Misprision of Treason / Misprision of Felony

There is a well-established law in our jurisprudence which places an affirmative duty on all of us to expose any treasonous or criminal act which comes to our attention. Failure to do so is defined as "misprision."

It is the duty of every good citizen, knowing of a treason or felony having been committed, to inform a magistrate. Silently to observe the commission of a felony, without using any endeavors to apprehend the offender, is a misprision.

Bouvier Law Dictionary (1856)

This has been codified in the United States Code, Title 18, "Crimes and Criminal Procedure." Misprision of treason applies to officials who have taken an oath to protect and defend the Constitution. Misprision of felony applies to all citizens.

18 USC § 2382. Misprision of treason

Whoever, owing allegiance to the United States and having knowledge of the commission of any treason against them, conceals and does not, *as soon as may be*, disclose and make known the same to the President or to some judge of the United States, or to the governor or to some judge or justice of a particular State, is guilty of misprision of treason and shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than seven years, or both.

18 USC § 4. Misprision of felony

Whoever, having knowledge of the actual commission of a felony cognizable by a court of the United States, conceals and does not as soon as possible make known the same to some judge or other person in civil or military authority under the United States, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than three years, or both.

Listen to Dr. Robert Bowman, Lt. Col. U.S. Air Force (ret.), former director of the "Star Wars" programs under Presidents Ford and Carter, and one of this country's foremost authorities on national security, speaking at a symposium in 2004:

[T]he very kindest thing that we can say about George W. Bush and all the people in the U.S. Government that have been involved in this massive cover-up, the very kindest thing we can say, is that they were aware of impending attacks and let them happen. Now some people will say that's much too kind. However, even *that* is high treason and conspiracy to commit murder.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wlGm9ZorT4Q (at 3:48-4:22)

In addition to complicity in the attacks and cover-up of 9/11, there are multiple instances of treason and crimes by this administration, including the intimidation and fixing of intelligence around the Iraq War; the Valerie Plame case of outing a covert operative and thus compromising national security; the Pat Tillman "friendly fire" cover-up, in which an outspoken soldier is killed at close range with three M-16 bullets to the head; the "mistaken" transportation of nuclear missiles on a B-52 in U.S. air space; and many, many others, which Congress has an absolute affirmative duty to thoroughly investigate.