



Jenny Beth Martin, co-founder of Tea Party Patriots, one of the groups targeted for additional scrutiny by the IRS, issued the following statement following Thursday's release of Internal Revenue Service emails that revealed the agency used intimidation needlessly to burden groups that did not conform to this Administration's politics:

"One more layer of the IRS scandal has been exposed. It is unconscionable for the government to be conducting "secret research projects" of individuals and organizations based on their beliefs," **said Martin**. "This new revelation is perhaps the most frightening disclosure so far. [Judicial Watch](#) deserves tremendous credit for continuing to uncover this information, and we call on Congress to do their oversight work of bringing those responsible for this outrageous abuse of power to account."

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