

“The Watergate Scandal”

The Importance of the Media in Taking a Stand in History

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Throughout the decades, media has been an important and effective means of getting information out to the people. When it came to one event, the Watergate Scandal, media presence was massive and led to the uncovering of one of the most important events of the 1970s. Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein headed this effort and took a stand in history in order to make the public aware of the deception and efforts that were gone to just to put someone back in office. The Watergate Scandal began in November of 1972 and hit a climax in June of the same year which led to the resignation of President Nixon, and government and reelection reformation.

Various events during the 1970s were directly connected with what happened at the Watergate building less than two years later. On July 23rd, 1970, Nixon approved a plan that would enlarge the amount of domestic intelligence that the FBI and CIA could collect (*"Brief Timeline of Events."*). Changing his mind a few days later, Nixon retracted his approval (*"Brief Timeline of Events."*). On June 13th, 1971, *The New York Times* began publishing the Pentagon Papers - detailing the secret history of the Vietnam War (*"Brief Timeline of Events."*). Less than a week later, *The Washington Post* began publishing the papers as well (*"Brief Timeline of Events."*). The Pentagon Papers were leaked to provide information to the public that was being hidden from them. On September 9th, 1971, the White House "Plumbers," a unit of security at the White House whose job it was to "plug" leaks in the system, robbed the office of Dr. Lewis Fielding, a psychiatrist, in search of files on Daniel Ellsberg, the former defense analyst who leaked the Pentagon Papers (*"Brief Timeline of Events."*). During this time, the Committee for the Reelection of the President (CRP) was focused on heading up

President Richard Nixon's reelection campaign and were involved in "political spying and sabotage" (*Bernstein, Carl, and Bob Woodward. "FBI Finds Nixon Aides Sabotaged Democrats."*). According to FBI and Department of Justice files, the CRP used hundreds of thousands of dollars from the Nixon campaign to gather information on major Democratic presidential contenders in order to discredit them and muddle their campaigns (*Bernstein, Carl, and Bob Woodward. "FBI Finds Nixon Aides Sabotaged Democrats."*). This kind of intelligence gathering was common during elections, and still is, but the depth to which the CRP went was extreme. According to federal agents, the "muddling" included creating files on personal information of family members of Democratic candidates, forging letters under the names of said candidates, divulging fake information to the press about candidates, messing up campaign schedules, snatching confidential files, investigating several Democratic campaign workers, and placing provocateurs to demonstrate at conventions (*Bernstein, Carl, and Bob Woodward. "FBI Finds Nixon Aides Sabotaged Democrats."*).

On June 17, 1972 (*Group, "Watergate"*), several burglars broke into the Democratic National Committee Office in the Watergate building, but it wasn't an ordinary robbery (*"Brief Timeline of Events."*). The original break-in of the office was a success, the thieves stealing top secret documents and planting wiretaps and bugs (*Bernstein and Woodward*), (*Group, "Watergate"*). "Unfortunately", a return trip was necessary in order to fix one of the wiretaps that had been planted improperly (*Bernstein and Woodward*), (*Group, "Watergate"*), (*History.com Staff, "Watergate Scandal"*). A security guard on the premises noticed that there were doors with tape

over the latches (*Bernstein and Woodward*), (*Group, "Watergate"*). He removed the pieces of tape, but when he returned, they had been replaced (*Bernstein and Woodward*), (*Group, "Watergate"*). The guard called the police and the thieves were arrested (*Bernstein and Woodward*). At this point, circumstantial evidence was found to connect the thieves with Nixon's re-election campaign. Later, evidence was uncovered to directly connect the bugging of the office and the wiretaps with Nixon's re-election, however, no concrete connection was made to Nixon himself (*Bernstein and Woodward*). Nixon then tried to cover it up through various means such as, using campaign money to pay off the burglars, attempting to waylay the FBI in their investigation, firing uncooperative employees, erasing time from "The Nixon White House Tapes," and refusing to turn over said tapes as evidence (*Group, "Watergate"*), (*History.com Staff, "Watergate Scandal"*).

This case, and solving it, involved many people, each having their own story to tell and point to make. Besides President Nixon and his staff, others involved in this sordid affair were, Mark Felt ("Deep Throat") (*"Watergate: The Scandal That Brought Down Richard Nixon"*), Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, the robbers, and the FBI (in charge of the investigation after the fact), as well as the CIA (*Bernstein and Woodward*). Whether he admitted to it or not, President Nixon was involved to some degree, a prime example being that he discussed with his chief-of-staff how to use the CIA to get the FBI off of the Watergate case and out of the investigation entirely (*Nixon, Nixon Library*), (*Bernstein and Woodward*). Two key figures in the case were E. Howard Hunt (former CIA agent) and G. Gordon Liddy (former FBI agent) (*Bernstein and Woodward*). These

men were brought before the grand jury conducting the investigation in order to give their testimonies (*Bernstein and Woodward*). Both had worked in the Nixon White House and were to be charged with involvement (*Bernstein and Woodward*). Evidence showed they were in a hotel room across the street with walkie-talkies and in contact with the robbers inside, guiding them (*Bernstein and Woodward*). Five men with surgical gloves broke in carrying three pen-sized tear-gas guns ("*The Watergate Story - The Post Investigates*"). Some sources stated that they were a professional team and whether they were or not, they knew what they were doing (*Bernstein and Woodward*). The five men were, Bernard L. Barker, Frank A. Sturgis, Virgilio R. Gonzalez, Eugenio R. Martinez, and James W. McCord (*Bernstein and Woodward*).

Mark Felt, aka "Deep Throat," the most important informant to *The Washington Post*, was the man who blew the whistle on Nixon and helped to blow the Watergate case wide open ("*Watergate: The Scandal That Brought Down Richard Nixon*"). Felt was mostly utilized by Bob Woodward, an investigative reporter called in to report on the Watergate Scandal (*Bernstein and Woodward*). Felt helped him sort out what was fact and what was fiction through his access to FBI reports (*Bernstein and Woodward*). Woodward worked very closely with another investigative reporter, Carl Bernstein, from Virginia, and together, they stood up against the government and helped to show the people the truth (*Bernstein and Woodward*). Bernstein had found, during a trip to Miami to talk with the state attorney and a banker there, that \$25,000 dollars of the Nixon reelection campaign fund had been put into the bank account of Maurice Stans who had

been the Secretary of Commerce under Nixon and his chief fundraiser (*Bernstein and Woodward*), ("*Bug Suspect Got Campaign Funds*").

Woodward and Bernstein didn't like working together when they were first assigned to the story but were able to resolve their differences (*Bernstein and Woodward*). What drove them together to uncover the truth and stand up against corruption in government was their belief that: Nixon was guilty of being the puppeteer, Watergate wasn't a "third-rate crime" enacted by anti-Castro fanatics, Howard Hunt was hiding something, John Dean wasn't telling the truth, "All the President's Men" were covering up something for Nixon, and that the President's aides and the President himself were hiding the Nixon Tapes because of incriminating evidence on them (*Bernstein and Woodward*). Nixon attempted to restrict access to the tapes by utilizing executive privilege, but Congress eventually gained access to them (*Bernstein and Woodward*). The most well-known tape, "The Smoking Gun," was recorded just six days after the break-in at Watergate (*Group, "Watergate"*). This tape was the first of many recorded conversations about Watergate in the Oval Office and was the first to be restricted (*Bernstein and Woodward*).

Bernstein and Woodward took a stand in history by searching for the truth and putting it out there for all to see (*Bernstein and Woodward*). Nixon and the CRP attempted to hide the Watergate Scandal, what it truly was, and blame the Cubans (*Bernstein and Woodward*). Some confidential sources stated that they believed that the break-in and bugging was initiated by an anti-Castro group in order to have surveillance on the leading Democratic candidates because they believed that they were pro-Castro

(Bernstein and Woodward). The government, specifically those close to Nixon in the White House, attempted to hide the truth through evasive answers, misleading questioners, and lying specifically to Bernstein, of *The Post*, when he called the White House for information *(Bernstein and Woodward)*.

Bernstein followed a lead that Howard Hunt, a man employed by the White House to collect confidential information, was doing research on Senator Kennedy and Chappaquiddick *(Bernstein and Woodward)*. Hunt was researching the incident because Kennedy was running against Nixon for the presidency (*"Incident on Chappaquiddick Island"*), *(Levenson)*, *(Bernstein and Woodward)*. The incident had been termed "scandalous" (*"Incident on Chappaquiddick Island"*). This lead had come from information that the inscription "H.H. at W.H" and "Howard Hunt at W.H" along with a phone number had been written in the address books of two of the burglars *(Bernstein and Woodward)*. A secretary, Bernstein's informant, had seen books about the Chappaquiddick incident on Hunt's desk *(Bernstein and Woodward)*. A call to the White House library determined that they had those books, but that there had been no requests for them under the name Hunt *(Bernstein and Woodward)*. At the beginning of the call, the librarian stated that she knew Hunt and that she was sure that he had checked the books out *(Bernstein and Woodward)*. She put Bernstein on hold to find out *(Bernstein and Woodward)*. When she came back, she stated that she had been wrong and that she knew no one by the name of Howard Hunt *(Bernstein and Woodward)*. Bernstein and Woodward went to the Library of Congress where they looked through all of the records for books requested and checked out by the White House since Hunt

began working there (*Bernstein and Woodward*). There were no cards under his name (*Bernstein and Woodward*). Woodward called up a friend in government, Ken Clawson, and talked to him about what had happened (*Bernstein and Woodward*). Clawson talked with the librarian that Bernstein had conversed with and she firmly stated that the aforementioned phone conversation had never happened (*Bernstein and Woodward*).

The media and press have a lot of power as well as the ability to be almost anywhere without people necessarily paying attention to the fact that they are there and listening. Woodward and Bernstein were able to use their credentials and contacts in order to get information that ordinary citizens wouldn't have been able to get, such as the White House transactions with the Library of Congress (*Bernstein and Woodward*). Woodward and Bernstein were also able to gain access to the records of Bernard L. Barker's phone calls and bank transactions that were subpoenaed by District Attorney Richard E. Gerstein ("Deep Throat" had told Woodward to follow the money) (*Bernstein and Woodward*). The information had been subpoenaed because of large deposits of money and his involvement in the Watergate case (*Bernstein and Woodward*). Martin Dardis, Gerstein's chief investigator, found that there had been five checks amounting to \$114,000 among them (*Bernstein and Woodward*). The information about four of the checks was put in an article in *The New York Times* (*Bernstein and Woodward*). The fifth one was payable to a man named Kenneth H. Dahlberg whose identity Dardis didn't know and therefore no information about him was put in the newspaper (*Bernstein and Woodward*). Research uncovered that Dahlberg was the CRP campaign chairman of finances in the Midwest ("*Bug Suspect Got Campaign Funds*").

As a result of Woodward and Bernstein's reporting and taking a stand in history, G. Gordon Liddy and James W. McCord Jr. were arrested for involvement in the burglary and wiretapping the Democratic National Committee headquarters (*Bernstein and Woodward*). The five other men who were arrested pled guilty (*Bernstein and Woodward*). H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman (top White House staff members), and Richard Kleindienst (Attorney General) resigned due to the scandal and John Dean, originally a White House counsel, was fired (*Bernstein and Woodward*). The men who were part of the CRP, and were found as being involved in the Watergate Scandal, all protected the President stating he had done nothing wrong (*Bernstein and Woodward*). John Dean incriminated a man named Mitchell in order to get a lighter sentence, but refused to incriminate the President in his testimony (*Bernstein and Woodward*). The Nixon tapes showed that the President was guilty of being involved in something, but there was no proof of involvement in Watergate specifically nor that he had done anything illegal (*Bernstein and Woodward*). The Watergate prosecutors found a document addressed to John Ehrlichman that described the plans, in great detail, to break into the office of the psychiatrist of Daniel Ellsberg (*Bernstein and Woodward*). The House of Representatives voted to impeach Nixon for "obstruction of justice, abuse of power, criminal cover-up, and numerous violations of the constitution. (*Bernstein and Woodward*)" The final act in the Watergate Scandal was Nixon's resignation on August 9th, 1974 to avoid impeachment and indictment (*Bernstein and Woodward*).

Woodward and Bernstein risked their careers in order to get information out to the public so that they could be aware. There was definitely competition between the

two of them and other newspapers, but the point was not to win but rather help people understand what really happened and why (*Bernstein and Woodward*). Due to the stand that they took to reveal the truth, civilians began to see politicians through a cynical light (*"Effects of Watergate: The Good and the Bad"*), (*Zelizer*), (*Marsico and Bowman*).

Watergate revealed the ways that many politicians attempt to discredit their opponents and the lengths that they are willing to go to for personal gain (*"FBI Finds Nixon Aides Sabotaged Democrats"*). It has always been known that "political spying" is involved in campaigning, but Nixon took it to a level that no one had taken it to before (*"FBI Finds Nixon Aides Sabotaged Democrats"*). Nixon never admitted to involvement in the Watergate Scandal, but he did admit to the use of poor judgement; *"If some of my judgements were wrong, and some were wrong, they were made in what I believed at the time to be the best interest of the Nation"* (*Nixon, "President Nixon's Resignation Speech"*).

Nixon's abuse of power had quite a large impact on American politics and society (*"Effects of Watergate: The Good and the Bad"*), (*Marsico and Bowman*). The Watergate Scandal and President Nixon's involvement caused an atmosphere of distrust and skepticism to develop amongst Americans toward the government that was leading them and making choices for them (*"Effects of Watergate: The Good and the Bad"*), (*Marsico and Bowman*). Watergate, with the help of the Vietnam War, worsened the sour taste in the mouths of Americans and closed out a decade of difficult times (*"Effects of Watergate: The Good and the Bad"*), (*Marsico and Bowman*). The combination of the two diminished Americans' confidence and trust in government

("Effects of Watergate: The Good and the Bad"), (Marsico and Bowman). We are still feeling the aftershock in some ways today, but over the decades repairs have been made and more truth has been uncovered ("Effects of Watergate: The Good and the Bad"), (Marsico and Bowman).

Many people wanted to see election methods and the way that elections were run change *(Zelizer), ("Effects of Watergate: The Good and the Bad"), (Marsico and Bowman)*. Watergate showed what corrupt and dirty politics looks like *(Zelizer), ("Effects of Watergate: The Good and the Bad"), (Marsico and Bowman)*. It convinced various leaders and citizens that the best type of politics to be involved in was clean politics; honest politics *(Zelizer), ("Effects of Watergate: The Good and the Bad"), (Marsico and Bowman)*. Many reelection committees attempt to dig up scandals and information that could ruin candidates, but the CRP, with or without Nixon, went above and beyond to discredit rival candidates *(Zelizer), ("Effects of Watergate: The Good and the Bad"), (Marsico and Bowman)*. Though there are still people today who wanted Nixon to have admitted to, or denied, any involvement in the Watergate Scandal, they trust in President Ford's pardon and that it was appropriate *("The Aftermath of Watergate"), (History.com Staff, "Watergate Scandal")*. One positive outcome of uncovering The Watergate Scandal is that it has led to greater checks and balances on the president's power as well as accountability *(Zelizer), ("Effects of Watergate: The Good and the Bad")*.

The influence of the media on finding the truth has lasted for decades. The Watergate Scandal was just another incident when the media stepped forward to bring

hidden facts and truths out into the open. Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein took a stand in history to make a difference and aid the public in becoming aware of the dirty politics that were heading up the reelection of a President. Though not much progress has been made since the 1970s on the subject of politics, I hope that we can work towards a goal of honesty and integrity when it comes to elections, campaigns, and government. When it came to the Watergate Scandal, it was finally understood the lengths of deception that people would go to just to put someone back in office. Crimes were committed, truths were covered up, and citizens were lied to. The people deserved to know the truth; they got it.

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- This book was written by Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward in 1974 on the subject of the Watergate Scandal and their part in what happened. This source was invaluable to me as it held much of the information that I needed in order to prove that Mr. Bernstein and Mr. Woodward had indeed "Taken a Stand in History".

Bernstein, Carl, and Bob Woodward. "Bug Suspect Got Campaign Funds." *The Washington Post*. WP Company, 01 Aug. 1972. Web. 03 Mar. 2017.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/bug-suspect-got-campaign-funds/2012/06/06/gJQAYtjKJV_story.html?utm_term=.6d8475ab0970>.

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that the men responsible were some of the president's aides. The article also talked about the work that the CRP was doing in order to put Nixon back in office. This source was helpful to me because it gave detailed information about campaign methods and possible reasons behind why the break-in happened in the first place.

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<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/spc/character/links/nixon_speech.html>.

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Staff, NPR. "40 Years On, Woodward And Bernstein Recall Reporting On Watergate." *NPR*. NPR, 13 June 2014. Web. 03 Mar. 2017.

<<http://www.npr.org/2014/06/13/321316118/40-years-on-woodward-and-bernstein-recall-reporting-on-watergate>>.

- This source was helpful in putting things into perspective and, again, with helping to prove my point that I was trying to make through this project and my ultimate product. It detailed an interview with Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein 40 years after the fact of the Watergate Scandal.

The Nixon Tapes -

Nixon, Richard M. *Nixon Library*. Proc. of "The Smoking Gun", Oval Office, White House, District of Columbia. N.p., n.d. Web. 7 Mar. 2017.

<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/forresearchers/find/tapes/watergate/trial/exhibit_01.mp3>.

- This recording is of the very first of the "Nixon White House Tapes" to discuss the subject of The Watergate Scandal and was invaluable to me as a primary source as it gave me information from the time. This recording helped me to learn more about how it all started and Nixon's personal thoughts on the subject.

Nixon Library. Proc. of A Discussion of Press Treatment of the Break-in and Lawsuits, Oval Office, White House, District of Columbia. N.p., n.d. Web. 7 Mar. 2017.

<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/forresearchers/find/tapes/watergate/trial/exhibit_04.mp3>.

- This recording was between Nixon and some of his men on the involvement of the press in searching for information about the Watergate Scandal. This source was important because it helped to outline a little what the media was doing at the time and gave me a little bit of a base to build off of for my point.

Nixon Library. Proc. of A Rational for the Watergate Break-in, Oval Office, White House, District of Columbia. N.p., n.d. Web. 7 Mar. 2017.

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Nixon Library. Proc. of Discussions of Press Coverage (Part 2), Oval Office, White House, District of Columbia. N.p., n.d. Web.

<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/forresearchers/find/tapes/watergate/trial/exhibit_18_02.mp3>.

Nixon Library. Proc. of Discussions of Press Coverage (Part 3), Oval Office, White House, District of Columbia. N.p., n.d. Web.

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Nixon Library. Proc. of Executive Privilege/Segretti's Dirty Tricks/"Stonewall It" If Necessary for Containment, Oval Office, White House, District of Columbia. N.p., n.d. Web.

<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/forresearchers/find/tapes/watergate/trial/exhibit_16.mp3>.

- This recording talked about Nixon's ability to use his executive privilege in order to keep things private to himself and those involved as well as the methods of Donald Segretti and how to contain as much as they could of the Watergate story. This recording was important to my research as it detailed the idea of executive privilege which was new to me and introduced me to Mr. Segretti and his methods of operation when it comes to politics.

Nixon Library. Proc. of Magruder's History of the "super intelligence operation" at the White House/Mitchell's Role in Approving the Break-in, Oval Office, White House, District of Columbia. N.p., n.d. Web.

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Nixon Library. Proc. of Origins of the Break-in, Oval Office, White House, District of Columbia. N.p., n.d. Web.

<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/forresearchers/find/tapes/watergate/trial/exhibit_19.mp3>.

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<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/forresearchers/find/tapes/watergate/trial/exhibit_12_01.mp3>.

Nixon Library. Proc. of They Guess at Who Was Responsible for Setting the Break-in in Motion, Oval Office, White House, District of Columbia. N.p., n.d. Web.

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Walters. *Nixon Library*. Proc. of Walters Regarding the Watergate Break-in Investigation, Oval Office, White House, District of Columbia. N.p., n.d. Web. 7 Mar. 2017.

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- This source detailed some of the methods through which politicians go in order to win elections. It specifically highlighted The Watergate Scandal and many of the questionable methods utilized while trying to put President Nixon back in office for a second term. This source was important to me and my work as it highlighted the issues behind the tactics used and how though they may be “important” to an election, they can be damaging, dangerous, and even illegal.

Group, The Gale, Inc. "Watergate." *Dictionary of American History*. Encyclopedica.com, n.d. Web. 07 Mar. 2017.

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- This book, though I didn't use much of it, helped give me an idea of how to defend Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward's stand in history. I believed that they did, but it helped to have someone else who thought so too. It gave me a fresh perspective and showed me some of the ways that I could defend my claim and the work of these two men.

Sibilla, Chris. "Watergate – Another Perspective." *Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training*. Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training, 27 July 2015. Web. 06 Mar. 2017. <<http://adst.org/2015/05/watergate-another-perspective/>>.

- This source gave me another perspective on the events of Watergate and helped me to see from another person's point of view. This source was vital to helping me stay unbiased and clean cut on sharing information rather than my opinions.

Staff, U.S. News. "Effects of Watergate: The Good and the Bad." *U.S. News*. U.S. News, 8 Aug. 2014. Web. 6 Mar. 2017.

<<http://www.usnews.com/news/articles/2014/08/08/effects-of-watergate-the-good-and-the-bad>>.

- This source detailed what happened after Watergate. It talked about the good changes and the bad ones and helped me to understand just how much of an impact one event can have on so many different things and people. This source also helped me to empathize with Americans from the early 1970s who had to struggle through the Vietnam War and the fact that their own leaders were lying to them.

"The Aftermath of Watergate." *Watergate.info*. Watergate.info, n.d. Web. 07 Mar. 2017.

<<http://watergate.info/analysis/the-aftermath-of-watergate>>.

- This source was helpful in giving me information about what happened after The Watergate Scandal. It gave me an idea of the hard times that people had gone through, but also their hopes for change in the future. This source was important to giving me information about what happened directly after the break-in as well as later effects.

"The Watergate Story - The Post Investigates." *The Washington Post*. WP Company, n.d. Web. 03 Mar. 2017.

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- This source highlighted the work that Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward did specifically and the importance of it to unravelling the Watergate case. This source was important to me as an umbrella over the work of these two investigative reporters.

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- This source gave me information about specific things that Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward had written in the early 70s and helped me to put myself into that time. This source was important to me as something similar to an archive dedicated solely to the work of Woodward and Bernstein and making sure that it is seen.

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- This source gave me an overview of what happened with The Watergate Scandal and when everything happened. This source was helpful to me as it put things into a perspective of what happened day-to-day, week-to-week, month-to-month, and year-to-year.

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- This source talked about exactly what The Watergate Scandal was and how much ruin it wrought on President Nixon. Though he was never convicted, the supposition all but ruined his reputation. This source was helpful to me as it gave me information specifically about what the scandal did to Nixon and how he felt about it all.

Zelizer, Julian. "Distrustful Americans Still Live in Age of Watergate." *CNN*. Cable News Network, 7 July 2014. Web. 06 Mar. 2017.

<<http://www.cnn.com/2014/07/07/opinion/zelizer-watergate-politics/>>.

- This source talked about how much of an issue Watergate is even today. It highlighted the feelings of people then and some of the feelings of people now. This source was important to me as it showed me the fear of the people towards the government and how much power they truly have. It also showed me how dangerous corruption truly is when it comes to hurting the people.