⁹
- **June 14, 2016:** “[T]he DNC approached and cooperated with *The Washington Post* to publish an article announcing that the Russian intelligence services had hacked the DNC.”⁶⁰
- **June 20, 2016:** According to Glenn Simpson of Fusion GPS, this was the date of Steele’s first memo (dossier).⁶¹
- **June 27, 2016:** Attorney General Loretta Lynch meets with former President Bill Clinton on the tarmac at a Phoenix airport.⁶²
- **July 2, 2016:** FBI interviews Hillary Clinton, who is accompanied by her longtime aides (who are also lawyers), in Washington, D.C.⁶³
- **July 5, 2016:**
 - FBI Director James Comey exonerates Hillary Clinton in a national press conference.⁶⁴
 - Christopher Steele meets with FBI agent in London. Steele provides a report.⁶⁵
- **July 22, 2016:** WikiLeaks releases DNC emails.⁶⁶
- **July 26, 2016:** Secretary Hillary Clinton allegedly approves a proposal to “vilify Donald Trump by stirring up a scandal claiming interference by Russian security services.”⁶⁷
- **July 27, 2016:** Trump says, “Russia, if you’re listening, I hope you’re able to find the 30,000 emails that are missing.”⁶⁸
- **July 28, 2016:**
 - FBI HQ counterintelligence division (CD) receives FFG information.⁶⁹
 - FBI NYFO receives two Steele election reports.⁷⁰
 - Page texts McCabe: “You should read this – the D[irector] surely has by now. Some of the internal links are well worth your time. [] Trump a Russian Agent? A Legal Analysis[,] <https://www.lawfareblog.com/trump-russian-agent-legal-analysis>”⁷¹
- **July 30, 2016:** Bruce and Nellie Ohr meet with Christopher Steele.⁷²

- **July 31, 2016:** The FBI opens Crossfire Hurricane (CFH) “as an umbrella counterintelligence investigation”⁷³
- **Early August 2016:**
 - CIA Director John Brennan reportedly alerts Obama White House officials about Putin’s plans to interfere with the U.S. presidential election.⁷⁴
- **August 5, 2016:** Strzok texts Page: “Went well, best we could have expected. Other than [REDACTED] quote, ‘the White House is running this.’”⁷⁵
- **August 6, 2016:** Page texts Strzok: “And maybe you’re meant to stay where you are because you’re meant to protect the country from that menace.”⁷⁶
- **August 8, 2016:** FBI Special Counsel Lisa Page texts FBI DAD Peter Strzok, “[Trump’s] not ever going to become president, right? Right?!” Strzok replies, “**No. No he’s not. We’ll stop it.**”⁷⁷
- **August 10, 2016:** FBI NYFO’s investigation of Carter Page is transferred to CFH.⁷⁸
- **August 14, 2016:** *N.Y. Times* publishes article about Paul Manafort’s business dealings in Ukraine based on a leaked ledger.⁷⁹
- **August 15, 2016:** Strzok texts Lisa Page: “I want to believe the path you threw out for consideration in Andy [McCabe]’s office—that **there’s no way he gets elected**—but I’m afraid **we can’t take that risk. It’s like an insurance policy** in the unlikely event you die before you’re 40”⁸⁰
- **August 16, 2016:** As part of its CFH investigation, the FBI opens a case on Lt. General Michael Flynn and gives it the codename “Crossfire Razor.”⁸¹
- **August 17, 2016:** FBI and ODNI provide a strategic intelligence briefing for Trump and selected advisors.⁸² This briefing did not address the allegations contained in the FFG information;⁸³ a CFH agent attends and memorializes the results of the briefing.⁸⁴
- **August 19, 2016:** Paul Manafort resigns from Trump campaign.⁸⁵
- **August 25, 2016:** McCabe directs CFH to contact FBI NYFO for helpful information.⁸⁶
- **August 27, 2016:** Democratic leader Harry Reid pens letter to FBI Director Comey about allegations that the Russian government tampering with the presidential election.⁸⁷
- **Late August – Early September 2016:** Brennan individually briefs congressional members of the “Gang of Eight” on Russia’s efforts to interfere in the 2016

election.⁸⁸

- **September 7, 2016:** The CIA sends an investigative referral to FBI Director Comey and Deputy Assistant Director Peter Strzok regarding information about Hillary Clinton's "approval of a plan concerning US presidential candidate Donald Trump and Russian hackers hampering US elections as a means of distracting the public from her use of a private email server."⁸⁹
- **September 8, 2016:** Comey, DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson, and President Obama's Homeland Security Advisor Lisa Monaco brief Members of Congress about the Russian Government's attempts to interfere in the 2016 election. The briefers assure Members that the Administration has the matter under control and ask for Congress's help in reinforcing public confidence in the election.⁹⁰
- **September 19, 2016:** CFH team receives six Steele reports.⁹¹
- **September 23, 2016:** *Yahoo News* publishes story about Carter Page similar to Steele reporting.⁹²
- **September 26, 2016:** Carter Page ends association with the Trump campaign.⁹³
- **Early October 2016:**
 - Papadopoulos is dismissed from Trump campaign.⁹⁴
 - Christopher Steele meets his FBI contact in Rome with a "stack of new intelligence reports."⁹⁵
- **October 7, 2016:** DNI and DHS attribute DNC hack to Russia.⁹⁶
- **October 11, 2016:** Steele meets officials at the State Department.⁹⁷ Steele also meets with reporters from the *NY Times*, *Washington Post*, and *Yahoo! News*.⁹⁸
- **October 13, 2016:** FBI Transnational Organized Crime Section Chief informs DOJ Attorney Bruce Ohr that FBI counterintelligence agents were examining Steele's reporting.⁹⁹
- **October 18, 2016:**
 - Steele emails DOJ Attorney Bruce Ohr about a "quite urgent" matter to discuss.¹⁰⁰
 - Ohr schedules meeting with McCabe; Ohr meets with McCabe and Lisa Page, he explains Steele's connection to Glen Simpson and his wife, and they tell Ohr to contact the FBI if he hears again from Steele.¹⁰¹
 - Either McCabe or Lisa Page briefs Strzok about their meeting with Ohr.¹⁰²

- **October 21, 2016:** FISC approves FISA warrant for Carter Page (Yates).¹⁰³
- **October 31, 2016:** *Mother Jones* publishes article based on information from Steele.¹⁰⁴
- **November 1, 2016:** FBI terminates relationship with Steele.¹⁰⁵
- **November 8, 2016:** Donald Trump is elected President.
- **November 10, 2016:** In a meeting in the Oval Office, President Obama reportedly warns President-elect Trump about hiring Flynn.¹⁰⁶
- **November 17, 2016:**
 - FBI officially closes Steele as a source for cause.¹⁰⁷
 - Strzok texts Lisa Page about the possibility of “develop[ing] potential relationships” at a November 2016 FBI briefing for the Trump presidential transition team staff.¹⁰⁸ They discuss sending someone who can “assess . . . any new[] Q[uestion]s, or different demeanor.”¹⁰⁹
- **November 18, 2016:** Trump announces that Flynn will serve as national security advisor.¹¹⁰
- **November 21, 2016:** Bruce Ohr meets with Lisa Page, Strzok, and other FBI officials to discuss “Steele’s background and reliability as a source and to identify his source network.”¹¹¹
- **November 23, 2016:** During a discussion of how much a subject was paid to work on the Trump campaign, an FBI colleague instant messages an FBI attorney, “Is it making you rethink your commitment to the Trump administration?” The FBI attorney, Kevin Clinesmith, responds “Hell no,” and “Viva le resistance.”¹¹²
- **December 6, 2016:** President Obama tasks “the [Intelligence Community], through Director Clapper, to assemble [into a single document] all the information held by the [Intelligence Community] relating to Russian attempts to interfere in the 2016 election[.]”¹¹³
- **December 9, 2016:** *Washington Post* article, “Secret CIA assessment says Russia was trying to help Trump win White House”¹¹⁴
- **December 10, 2016:**
 - Ohr receives thumb drive from Simpson containing Steele’s reports.¹¹⁵
 - Ohr gives thumb drive to the FBI.¹¹⁶

- **December 15, 2016:** Strzok texts Lisa Page, “Think our sisters have begun leaking like mad. Scorned and worried and political, they’re kicking in to overdrive.”¹¹⁷
- **December 16, 2016:** *Washington Post* article, “FBI in agreement with CIA that Russia aimed to help Trump win White House.”¹¹⁸
- **December 22, 2016:** Phone call between Flynn and Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak.¹¹⁹
- **December 29, 2016:**
 - President Obama announces sanctions on Russia “ejecting 35 suspected Russian intelligence operatives from the United States and imposing sanctions on Russia’s two leading intelligence services.”¹²⁰
 - Phone call between Flynn and Russian Ambassador Kislyak.¹²¹

2017

- **January 3, 2017:**
 - Strzok texts Lisa Page: “[Bill Priestap], like us, is concerned with over sharing. Doesn’t want Clapper giving C[rossfire]R[azor] cuts to WH. All political, just shows our hand and potentially makes enemies.”¹²²
- **January 5, 2017:** Clapper, Michael Rogers, Brennan, and Comey brief the Intelligence Community Assessment (ICA) on suspected Russian election interference to Obama and his national security team.¹²³
- **January 6, 2017:**
 - Clapper, Brennan, Rogers, and Comey brief Trump on ICA at Trump Tower; after the briefing, pursuant to Clapper’s suggestion, Comey alone briefs Trump on Steele reporting.¹²⁴
 - Comey tells Trump that the “FBI did not know whether the allegations were true or false and that the FBI was not investigating them.”¹²⁵
 - Congressional leadership briefed on ICA.¹²⁶
- **January 7, 2017:** Comey memorializes his discussion with Trump and writes, “I [] executed the session exactly as I had planned.”¹²⁷
- **January 10, 2017:** BuzzFeed publishes the Steele reports.¹²⁸
- **January 12, 2017:** *Washington Post*’s David Ignatius reveals conversations between Flynn and Kislyak.¹²⁹

- **January 12 2017:** FISC grants first renewal for Carter Page FISA (Yates).¹³⁰
- **January 13, 2017:** Regarding the Flynn-Kislyak conversations, one FBI analyst writes, “FYI - someone leaked the Flynn calls with Kislyak to the WSJ.” A minute later, an FBI analyst clarifies that the article about Flynn was “[p]ublished this morning by Ignatius.” The FBI analysts continue to discuss: “It’s got to be someone on the staff . . . PDB staff . . . Or WH seniors.”¹³¹
- **January 20, 2017:**
 - Donald Trump is inaugurated as President of the United States.
 - Before leaving the White House, outgoing National Security Advisor Susan Rice sends herself an email memorializing her recollection of the Jan. 5, 2017 intelligence briefing to President Obama discussing the FBI investigation and the Steele dossier (*see entry for Jan. 5, 2017*).¹³²
 - Rice writes that Obama stressed that he wanted “every aspect of this issue [] handled by the Intelligence and law enforcement communities [to be done] ‘by the book.’”¹³³
- **January 22, 2017:**
 - Flynn is sworn in as national security advisor.¹³⁴
 - Regarding whom to notify about speaking with Flynn, an FBI official emails Strzok and Page, “if we usually tell the WH, then I think we should do what we would normally do.”¹³⁵
- **January 23, 2017:**
 - Strzok texts Page, “A one-hour brief to Flynn is more important than anything Andy [McCabe] could do in London this week.”¹³⁶
 - Strzok texts Page about conversations between Priestap and McCabe, “[Priestap] wanted to know why we had to go aggressively doing these things, openly.”¹³⁷
 - Page texts Strzok: “I can feel my heart beating harder, I’m so stressed out about all the ways this has the potential to go fully off the rails.”¹³⁸
 - Page texts Strzok: “Need to talk to you when you are done re razor.”¹³⁹
- **January 24, 2017:** Flynn is interviewed by FBI agents.¹⁴⁰
- **February 2, 2017:** Strzok texts Lisa Page: “I mean, I feel like we’re living on borrowed time before some massively disastrous event.” Page responds: “Same here.”¹⁴¹

- **February 13, 2017:** Flynn resigns as national security advisor.¹⁴²
- **February 15, 2017:** After interviewing a primary sub-source in January, Strzok emails Priestap and states that “recent interviews and investigation [] reveal [Steele] may not be in a position to judge the reliability of his sub-source network.”¹⁴³
- **March 2017:** FBI interviews Steele’s primary sub-source a second time.¹⁴⁴
- **April 7, 2017:** FISC grants second renewal for Carter Page FISA (Boente).¹⁴⁵
- **April 13, 2017:** Strzok emails FBI colleagues: “I’m beginning to think the agency got info a lot earlier than we thought and hasn’t shared it completely with us. Might explain all these weird/seemingly incorrect leads all these media folks have. Would also highlight agency as source of some of the leaks.”¹⁴⁶
- **May 2017:** FBI interviews Steele’s primary sub-source for the third time.¹⁴⁷
- **May 9, 2017:** Comey is fired.¹⁴⁸ Andrew McCabe becomes Acting Director.
- **May 17, 2017:** Crossfire Hurricane transferred to the Office of Special Counsel.¹⁴⁹
- **May 19, 2017:**
 - Strzok texts Lisa Page: “For me, and this case, I personally have a sense of unfinished business. I unleashed it with MYE. Now I need to fix it and finish it.”¹⁵⁰
 - Strzok texts Page: “you and I both know the odds are nothing. If I thought it was likely I’d be there no question. I hesitate in part because of my gut sense and concern there’s no big there there.”¹⁵¹
- **June 19, 2017:** FBI Attorney alters email to read that Carter Page was not a source for another U.S. government agency.¹⁵²
- **June 29, 2017:** FISC grants third renewal for Carter Page FISA (Rosenstein).¹⁵³
- **July 6, 2017:** Chairman Johnson releases a report titled, “State Secrets: How an Avalanche of Media Leaks is Harming National Security.” The report reveals that there were 125 leaked stories during the first 126 days of the Trump administration.¹⁵⁴
- **July 27, 2017:** McCabe removes Strzok from Special Counsel team.¹⁵⁵
- **August 2, 2017:**
 - Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein sends “Scope Memo” to Robert Mueller.¹⁵⁶

- Christopher Wray becomes FBI Director.¹⁵⁷
- **September 22, 2017:** FISA coverage of Carter Page ends.¹⁵⁸
- **October 27, 2017:** Paul Manafort and Richard Gates indicted by Special Counsel.¹⁵⁹
- **December 2017:** FBI memo for Congressional briefing states it “did not assess it likely that the [Steele election reporting] was generated in connection to a Russian disinformation campaign.”¹⁶⁰
- **December 12, 2017:** Initial press reports on the content of the Strzok-Page text messages.¹⁶¹

2018

- **January 19, 2018:** FBI notifies Congress that it did not preserve five months of Strzok-Page text messages.¹⁶²
- **January 23, 2018:** Chairman Johnson releases Strzok-Page text message, including the “no big there there” text message.¹⁶³
- **February 2018:**
 - DOJ OIG completes misconduct report on Andrew McCabe.¹⁶⁴
 - Former President Obama says that during his administration, “[w]e didn’t have a scandal that embarrassed us.”¹⁶⁵
- **March 16, 2018:** McCabe is fired.¹⁶⁶
- **April 19, 2018:** News reports indicate DOJ OIG referred McCabe to federal prosecutors for lying.¹⁶⁷
- **May 3, 2018:** Senate Select Committee on Intelligence employee James Wolfe is indicted for leaking nonpublic information to a New York Times reporter and lying to the FBI.¹⁶⁸
- **May 4, 2018:** Lisa Page resigns from the FBI.¹⁶⁹
- **June 14, 2018:** IG Horowitz releases his 2016 election report.¹⁷⁰
- **August 10, 2018:** Strzok is fired.¹⁷¹
- **November 7, 2018:** Attorney General Jeff Sessions resigns.¹⁷²

- **December 13, 2018:** DOJ IG issues report about recovering 20,071 total Strzok-Page texts.¹⁷³

2019

- **April 2019:** Hunter Biden steps down from Burisma's board.¹⁷⁴
- **April 18, 2019:** Mueller report becomes public.¹⁷⁵
- **April 25, 2019:** Joe Biden announces he is running for president.¹⁷⁶
- **May 14, 2019:** Attorney General Bill Barr taps U.S. Attorney John Durham to review the Russia investigation.¹⁷⁷
- **July 25, 2019:** President Trump speaks with Ukraine President Zelenskiy.¹⁷⁸
- **September 9, 2019:** Intelligence Community Inspector General notifies the House Intelligence Committee of the existence of a whistleblower complaint connected to Ukraine.¹⁷⁹
- **September 24, 2019:** Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi announces formal impeachment inquiry into President Trump.¹⁸⁰
- **October 13, 2019:** Hunter Biden's attorney announces that Hunter will step down from BHR (Shanghai) Equity Investment Fund Management Company, a Chinese-backed private equity firm.¹⁸¹
- **December 9, 2019:** IG Horowitz releases his FISA/Crossfire Hurricane report.¹⁸²

2020

- **January 15, 2020:** The House votes to send articles of impeachment against President Trump to the Senate.¹⁸³
- **February 5, 2020:** Senate acquits President Trump.¹⁸⁴
- **June 6, 2020:** Joe Biden clinches the Democratic presidential nomination.¹⁸⁵
- **August 6, 2020:** Chairman Johnson subpoenas the FBI for information relating to Crossfire Hurricane.
- **August 14, 2020:** Former FBI lawyer Kevin Clinesmith pleads guilty to altering email.¹⁸⁶

- **September 23, 2020:** Chairmen Johnson and Grassley release report, “Hunter Biden, Burisma, and Corruption: The Impact on U.S. Government Policy and Related Concerns.”¹⁸⁷

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