



Worksheet 6 – Congressional Oversight True or False

Consider the following statements relating to the Congress's oversight function. Place a tick in the correct column to note whether a statement is true or false. Consider reasons for your choice.

Congressional Oversight	True	False
The Constitution explicitly gives Congress the power to investigate the activities of other branches of government.		
Both majority and minority parties in Congress can initiate an investigation.		
Congressional investigations are carried out largely through its committee system.		
Any member of a congressional committee can initiate an investigation		
Witnesses called to testify before a Congressional Committee are not legally required to answer questions.		
Investigations are confined to the activities of the Executive.		
Congressional investigative activity increases during times of divided government.		
The House of Representatives is more likely to initiate investigations than the Senate.		
The Executive may refuse to respond to a Congressional committee's request or demand to testify before it or submit documents to it.		
Congressional investigative committee proceedings are closed to the public.		