

Russia Hacking Allegations Driven By a Serial Liar

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Today's lengthy *Washington Post's* [story](#) makes it clear that former CIA boss **John Brennan** is [largely responsible](#) for driving the claim that Russia hacked the election.

But Brennan is a *proven, documented* liar. He was busted for [lying](#) to Congress and the American public by claiming that the CIA wasn't spying on the Congressional investigation into torture ... when [it was](#).

Indeed, the *Washington Post* called on Brennan to be [fired for lying](#).

And Brennan [lied](#) when – as Obama's counter-terrorism advisor – he said that in the past year there had not been a single collateral death from drone strikes. (He later [changed](#) that slightly to say there was no "credible evidence" of such deaths.) But there was abundant and credible evidence of collateral deaths from drone strikes. As just one example among many, a March 2011 CIA drone attack in Pakistan [killed some 50 people](#), including tribal elders who were gathered for a tribal conclave.)

Trevor Timm [pointed out](#) at the *Guardian*:

Internal intelligence [documents leaked to McClatchy later](#) confirmed Brennan to have lied at the time ...

When Brennan was approved by the Senate, many of [his friends told the media](#) he wanted to get the CIA out of the drone business and hand operations over to the Pentagon, but of course once he assumed his office, he seems to have reversed course and [kept the drone program under CIA control](#).

Brennan also [fed the public wildly inaccurate details](#) about the **Osama bin Laden** raid in 2011, and despite [condemning leaks](#) of classified information from others, he has [often leaks classified information](#) himself to suit his own needs.

This is the type of spy ... who lies because he doesn't like to tell the truth.

Indeed, Brennan's CIA even [created hacking techniques to frame](#) other countries for hacking incidents.

Why is the media taking Brennan's claims [at face value](#)? Especially when some of the other claims of Russian hacking have [officially been debunked](#)?

As Pulitzer-prize winning reporter **Seymour Hersch** [said](#) in January in a story questioning the whole Russian hacking story:

[If I had been covering the story,] I would have made [John] Brennan into a buffoon. A yapping buffoon in the last few days. Instead, everything is reported seriously.

Postscript: The other intelligence official behind many of the Russian hacking claims - **James Clapper** - is also a [confirmed liar](#).

And see [this](#) and [this](#).

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