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CONNIE CHUNG: Faced with charges that the CIA is obsolete and out of control, the new boss is cleaning house. Just days after taking over, Director John Deutch replaced the spy agency's entire top management today.

National security correspondent David Martin, reports.

DAVID MARTIN: The CIA had been warned change was coming and today the new Director of Central Intelligence, John Deutch announced a major shake-up in the senior ranks. Across and down the organization chart, Deutch is replacing CIA veterans and, in most cases, bringing in outsiders to run an agency suffering through a mid-life crisis.

DAVID WHIPPLE [Former CIA Agent]: It's something of a bombshell with an awful lot of insiders from the Democratic Party coming in from the outside into CIA in very sensitive and significant positions.

MARTIN: Other directors have tried and failed to change the culture at the CIA, but none has begun by making such sudden and sweeping changes at the top. Nothing like this has happened in the 45 year history of the CIA.

Nora Slatkin, just turned 40, is now the Executive Director of the CIA, the number three job.

NORA SLATKIN [CIA Executive Director]: Essentially I'll be the Chief Operating Officer of the CIA. As Director Deutch said this morning when he introduced the new team to the top 80 managers at the CIA, he said the glass ceiling has now been broken.

MARTIN: In the past, women like Lynn Larkin have left the CIA

in frustration after trying to crack the macho world of espionage.

LYNN LARKIN [Former CIA Agent]: I think it's the general attitude that this is a tough world and if you don't carry guns and have a swagger, you're probably not going to get anywhere in the business. And I think they resented women.

MARTIN: The Aldrich Ames cases discredited the CIA's old-boy network, but changing the culture, which allowed Ames to go undetected for so long, will require nothing short of a revolution.

LARKIN: It's very difficult to do those things without raising a lot of hackles or creating waves, especially when the system has been in place for so long.

MARTIN: As Deutch himself acknowledged, changing the faces at the top of the CIA is the easy part of the job. Changing the culture which has kept women down and allowed a spy like Ames to prosper, is likely to be a long and painful process.

David Martin, CBS News, at the CIA.

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