

The doubts about conspiracy laws

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Washington - Richard Nixon's most powerful aides were convicted in the Watergate cover-up trial under the very laws they themselves often used as a weapon against administration enemies - the conspiracy statutes. [Cases named: Dr. Benjamin Spock, the Chicago Seven, the Gainesville Eight and Daniel Ellsberg.]

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The Watergate convictions raised anew some serious questions about the fairness of the nation's conspiracy laws. [See clipping for examples.]

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