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We're Glenn Greenwald and Janine Gibson of the Guardian US, and we've been breaking stories on the NSA Files since June. AUA! (self.IAMA) submitted 2 days ago* by glenngreenwald Glenn Greenwald

Leaks from Edward Snowden earlier this year have lead to hundreds of stories by the Guardian and other news outlets that examine the tension between personal privacy and national security. Our reporting has sparked a global debate about the full extent of the NSA's actions to collect personal data. Our latest story, published Monday, is about MARINA, an NSA application that stores the metadata of millions of web users for up to a year. Read through the full NSA Files archive here.

So, what do you want to know? We will answer as many questions as possible, but of course this is sensitive information. We'll do the best we can.

Twitter verification: Glenn Janine

Edit: The 90 minutes is up. Thanks for really stimulating and smart questions. We do Q-and-A's like this at the Guardian, too, and I frequently engage questions and critiques on Twitter (probably more than I should!) so feel free to find me there to continue the discussion.

and from Janine: Thank you very much for having us. Glenn, call me maybe.

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[–] wickedren2 182 points 1 day ago*

You mobilized a response from Hunton & Williams, Palantir et al with close ties to the DOJ that was normally reserved for countries and companies: You were targeted and an offer to discredit your reputation was made to representatives of The Bank of America.

Do you see this type of assault on individual journalists as ongoing? Do you have any recourse that might dissuade similar methods of targeting investigative journalism?

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [S] 300 points 1 day ago

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If you want to challenge the world's most powerful factions, you're going to get attacked in all sorts of ways. That's the nature - the essence - of power: it is capable of exacting a cost for defying it. That's hardly unique to me: it's true of huge numbers of people who, in all sorts of ways, are trying to find ways to even the playing field and expose the secret bad acts of powerful entities.

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[\[-\] Ra__](#) 37 points 1 day ago

power: it is capable of exacting a cost for defying it.

The fatal flaw of our democracy. Those who attain power sometimes use it to buy an unfair advantage from lawmakers who blatantly serve their donors.

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[\[-\] 123vasectomy](#) 31 points 1 day ago

Its not just our democracy, its every government mankind has ever concieved. Ours just has a few more tragic exploits written into the programming..

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LoL You don't have a democracy. Perhaps one of the fatal flaws is continuing to the use the language the beast has given you.

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[\[-\] tldr_bullet_points](#) 35 points 1 day ago

Wow. Could you provide a link so I can read up on that?

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[\[-\] neonwiz](#) 55 points 1 day ago

[Here](#) is Glenn's own article about it.

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[\[-\] neonwiz](#) 20 points 1 day ago

Actually [this earlier article](#) might be a better place to start.

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[\[-\] klpwired](#) [Wired / Strongbox](#) 1067 points 2 days ago

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3 Oct	3pm	Jimmy Spithill	Skipper of Team Oracle, winner of America's Cup.
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3 Oct	5:30pm	Joel David Moore	Actor
4 Oct	11am	Matt Porterfield	Filmmaker, I Used To Be Darker
4 Oct	12:30pm	Cody Cameron & Kris Pearn	Directors, Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2

What are the names of the two encryption chips redacted here?

<http://imgur.com/uZ7PcsC>

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [\[S\]](#) 1229 points 1 day ago

What are the names of the two encryption chips redacted here?

This became the top-voted question only long after we both left, as a result of a Twitter campaign.

I answered every single question in order as it rose to the top. I came back to address this one because people alerted me it had become the top one.

Unfortunately, I can't speak for the Guardian because I wasn't involved in this redaction process and didn't work at all with this document. But as I understand it, though, both the NYT and ProPublica had and redacted the same information for the same reason.

There are hundreds of encryption standards compromised by the program the Guardian, NYT and PP all reported on. I have never seen any list of those standards and don't have it. If I did have it, I would publish it immediately. As a result, the reasoning went (as I understand it), publishing one or two examples would be unhelpful if not misleading as those are tiny fractions of the overall compromised standards.

To be clear: if encryption standards are compromised by the NSA, I do not think it's valid to conceal that on the ground that it will enable Terrorists or other Bad People to avoid using those standards. But as I understand it, that wasn't the rationale for the redactions; it was that publishing one or two would do not do any real good and could affirmatively create the misleading impression that other (unnamed) compromised standards are solid.

If I could inform the world about exactly which standards have been compromised by the NSA, I would.

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[\[-\] TheRedditPope](#) 441 points 1 day ago*

Though I doubt you will see this comment, thanks so much for taking time out of your busy schedule to come back and give a great, detailed answer to what has become the top question in the series. It is very much appreciated.

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[\[-\] Falcomomo](#) 45 points 1 day ago

That should mean a lot, coming from The Reddit Pope

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[\[-\] TheRedditPope](#) 31 points 1 day ago*

Should I bless him in the name of the Kn0thing, and of the Spez, and of the Huey Priest?

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[\[-\] n3rv](#) 3 points 1 day ago*

Long as you don't use holy water, I hear

Date	Time	Person	Description
4 Oct	1pm	"The Walking Dead" course professors	UC Irvine Professors who partnered with AMC to teach a free "Walking Dead"-based online class
4 Oct	1pm	Mark Ecko	Founder of Ecko brand.
4 Oct	1pm	Christina Hoff Sommers	Scholar, feminist, libertarian, author of "The War Against Boys"
4 Oct	1:30pm	Clark Neily	Senior attorney at Institute for Justice
4 Oct	3pm	Red Fang	Rock band
4 Oct	4pm	Adam Scott	Actor/ Parks and Recreation and A.C.O.D.
5 Oct	2pm	Taryn Manning	Actress, Orange is the New Black
5 Oct	4pm	Thomas Golubic	"Breaking Bad" Music Director
7 Oct	12pm	Daniel Tammet	Author & essayist, Thinking in Numbers, Born on a Blue Day and Embracing the Wide Sky
7 Oct	2pm	Michael Lopez-Alegria	American Astronaut and President of the Commercial Spaceflight Federation
8 Oct	2pm	Edmunds.com	Car-shopping consumer advice website
8 Oct	2:30pm	Bill de Blasio	Candidate for Mayor of NYC
8 Oct	5pm	Arthur Slade	Bestselling author of 18 YA novels
9 Oct	11am	Randy Moore	Writer/Director, 'Escape From Tomorrow'
9 Oct	2pm	Kevin Barnes	Musician and founding member of <i>of Montreal</i>
10 Oct	2pm	Mishka Shubaly	Author, The Long Run

that 85% of the time it contains feces...

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[\[-\] TheRedditPope](#) 5 points 1 day ago
 Not my holy water...which is more like 85% abv! :-)

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[\[-\] klpwired](#) [Wired / Strongbox](#) 135 points 1 day ago

It's awesome that you returned to address this. Thanks!
 As far as the substance, the same Guardian/NYT/PP report identified Dual_EC_DRBG as apparently compromised, which seems to undermine the notion that you all felt that "publishing one or two would do not do any real good."

And NIST, as you know, has now reopened Dual_EC_DRBG as a direct result of the report. RSA has disavowed the standard, after having made it a default in its commercial crypto library. And the cryptographic community is dramatically reevaluating its relationship with NIST.

So all the available evidence shows that identifying some compromised crypto is good, even if you can't identify all of it. If there are two hackable chips used in VPN and Web encryption devices, everyone relying on those devices is vulnerable when they don't have to be.

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[\[-\] trai_dep](#) 55 points 1 day ago*

Might it be that using one named item serves as verification, but listing more than a couple gets closer to the problem Mr. Greenwald was referring to?

That is, if I say "Some of Snow White's dwarfs have sick moves, especially Dopey," I'm not implying how many colleagues he has, or how many have B-Boy skills. But if I say, "Dopey's moves are sicker than those clumpy-footed dwarf poseurs that Snow White hangs with, Doc, Sneezy and Rudolf¹," I'm implying that the other three dwarves lack swag.

When *everyone* knows they swagger **hard**, but are clearly Poppers.

I'm also implying there are four dwarfs, when there might be seven.

Besides that, he qualified his comment thusly:

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11 Oct	12pm	Robert Simmon	Data Visualizer & Designer for NASA's Earth Observatory
11 Oct	2pm	Tom Bergeron	Host of Dancing With the Stars and America's Funniest Home Videos
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12 Oct	9am	David Duchovny & Gillian Anderson	Actors
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[\[-\] cypherpunks](#) 4 points 1 day ago

Basically, the Dual_EC_DBRG algorithm as specified *definitely* has a backdoor key. That is, a special number that, if you know it, lets you break it.

The question is whether *anyone* knows that number. It all depends on how the parameters were generated, and the standard is silent on the subject.

You can generate your own parameters, in which case you can be sure nobody has the backdoor key, or you can just use a different algorithm entirely.

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[\[-\] Neebat](#) 87 points 1 day ago

You're preventing people from jumping from one compromised standard to another, probably compromised standard. That actually seems like a good idea.

... but I already have my pitchfork.

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[\[-\] SqueezedSoul](#) 2 points 1 day ago

I don't see how it's better to knowingly let them continue to use a guaranteed compromised standard. Give them a warning that switching away is not a guarantee of safety... anyone sophisticated enough to be changing encryption standards can understand such a simple concept.

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[\[-\] absurdly_sarcastic](#) 14 points 1 day ago

Nice job coming back to answer this as best as you could.

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[\[-\] wycks](#) 3 points 1 day ago

I think the image might be referring to an actual chip name and not necessarily a standard, though I could be wrong. related: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bullrun_\(decryption_program\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bullrun_(decryption_program))

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[\[-\] zmist](#) 4 points 1 day ago

- 1) Has Bruce Schneier seen the list of standards?
- 2) How have you not seen them if you were the one to take the documents?

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[\[-\] gladwinBU](#) 3 points 1 day ago

| If I did have it, I would publish it immediately.

You're honestly the only person I'd read that answer from and believe. thanks for your bravery, and for Snowden's of course.

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[\[-\] aaaaaaaarrrrgh](#) 3 points 1 day ago

| publishing one or two examples would be unhelpful if not misleading as those are tiny fractions of the overall compromised standards.

It would hurt the manufacturers, making other manufacturers put more effort into not getting subverted by the NSA (especially by not cooperating with them).

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[\[-\] DaMayan](#) 2 points 1 day ago

Thnx for coming back to answer!

But i feel this decision can still be debated. Is there a realistic expectation that a full list will ever be known? If the answer is no, then sharing the most complete knowledge at any point will have the same problems.

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[\[-\] narwhalslut](#) 2 points 1 day ago

This makes me even more sick to hear. I can't say I agree but right now you're literally more trustful than anyone else in the world on the matter, save for a handful of people.

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[\[-\] SqueezedSoul](#) 2 points 1 day ago

I'm as big a fan of Glenn and his reporting as there is, but this answer stinks. Anyone sophisticated enough to know what encryption standards are and how to change them can be trusted to understand that switching away from one compromised standard is not a guarantee of safety. If they are using a known compromised standard, however, then there IS a guarantee their data is unprotected.... let them know!

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[\[-\] Bardfinn](#) 293 points 1 day ago*

Computer scientist here;

While I do not know the name redacted in that report, the "VPN and Web encryption devices" mentioned are most likely [hardware SSL acceleration appliances](#), and due to the sensitive nature of the backdoor being discussed, are probably in chips fabricated by a US-based silicon designer using a US-located silicon fabrication plant.

The reason for that is twofold; first, you don't want a foreign power discovering your backdoor in a chip, and second, you don't want a foreign power inserting their own backdoor.

The [vendors](#) list in Wikipedia lists the following vendors of SSL appliances:

- Barracuda Networks
- Array Networks
- CAI Networks
- Cavium Networks (fabless semiconductor designer)
- Cisco Systems
- Citrix Systems
- Cotendo
- Coyote point systems
- Crescendo Networks
- Exinda
- F5 Networks
- Foundry Networks
- Forum Systems
- Freescale Semiconductor (fabless and fab-owning)
- Hifn
- IBM (fab-owning)
- Interface Masters Technologies
- jetNEXUS
- Juniper Networks
- Nortel Networks
- Radware
- Riverbed Technology
- Strangeloop Networks
- Sun Microsystems

Of those, the two names that stand out most are IBM (which is no stranger to crippling encryption upon the demands of the NSA, with fabrication plants throughout the world and the United States, but which isn't significantly given to florid chip descriptors) and Freescale Semiconductors - it is itself a large semiconductor fabricator, focused on semiconductor fabrication, with foundries in Chandler, AZ and Oak Hill, TX.

One not mentioned in that list is Broadcom, a semiconductor manufacturer that is *fabless*, that is - it doesn't own any fabrication capability, itself. It does, however, design a very large percentage of communications chips used in the industry.

Not finding a Broadcom chip somewhere in a device is notable.

The redacted space is roughly twelve all-caps letters or sixteen mixed-case letters in that font. If we could have someone identify exactly which font was used, then we could experiment with chip names from SSL acceleration device manifests, in that font, and see which fit into the redacted space, possibly with the manufacturer's name in front of the chip - for example, the [Freescale SAHARA](#) appears to fit nicely - and is touted as having configurable access control to the random number generator and hashing functions on that feature sheet linked - but is just one possibility. Another is the [PowerArchitecture™](#) from [Mocana](#) -formerly [FreeScale](#) .

If I were in the position to lead a project to reverse-engineer the possible name of the chip, I would:

- Find out what the top five top-selling SSL acceleration device manufacturers in the world are;
- get a list of their best-selling products;
- Get parts manifests for each of their popular products, possibly from an electronics tear down research organisation;
- Locate and name the crypto accelerator chips;
- Determine who designed and fabricated those chips.
- Get the name of the font used in the report in the imgur link;
- Compose the name of each of those chips in that font at that pitch;
- Do a little comparing.

Edit. OP is assuming that the report is listing *two, separate* chips. While that is *possible*, it is equally as likely that one variety or species of chip is being named! i.e. *Intel Pentium chips*. There is also no guarantee that the redacted text lists a florid, marketing-friendly name, and may possibly be a code name internal to the US intelligence community. These and other alternatives should not be discounted.

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[\[-\] dtfgator](#) 79 points 1 day ago

Electrical engineer here. This is all great info.

One thing that's important to note is how easy it is to add a "backdoor". If you even mildly WEAKEN the random number generators (reduce the level of entropy, etc), you can make it orders of magnitude easier to break the crypto. This could be done simply by disabling random number units, or even more easily, by selectively removing logic gates that comprise the gens.

This kind of backdoor could be implemented easily after the entire design is finalized by making minor changes to the layout, or possibly even changed entirely at the fab level (ie don't etch or dope certain gates), making the compliance of engineers a non-issue. It is also extremely hard to test for this kind of "backdoor" and it can easily be swept under the rug.

Its pretty scary how easy this could be to do - not at all a huge "oh, we have to leave an open $50\mu\text{M}^2$ on the die for some undisclosed NSA layout that ties into our main buses".

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[\[-\] Bardfinn](#) 21 points 1 day ago

Thank you!

My understanding is that the management of the crypto accelerator functions is open to whoever holds trusted root certificates for the management of the device; i.e. the manufacturer installs a chain of certs after device assembly, and one of those certs is labelled an escrowed manufacturer key or export control key - at which point, the firmware may be updated by whoever holds the private key for that certificate. Normally this would be the manufacturer, if they needed to patch firmware. The NSA could use this to disable random number generator modes or encryption modes, and/or manage (read keys from in "debug" mode) the crypto accelerator.

It's rather telling that, although sophisticated SSL acceleration appliances are in widespread use, the majority of TLS-encrypted traffic winds up being negotiated as RC4, which cryptanalysts and computer scientists believe is within 18 months of being publicly broken, and PFS is almost never negotiated.

I and others *strongly suspect* this was an intentional nudge by the NSA.

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[\[-\] dtfgator](#) 7 points 1 day ago

It's pretty clear that there are a lot of flaws in the current system.

A decentralized route with an individual web-of-trust seems to be the only reasonable path we can go at this point, and even that isn't invulnerable.

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[\[-\] GiveLoveNotHate](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Didn't Snowden say they access everything at the tasking level of communication? Or maybe I misheard something... but in that case wouldn't that mean that all they need is the tasking information to intercept which could in fact be very secure and encrypted itself if they are compelling it through court order anyway? I thought that's the point of the data centers.. to intercept at the tasking devices and only rely on accessing databases without tasking that are already kept for business and easily compelled? I haven't really kept up... and comp sci is not even remotely my major.

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[\[-\] nicolaosq](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Is bitcoin compromised in anyway, given the recent revelations?

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[\[-\] tekdaemon](#) 11 points 1 day ago

Now I finally understand why the US government is so paranoid about ISPs or Telecoms installing Huawei routers/hardware. They likely figure if they've bugged all our hardware the Chinese must have also bugged all theirs. It used to seem like protectionist nonsense but if the NSA has really been able to compromise all these chips...

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[\[-\] esadatari](#) 4 points 1 day ago

Just wanted to mention that in affecting Cisco gear alone, they could have a majority of the existing internet backbone.

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[\[-\] cp5184](#) 5 points 1 day ago

When did IBM cripple encryption on instruction from the nsa?

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[\[-\] Bardfinn](#) 10 points 1 day ago

They purposefully weakened the key strength of the encryption in export versions of Lotus Notes.

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[\[-\] jgrizwald](#) 2 points 1 day ago

Damn. That was an excellent post.

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[\[-\] Aqua_Deuce](#) 2 points 1 day ago

I like your style

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[\[-\] JazzyGypsy](#) 2 points 1 day ago

I may work at one of the companies you mentioned and may have been part of the redesign of the security engine hardware dedicated to accelerate protocols such as ssl. We inherited the original design and thus much of its functionality remained the same. I doubt enough diligence has been made to probe for security holes as a result. Now you've peaked my curiosity..

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[\[-\] hatessw](#) 2 points 1 day ago

I checked what font it was, even though it looks awfully common... And sure enough, after some investigating I settled on the Times font family, probably just Times New Roman.

Very little news value, I'm sure, but I thought I should save others the time.

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[\[-\] frogtan](#) 154 points 1 day ago

Yes, please. We really need to know the names of the chips redacted in this image and any other specifics Glenn is aware of.

The article regarding subversion of infrastructure, algorithms, manipulation of teams and others is useful but only a tease if we aren't given any names of issues or protocols/systems compromised. We need to know what's safe, what isn't and allow the community to repair the damaged tools or switch entirely to a more appropriate option. Without details like this, we're in a lot of trouble.

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[\[-\] Examinecom](#) 52 points 1 day ago

Look at the character length, it might be possible to create a shortlist of chips.

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[\[-\] JimmyOConnell](#) 68 points 1 day ago

Can you tell is why you decided to redact the specific chip names? Would it not e useful for VPN technicians to be able to know which ones to avoid when building new systems?

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[\[-\] ZoFreX](#) 38 points 1 day ago

Simple, only use chips with names longer than "ability for SIGIN"!

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

[\[-\] zaphdingbatman](#) 5 points 1 day ago

It's one thing to pick a fight with the NSA. It's quite another to pick a fight with Congress's corporate masters.

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[\[-\] neuralzen](#) 14 points 1 day ago*

Seems like [TPM 2.0 is the most likely candidate, and perhaps TPM](#), but hopefully we get a response.

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

[\[-\] rednib](#) 3 points 1 day ago

Of course its tpm.

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

[\[-\] Antebios](#) 9 points 1 day ago

Oohh, good question!

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[\[-\] AmericanMustache](#) 2 points 1 day ago

I have no idea what the significance of this is, could you please elaborate?

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[\[-\] malcolm_rifkind](#) 320 points 2 days ago

Janine Gibson:

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[\[-\] RemindControl](#) 428 points 2 days ago

Why do you think the [leak about forwarding data to Israel](#) received relatively little attention compared to other leaks?

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [\[S\]](#) 936 points 1 day ago

| Why do you think the leak about forwarding data to Israel received relatively little attention compared to other leaks?

1) Because it involved "Israel", which sends some people into fear-based silence; 2) Because it happened in the middle of Syria, which took up most oxygen; 3) Because the New York Times published nothing about it, for ignominious and self-serving reasons highlighted by its own public editor; and 4) Because there is some NSA fatigue: a sense that nothing that is revealed can surprise any longer.

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[\[-\] phaseL](#) 339 points 1 day ago

The Times [excuse](#) for those interested.

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[\[-\] lilzaphod](#) 75 points 1 day ago

"Nothing to see here. Move Along".

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[\[-\] istillkeme](#) 16 points 1 day ago

This was the same Times that gave us NYT v. US. So sad to watch the Grey Lady fade away.

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[\[-\] dustinsmusings](#) 11 points 1 day ago

Wait, she disagrees with Dean, and thinks that it should have been published by the Times. Has it been? (I assume the answer is "no.")

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[\[-\] phaseL](#) 8 points 1 day ago

Correct. She states it should have been given attention, and no, I don't believe it has been.

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[\[-\] MonsieurA](#) 5 points 1 day ago

| I asked the managing editor, Dean Baquet, about it on Monday morning.

| He told me that The Times had chosen not to follow the story because its level of significance did not demand it.

Look up Dean Baquet on Wikipedia.

| In 2006, ABC News reported that Baquet killed a story about NSA wiretaps of Americans.

Surprise, surprise!

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[\[-\] alcestisisdead](#) 7 points 1 day ago

Well, that's some flaccid reasoning if I've ever seen some.

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

[\[-\] hlabarka](#) 15 points 1 day ago

Today you are a golden god

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

[\[-\] tekdaemon](#) 6 points 1 day ago

That is a pretty crappy excuse...apparently this story isn't "significant" enough to print but they have the resources to print meaningless lifestyle articles. At least their public editor actually bothered to address it.

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[\[-\] PantsGrenades](#) 291 points 1 day ago* x2

Because there is some NSA fatigue: a sense that nothing that is revealed can surprise any longer.

This is akin to shock doctrine, and certain elements spend a lot of time and resources advancing this notion. Don't let anyone convince you that fatigue is setting in -- relatively speaking, this story has already had a *much* longer shelf life than most. I would even go so far as to say it will become a wedge issue for millennials, who are just starting to get their feet wet in politics. Keep reporting on this, and don't mistake gradual change for stagnation. From the perspective of a lowly internet commentator, I can tell you with confidence that a kind of paradigm shift has occurred. Even after previous revelations, most people bought into plausible deniability, and assumed average folks were too trite to be surveilled.

These days, it's actually possible to discuss these issues without being pegged as a looney toon, and that makes a *huge* difference. At the same time, I'm seeing this narrative that the internet is lacking in substance, or unimportant, and that internet *discussion* is doubly so. If you can find ways to dispel that notion it would be easier for average people to leverage the aforementioned shift.

edit: thanks for gold kind stranger(s) :D

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[\[-\] d4vezac](#) 42 points 1 day ago

As a millennial, it's definitely one of, if not THE, most important issues to me. The fact that no one seems to be campaigning on it makes it difficult, but I guess the best we can do is make sure that we answer polls that ask us to rank issues by importance.

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[\[-\] MonitoredCitizen](#) 8 points 1 day ago

Going to have to post just to support this.

I am 50 years old, and this is the biggest story about the US in my lifetime by far. This is a story about multiple federal agencies and all three branches of government deliberately violating the constitutional rights of hundreds of millions of Americans. Either this story will be widely discussed in the US a hundred years from now, or US society as we know it is going to take a terrible turn for the worst.

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[\[-\] -jackschitt-](#) 3 points 1 day ago

These days, it's actually possible to discuss these issues without being pegged as a looney toon, I *slightly* disagree with this.

Before the revelations, any discussion that the US (and to be fair, other countries are doing this too) was conducting blanket surveillance of its citizens would almost automatically get you written off as some kind of tin-foil-hat wearing conspiracy nut not worth taking seriously.

We're past that now....but not entirely. Instead of people writing you off and saying that the US isn't conducting surveillance, they're just saying either (a) It's OK because terrrrrrism/protect teh childrenz/why do you love criminals?, (b) It's OK because they're not watching *you* specifically/you're not important enough to be spied on, or (c) Who cares? You only have to worry if you have something to hide.

So there's still some work to be done. People still need to be educated that the US is watching *everybody*, and it's not just the conspiracy nuts/criminals/other "bad" people who have legitimate concerns about it.

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[\[-\] PantsGrenades](#) 4 points 1 day ago

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Believe me, I'm *very* familiar with those... arguments. The thing is, thanks to things like reddit, we each have

a small way to wrangle the narrative. The underlying mentality of any internet discussion is "I'm garbage, you're garbage, and if you care about anything you're a smug asshole.". This made sense when it was all aol chat rooms and geocities pages, but these days the discussion is actually fairly informative and nuanced. As silly as it sounds, this is actually the greatest philosophical playground I've seen in my adult life, even considering all the bullshit. Something like 6% of all US adults browse reddit, and it's roughly the 30th most viewed site in the country -- top five if you only count social media. Among those social media sites, reddit is easily the most political. On top of all of that, if a reddit post blows up in the right place at the right time, your comment could reach viewership *reaching into the millions*. Most newspapers don't even hit a circulation of 100k, if that counts as a fair comparison.

Familiar with Ben Franklin? That dude *loved* the printing press. He was all over that shit, and from a young age. You don't think he'd be all over *this* shit too if it meant he could get his message out, receive *immediate* correspondence, and do it all without leaving his office? Bro would be the supreme arbiter of */r/politics*, were he alive today. If you're feeling overwhelmed by talking points and contrived apathy, remember that you're privy to effective, convenient public debate, in a historically unprecedented way. Commenting on the internet isn't a profound or noble act, but it's trite nature is being dispelled by the first world's increasing comprehension, brought on by improved access to information. Smart phones are starting to pop up outside of industrialized nations now, so there's reason to believe this comprehension will grow explosively, given time.

Instead of getting bogged down by negative sentiments, take part in dispelling them publicly. The more you discuss it, the better you'll be at countering them.

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[\[-\] MrEShay](#) 6 points 1 day ago

While I agree with the rest of what you're saying, your leading comparison is rather misleading.

"Shock doctrine," as it was coined by Naomi Klein and Michael Winterbottom, refers to the deliberate use of the emotional aftermath of a crises to advance political agenda. (e.g. Expand global military presence/pass xenophobic legislation in the aftermath of 9/11)

What Greenwald refers to when he says that there is "NSA fatigue: a sense that nothing that is revealed can surprise any longer" is the idea that audiences have a saturation point for what will make them say "Holy hell! I never expected that."

I hope you can kind of see that they are two, disparate concepts, even if they both deal with "crises" in the broad sense of the term.

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[\[-\] Thee_MoonMan](#) 4 points 1 day ago

While being able to discuss all this is great-a good point- I think a lot of people with reservations or lack of understanding could experience that fatigue. Hearing constant stories about the NSA while nothing is being done about it could well become too much for one to want to bother paying attention to.

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[\[-\] DJ_HI_TEK](#) 3 points 1 day ago

Fantastic, thank you. I'm glad you posted this, I feel the same way but I couldn't think of a way to describe it in text like you have.

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[\[-\] PaintChem](#) 27 points 1 day ago

Do you think that a plausible narrative can be established like the following:

US sends data to Israel with orders to "destroy" the ones they aren't supposed to get.

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We all know the rules don't apply to these covert agencies, so each country is using each other to do the illegal operations within each country.

For example: Want a Supreme Court vote to go your way? Well, just make sure our good friends in the Mossad know which way you want them to vote. We already handed them everything they need to make it happen.

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[\[-\] Sarah_Connor](#) 4 points 1 day ago

I do not think people realize how powerful your words and revelation of the truth are.

This thread should be mandatory reading for anyone who wants to see the true face of US political corruption.

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[\[-\] cynoclast](#) 7 points 1 day ago

One of the most famous journalists in history - a woman to whom sitting President of the United States, **Barack Obama** *personally* brought a birthday cupcake - had her career abruptly terminated for mentioning Israel in a Whitehouse press conference.

The silence is deafening.

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[\[-\] skullcandy90](#) 5 points 1 day ago

Because it involved "Israel", which sends some people into fear-based silence

Not only is this true for journalism, it is also the same for academics and politicians. But hey 'reddit is so fucking anti-israel' because reddit should have no reason to dislike Israel. And at least one person will reply to this comment saying something along the lines of 'what about saudia arabia or sudan'. If you claim to be a democracy, act like one and there would be no need for the criticism they get.

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[\[-\] Revolution1992](#) 489 points 2 days ago

Will there be any more groundbreaking leaks? Also, how do you feel about the response from the American people? Thanks for doing this AMA, Mr. Greenwald.

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [\[S\]](#) 912 points 2 days ago

Will there be any more groundbreaking leaks? Also, how do you feel about the response from the American people? Thanks for doing this AMA, Mr. Greenwald.

There are definitely huge new stories to come: many more. I've said that from the start every time I was asked and I think people see by now that it's true. In fact, as Janine said the other day, the documents and newsworthy revelations are so massive that no one news organization can possibly process them all.

As for public opinion, I'm incredibly gratified that Americans, and people around the world, have been so engaged by these issues and that public opinion polls show radical shifts in how people perceive that threats to their privacy/civil liberties from their own government are greater than threats to their safety from The Terrorists.

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[\[-\] pcvcolin](#) 94 points 2 days ago*

Hello, Mr. Greenwald. I really appreciate your role as a journalist in the leaks, but I am sort of holding out hope that there will be more emphasis in a future story (or stories?) of yours on what people can do short of waiting for a lawsuit to end some of this surveillance, for example, how people can be selective in their use of service(s) or software to pick out that which operates based on a 'Zero Knowledge' system similar to SpiderOak, and some discussion of how ordinary people can implement, support, and demand perfect forward security. These are things anyone can do (or at least, demand be present in their services or software) but we don't see it happening. Would you please comment on this, for the benefit of the readers? Here are some links for reference...

[perfect_forward_secrecy_overview](#)

[perfect_forward_secrecy_implementation](#)

[zero_knowledge_what_is_it](#)

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[\[-\] achshar](#) 78 points 1 day ago

I think their work is to tell us about what's happening. How to solve the problem is the larger issue. They are in a unique position where they have some very important information, but that doesn't make them any better at solving the problems they tell us about.

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[–] **HAL9000000** 4 points 1 day ago

This is a good point. I won't say that the person above is being critical of these journalists, but some of the negative opinions people have of journalists does come from unrealistic expectations of what they should know. Like you say, these journalists are going to tell us what's happening. We need to engage other experts to understand what we can do about it. This is what makes our media environment better today -- that journalists are not the only people who can tell us about the news. They are an important part of a broader process that involves a network of different kinds of information agents.

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[–] **MLNYC** 91 points 2 days ago

In your 2011 book "With Liberty and Justice for Some: How the Law Is Used to Destroy Equality and Protect the Powerful" you write about Ed Snowden's former employer Booz Allen, its likely participation in warrantless surveillance, the many thousands of its employees who have US national "security clearance," the huge sums of taxpayer money it receives, and how Michael McConnell went back and forth between Booz Allen leadership and US government leadership roles:

- Director of NSA, 1992–1996
- Senior Vice President Booz Allen Hamilton, 1996–2006
- Director of National Intelligence, 2007–2009
- Executive Vice President Booz Allen Hamilton, 2009–2012

In both his government and private roles, he advocated for privatization of national security, and was one of the voices encouraging Congress to retroactively make the telecoms immune from criminal and civil suits after their rampant lawbreaking related to their participation in warrantless wiretapping programs. Of course, the move would help both Booz Allen and the NSA to continue their work unabated.

Some questions:

1. Do you know whether Ed Snowden read this book before he contacted you?
2. In the book, you discuss that the 2001-2004 Bush surveillance program was so blatantly illegal that Ashcroft and Comey would no longer approve of it, and that after it was "reformed" we never got details on just how bad that first program was. What do we know now about that first Bush program that we didn't know then? And how does our current surveillance program (per Snowden leaks) compare to that first program?
3. Does the telecom immunity passed by Congress in 2008 affect the ability of people to pursue lawsuits based on the more recent programs revealed by Mr. Snowden?
4. How much of the web--at least unencrypted HTTP traffic--across what years, is definitely/likely/possibly stored by the US government (or its contractors) today?

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[–] **ageisp0lis** 36 points 1 day ago*

FBI is demanding \$271k for FOIA records of Booz Allen's contracts with them. <https://www.muckrock.com/news/archives/2013/sep/30/want-see-work-booz-allen-did-fbi-get-ready-fork-ov/>

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[–] **heshl** 2 points 1 day ago

Bitch don know bout section 206 of my patriot act.

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[–] **tatertits7** 272 points 2 days ago

Is it too late to roll back the surveillance state?

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[\[-\] janine_gibson](#) [Janine Gibson](#) 365 points 1 day ago

I think this is the question we've all been asking. It's at the heart of this story. And we fundamentally think it's a debate best had in the open. It's going to come down to what citizens, users and voters think about how much they're prepared to give up in order to feel secure. It's not an easy question.

We had an event recently in NYC and the former general counsel for the NSA said this is a debate that has to be had once a generation -- that each generation needs to feel it has given consent. I think that's an interesting point. It certainly feels like there are a couple of generations who have been taken aback by the sheer size and scale of surveillance.

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[\[-\] JimmyOConnell](#) 141 points 1 day ago

Unfortunately I suspect that like a lot of things, money is at the root of this question. The NSA's ecosystem is so gigantic that it has created it's own little economy, into which the government has poured hundreds of billions - for example, what hope can there be of shutting down the Utah Data Center when it cost something in the region of \$60bn to create?

One only has to look at the police opposing the recent decision to relax some drug laws, not on any moral grounds but because so many of heir jobs depend on the war on drugs. I'm not saying it's impossible, but I can genuinely see economic arguments trumping moral ones - "we can't defund the NSA, the unemployment crisis is bad enough as it is" or "so you're going to spend billions building a data center and then not use it?"

Very disheartening to think about, but soldier on we must and hope for the best.

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[\[-\] LoveYou_PayMe](#) 66 points 1 day ago

what hope can there be of shutting down the Utah Data Center when it cost something in the region of \$60bn to create?

It can be repurposed. I believe Veterans Affairs could use some more processing power. NASA could probably use some. Colleges, research institutions, hospitals. Where we should have spent that money to begin with.

All we have to do is take it from the people who want to use to keep tabs on the entire globe.

Doing so doesn't make it a 60bn dollar loss, it just means we need to find something else to do with *our* computer equipment that doesn't violate the privacy millions of people.

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[\[-\] zefy_zef](#) 7 points 1 day ago

Wait did VA actually switch to computers to process their data, finally??

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[\[-\] hotbox4u](#) 5 points 1 day ago

My god. Giving it to the NASA... just imagine the cases of heartattacks this would cause.

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[\[-\] ZombieGrenadier](#) 3 points 1 day ago

Unfortunately, the NSA's setup in Utah was purpose-built to solve their specific problem. It's not a general purpose computing system that will perform well for other organizations doing different work. From what I recall, that system is built for large amounts of long-term persistent data storage. This isn't the priority for most use cases; people usually need lots of quickly recalled short term storage and raw CPU cycles.

This is a massive simplification, but you get the general concept. Other people seeking to use that system would be doing so at a greatly reduced efficiency, or would have to fundamentally restructure the problems they're interested in, assuming that's possible at all.

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[\[-\] AFarkinOkie](#) 81 points 1 day ago

It would make a great community college.

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[\[-\] Middleman79](#) 3 points 1 day ago

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[–] [popojo2](#) 2 points 1 day ago

or a drug rehab center

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[–] [123vasectomy](#) 5 points 1 day ago

Never mind the long-term economic benefits of shutting down the prison-industrial complex and thereby allowing urban minority communities to be stable, funtional and employable..

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[–] [beautify](#) 3 points 1 day ago

Do you think Janine, that many people from older generations can't comprehend the depths of this information collecting. I mean roughly 15% of the US doesn't have or use internet, and about half of that don't see a reason for it. McCarthyism was neighbor spying on neighbor, sons and daughters on parents etc, the eyes if invasive ness were visible but now they aren't.

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[–] [gvsteve](#) 63 points 1 day ago

Germany rolled back their surveillance state. It can be done. But it may take a momentous change.

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[–] [sciencegod](#) 16 points 1 day ago

East Germany no longer exists...

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[–] [gvsteve](#) 39 points 1 day ago

Momentous change.

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[–] [TuesdayAfternoonYep](#) 14 points 1 day ago

You say that as if Germans aren't spied on now with the consent of their government :/

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[–] [rmaertin](#) 8 points 1 day ago

German here. The NSA can do anything they want in Germany. They're cooperating closely with our own intelligence services. This is not new. It has been going on since the end of WW2 and the beginning of the cold war. It's built into fabric of the system itself and has always been tolerated politically.

Source: [Interview with Josef Foschepoth](#)

[Josef Foschepoth](#)

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[–] [CrackItJack](#) 4 points 1 day ago

Rhetorical: If you had all this power at your disposal, would you give it up ?

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[\[-\] dschuma](#) 104 points 2 days ago

Often times, it seems like stories in the Guardian are shadowboxing with the Obama administration. They say X, you respond with Y, that shows where X is an untruth. They respond with Z, and on it goes.

Do you have that feeling as well? To what extent does the timing of when you plan on running a story affected by the news cycle? Do you still give the administration an opportunity to comment on stories before they are published -- and have you withheld details to protect operational security at their request?

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[\[-\] janine_gibson](#) [Janine Gibson](#) 184 points 2 days ago

Interesting that it seems like that to you. It can feel a lot like that. We have a process that we run with every story where we approach the administration, tell them what we're doing and identify any documents that we might quote from or publish. We invite them to share any *specific* national security concerns that would result from those disclosures. What happens next varies. Sometimes they respond with redaction requests (and sometimes we agree and sometimes not). Sometimes just a statement. Sometimes we ask questions. Sometimes they answer. Much of the time, we've already made some decisions ourselves on redactions of obviously sensitive operational detail or people's names etc. As we've gone on, working this story has become closer to journalistic standard practice (or at least, how we practice it). In terms of the news cycle - obviously we try and make sure each story has as much impact as possible, but we tend to publish when we've found a story, worked it up to our satisfaction, determined that it's in the public interest and it's ready. I've read some spectacular theories about how we're deciding to publish and when. They're all bollocks.

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[\[-\] mikedoherty](#) 34 points 1 day ago

When you say you approach the administration to invite specific national security concerns, how does that work? Are you talking to high level officials? Has NSA assigned a desk jockey to respond to your queries?

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[\[-\] janine_gibson](#) [Janine Gibson](#) 66 points 1 day ago

Again it varies -- we approach through the press office and we talk to whoever they put up to talk to us. Remember, we are total outsiders. In this case, I think it's probably been an advantage.

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[\[-\] thaway314156](#) 21 points 1 day ago

There's an [incredible article from Julian Assange](#) about ringing up the State Dept and asking for Hillary. Guess who later called them back? The girlfriend of Google CEO Eric Schmidt.

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[\[-\] JimmyOConnell](#) 32 points 1 day ago

Could I ask you, is that why you specifically reacted the code names STORMBREW and OAKSTAR From the slide about upstream cable tapping, but not FAIRVIEW or BLARNEY? I've always been fascinated by this, ver since the WashPost published the unredacted slide I've wondered why you decided to redact it in the first place, given that such code names mean nothing to the public anyway without context? Why redact two of them but not the other two? It seems very curious and would be great if you could offer any insight.

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[\[-\] UMich22](#) 245 points 2 days ago

Out of the ones you have deemed to be worth releasing, what percentage of the Snowden documents have you released so far?

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [\[S\]](#) 443 points 2 days ago

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As I've said many times, there are thousands of documents, and the majority of ones that should (and will) be published still remain. Large numbers of people from around the world - including me and Laura Poitras - work every day as their primary or only occupation on getting these documents vetted, understood, and reported on as soon as possible.

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[\[-\] courage_my_friends](#) 156 points 2 days ago

With so many people working with these documents in so many locations, how do you keep these documents secure (in terms of both from less discerning journalistic operations and from antagonistic governments)?

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [\[S\]](#) 440 points 2 days ago

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We use highly advanced means of encryption.

Remember, the only ones whose op sec has proven horrible and who has lost control of huge numbers of documents is the NSA and GCHQ.

We have lost control of nothing. All of the documents we have remain secure.

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[\[-\] uriman](#) 100 points 2 days ago

Aren't the Brits trying to crack all the equipment seized from David Miranda's airport detention? Didn't David reveal an encryption key under duress?

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [\[S\]](#) 348 points 2 days ago

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As he's said in interviews, he gave his password to his personal phone which allowed them access to his Facebook, Skype, email and photos. That's because they kept telling him that under the Terrorism Act, he could and would be arrested if he did not give that. He did not give any encryption keys that allow access to read documents because he did not have any such keys.

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[\[-\] zpkmook](#) 278 points 1 day ago

This terrorism act sounds like personal terrorism.

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[\[-\] gigitrix](#) 167 points 1 day ago

It's a very disturbing law that renders "forgetting a password" illegal. Literal thoughtcrime in that the string of characters in your head are enough to send you to prison.

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[\[-\] magmabrew](#) 87 points 1 day ago

It 100% is. It demands that you tell people something you may or may not know. Its a law you have no way of morally enforcing.

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[\[-\] grkirchhoff](#) 3 points 1 day ago

Is this a real act, or is it something they just told him to make him divulge the password?

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[\[-\] ngony](#) 12 points 1 day ago

No it's real, The Terrorism Act (2000)

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[\[-\] Veteran4Peace](#) 2 points 1 day ago

The terrorists have won. (Maybe we should quit voting for them?)

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[–] [dsmymfah](#) 286 points 2 days ago

You're using terms like OPSEC now. You're becoming assimilated. LOL

Also,

| All of the documents we have remain secure.

Word of advice... hubris was their weakness. Please remain vigilant.

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[–] [cynoclast](#) 14 points 1 day ago

I don't know about you, but I'm seeding all three of Wikileaks' "insurance" torrent files.

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[–] [TheGift1973](#) 3 points 1 day ago

What was in the main big one? It was my understanding that the files remain encrypted and unreadable for the present time.

Is this still the case?

P.s Good to see people are still seeding it.

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[–] [cynoclast](#) 8 points 1 day ago

I have no idea, they are encrypted. But seeding them is something you can personally do for one of the few journalist organizations left from the comfort of your fapstation.

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[–] [TheGift1973](#) 7 points 1 day ago

Doing it now. winsurance-20130815-A.aes256 already complete and seeding. The big ones (b&c) may take a while.

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[–] [Khrevv](#) 24 points 1 day ago*

Mr Greenwald, Are you able to say what kind of encryption you are using? It would be nice to know what is still not easily disabled or worked around.

EDIT: It seems he answered this below:

| See above: use GPG, Pidgen/OTR, Silent Circle, Tails, Tor

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[–] [Qe2UUg7P](#) 5 points 1 day ago

answered below

[see above](#)

That confused me for a moment.

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[–] [avengingturnip](#) 124 points 2 days ago*

So did the British lie when they claimed they decrypted some of the files carried by David Miranda through Heathrow?

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[–] [glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [S] 456 points 2 days ago

So did the British lie when they claimed they decrypted some of the files carried by David Miranda through Heathrow?

They outright lied when they said he was carrying a password that allowed access to the documents. Indeed, on the same day they told that lie (to a gullible media that mindlessly repeated it as fact, as usual), the filed a separate affidavit saying it was urgent for them to keep possession of what they took from David because what he was carrying was "heavily encrypted" and they were able to only "reconstruct" 75 documents. Obviously, if he had a password that enabled access to the documents, then they would have been able to access them.

He did not, and thus they could not.

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[–] [Examinecom](#) 52 points 1 day ago

Did you use standard available programs to encrypt like true crypt? or are you using something customised.

I really don't expect an answer on this, heh.

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[–] [BenNCM](#) 29 points 1 day ago

Chin up son! Don't be so down on yourself already. You make yourself sound like you're not worth responding to.

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[–] [greenday5494](#) 16 points 1 day ago

Nice try NSA

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[–] [tra_i_dep](#) 6 points 1 day ago

No need to comment since better unanswered questions are queuing.

But it's *extremely* gratifying to know the GCHQ officials lied when they said they got access to Ms. Poitras' documents. It seems it was partly chest-pounding ego, and an attempt to characterize Ms. Poitras, Mr. Miranda and yourself as being reckless and a threat to genuine security concerns.

It's somewhat dispiriting that the other news sources accepted these claims without verification, however.

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[–] [jellicle](#) 10 points 2 days ago

They didn't claim that. They issued a statement which could be, and was, misread by the press.

<http://auerfeld.wordpress.com/2013/08/31/miranda-where-is-the-uk-government-getting-its-numbers-from/>

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[–] [UMich22](#) 19 points 2 days ago

Thank you! I appreciate the hard work that you (and other journalists) are doing and look forward to reading many more of your articles.

Actually I suppose I should be sad that there are still many more articles left to write on this subject.

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[\[-\] grayrace1](#) 157 points 2 days ago

Thanks for doing this. At the university I work at, we are putting together a workshop for Media Professionals, including journalists regarding IT security. We plan on covering: PGP, truecrypt, TOR, OTR, and strongbox. What tools, concepts, or techniques should we be teaching aspiring journalists?

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That's so great to hear. One of the most gratifying things I've seen since this all started is how many journalists now communicate using PGP, Pidgen, OTR, TOR and similar instruments of encryption.

Just as was true for me, so many national security journalists - including some of the most accomplished ones at large media outlets, the ones who work on the most sensitive materials - had no idea about any of that and used none of it.

Now they do. In this age of a War on Whistleblowers and sources and ubiquitous surveillance, it's absolutely vital that journalists learn advanced encryption methods and use it.

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[\[-\] janine_gibson](#) [Janine Gibson](#) 175 points 1 day ago

When I started out AHEM years ago, knowing how to use Word was a cutting edge skill.

If I was starting out now as an investigative journalist I'd want to be across all the things you listed. We use all of them plus a couple of other things for good measure.

It would be fair to say that encrypted communications are messy and awkward and do not lend themselves to unimpeded free flow conversations. It can be very hard to confine yourselves to them. Also - as you will have noticed - Glenn types a lot faster than I do. I can't get a bloody word in....

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[\[-\] gigitrix](#) 4 points 1 day ago

Hopefully the revelations will lead to more development in this area. OTR is a bit of a mess right now, usability-wise.

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[\[-\] thaway314156](#) 14 points 1 day ago

Do be aware though, Pidgin without the OTR plugin is not encrypted and is thus not secure!

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[\[-\] Mr_Pricklepants](#) 57 points 2 days ago

On a related note, Glenn and Janine, what's your assessment of the likely effectiveness of the aforementioned tools given what you know?

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [\[S\]](#) 108 points 2 days ago

On a related note, Glenn and Janine, what's your assessment of the likely effectiveness of the aforementioned tools given what you know?

Nothing is perfect, but GPG, Pidgen/OTR and Tor are all fundamentally sound, provided that the user/individual computer isn't compromised.

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[\[-\] AmericanDerp](#) 29 points 2 days ago

Tor
fundamentally sound

Just an FYI; patterns of Tor usage can still be reconstructed at *times* from DNS queries.

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[–] [frogtan](#) 15 points 1 day ago

Tor has issues, just like a lot of things but it works and it's solid in a lot of respects. We have a lot of alternatives to Tor, Pidgin, etc, thankfully which gives us freedom in a form. Regardless, Tor is safe. We should always evaluate our options but Tor is a lot better than nothing.

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[–] [AmericanDerp](#) 5 points 1 day ago

Regardless, Tor is safe. We should always evaluate our options but Tor is a lot better than nothing. TOR is not perfect anonymity. Nothing is, unless YOU are 100% sure you have iron-clad NSA-proof encryption end to end, AND the end to end systems are secured and trustworthy. We should never say things like "TOR is safe," but rather, "TOR is pretty damn safe with encryption on top of it."

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[–] [frogtan](#) 7 points 1 day ago

I agree, sorry to be unclear. Tor is better than nothing but nothing is 100%, as you rightly say. It's obviously okay to examine and review any tools we do use, such as Tor but not limited to but we are a lot safer with it and the protections it offers than without and in the clear entirely. We should mix tools and educate ourselves to the best of our abilities about all options.

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[–] [MLNYC](#) 15 points 1 day ago

It's *pidgin*, like the [linguistics](#) term.

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[–] [optimus_factorial](#) 4 points 1 day ago

maybe its creole, like the [linguistics](#) term

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[–] [volt41](#) 3 points 1 day ago

Tor [is] fundamentally sound. It worries me that you are telling people this when academic research seems to be showing that it's not true. A very large percentage of Tor is using small DH keys that are thought to be tractable. A paper was recently published about it two months ago, IIRC. One of the more interesting criticisms I heard about Snowden from a former NSA source was that he was a low level guy that didn't really understand the crypto or take part in deep technical work. He was just a windows admin, a "help desk" lackey, the source said. That really struck me. Concern over that is what is making it so hard for me and others to evaluate the cryptographic systems the internet is based on in light of Snowden's disclosures and "fix" the broken ones.

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[–] [EvanHarper](#) 4 points 1 day ago

But virtually nothing in the NSA story is based on Snowden's personal expertise or his word. He could have been the guy who filled the vending machines in the cafeteria and the situation would be basically the same.

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[–] [volt41](#) 4 points 1 day ago

Well all strong crypto being trustable is something Snowden said in his first interview that's been repeated a lot by Glen and others. He also used a 4096bit GnuPG RSA key with a 4096bit RSA encryption subkey for communication. What others and myself have been trying to figure out since this started is "are all three types of strong public key crypto really trustable?" If Snowden was actually a

tech with understanding of NSA cryptanalysis capabilities, the answer is most probably yes. But, if he was just a help desk lackey/rack monkey or the guy who filled the vending machines in the cafeteria the answer might be no for all three types. There are some things in the leaks that seem to indicate that not only is the answer is no for all three types of public key cryptography but that symmetric block cypher cryptography is also broken (specifically AES).

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[\[-\] ZoFreX](#) 2 points 1 day ago

If you can monitor the internet connection of your target, and a lot of the exit nodes (i.e. enough to stand decent chances of occasionally seeing your target's traffic) then you can correlate them very easily. For a nation state attacker, this attack is feasible, and the [tor project's documentation](#) is completely candid about this weakness:

What attacks remain against onion routing?

As mentioned above, it is possible for an observer who can view both you and either the destination website or your Tor exit node to correlate timings of your traffic as it enters the Tor network and also as it exits. Tor does not defend against such a threat model.

In a more limited sense, note that if a censor or law enforcement agency has the ability to obtain specific observation of parts of the network, it is possible for them to verify a suspicion that you talk regularly to your friend by observing traffic at both ends and correlating the timing of only that traffic. Again, this is only useful to verify that parties already suspected of communicating with one another are doing so. In most countries, the suspicion required to obtain a warrant already carries more weight than timing correlation would provide.

Furthermore, since Tor reuses circuits for multiple TCP connections, it is possible to associate non anonymous and anonymous traffic at a given exit node, so be careful about what applications you run concurrently over Tor. Perhaps even run separate Tor clients for these applications.

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[\[-\] rikardlinde](#) 164 points 2 days ago

I'm curious about the offensive cyberactions of the US. Will you write [more](#) about it? Can you tell us about aggressions made by the US?

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [\[S\]](#) 320 points 2 days ago

I'm curious about the offensive cyberactions of the US. Will you write more about it? Can you tell us about aggressions made by the US?

In my view, the two most overlooked stories we've published are the one you reference (about the secret presidential directive signed by Obama to prepare for offensive cyber operations: essentially the militarization of the internet) and the document we recently published showing NSA gives **unminimized** commuincations of US persons to Israel with very few binding safeguards.

I hope we'll have more on the topic you asked about, though so far the information is limited.

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[\[-\] rikardlinde](#) 31 points 2 days ago

Thank you, keep up the good work.

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[\[-\] Ty51](#) 37 points 2 days ago

Building off the NSA giving unminimized communication to Israeli intelligence: is this simply a workaround to conduct surveillance/analysis on US citizens that would otherwise be illegal under US law?

Really appreciate your work, of course.

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[\[-\] DAE_CATS](#) 10 points 1 day ago

Israel already have conducted huge surveillance programs in the US but it has largely been ignored by the media.

<http://www.christopherketcham.com/wp-content/uploads/2007/03/Final%20PDF%20of%20CounterPunch%20article%20re%20Israelis%2001-29-07.pdf>

100's of Israelis have been caught trying to penetrate US agencies and deported or arrested. It also ties into another story that disappeared about the suspected MOSSAD agents arrested in New York on 9/11. You can see the real FBI reports obtained in 2011 under FOIA request here.

<http://www.scribd.com/collections/4010452/9-11-The-Dancing-Israelis-FBI-report>.

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[–] [kat_fud](#) 3 points 1 day ago

We've already outsourced torture, I'd say this is very likely.

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[–] [SMZ72](#) 5 points 1 day ago

Why is this a problem if China, among other countries, already have active cyber warfare divisions?

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[–] [Ron_Jeremy](#) 2 points 1 day ago

If the unminimized part is a thing, do you think pollard will be freed eventually?

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[–] [rockscissor](#) 89 points 2 days ago

Thank you for your courage, intelligence, and extraordinary work ethic. I have followed you since your days at Salon.

Please recommend other news sources, in addition to the Guardian, that world citizens can follow. The Main Stream Media does nothing to educate us and seems to be a factory that spews mostly propaganda.

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[–] [glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [S] 155 points 1 day ago

Please recommend other news sources, in addition to the Guardian, that world citizens can follow.

There are a huge number of independent journalists and intrepid news sites that are very worth reading. Follow my Twitter feed where I often link to them.

The internet is primarily responsible for enabling a massive diversification of media voices and democratization of our political discourse. That's one big reason I consider the cause of defending internet freedom from state control to be such a vital political priority.

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[–] [platypusmusic](#) 97 points 1 day ago

for the lazy

<https://twitter.com/ggreenwald>

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[–] [msouth](#) 3 points 1 day ago

I'm a perl programmer, Laziness is a virtue :).

[edit: for the lazy: <http://c2.com/cgi/wiki?LazinessImpatienceHubris>]

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[–] [Divolinon](#) 2 points 1 day ago

Thanks for thinking of us.

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[–] [keeponchoolgin](#) 2 points 1 day ago

What about those of us who don't use twitter? Could you recommend some news sites that are worth reading?

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[\[-\] RodeoRadio](#) 3 points 1 day ago

Ryot.org

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[\[-\] The_eye_in_the_sky](#) 237 points 2 days ago

I have to ask why the leaks are piece fed to the public? Why cant it be one big release? Thanks in advance.

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [\[S\]](#) 755 points 1 day ago

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Many reasons:

- 1) It's irresponsible to dump documents without first understanding them and the consequences of publication.
- 2) It's 100% contrary to the agreement we made with our source when he came to us and talked about how he wanted us to report on them (if he wanted them all dumped, he wouldn't have needed us: he could have done it himself).
- 3) It would be impossible for the public to process a huge, indiscriminate dump, and media outlets would not care enough to read through them and report them because they'd have no vested interest in doing so (that's what WikiLeaks learned long ago, which is why they began partnering with media outlets on an exclusive basis for its releases).
- 4) The debate that we should be having would get overwhelmed by accusations that we were being irresponsible and helping the Terrorists; in other words, it would be strategically dumb to do.
- 5) There are already lots of risks for people reporting on these documents; there would be seriously heightened risks for anyone involved if they were just indiscriminately dumped.

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[\[-\] ScottyNuttz](#) 155 points 1 day ago

Don't forget about giving people enough rope to hang themselves when they furiously deny the implications of leak A only to be proven to be lying when leak B drops a week later!

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[\[-\] akambe](#) 79 points 1 day ago

This, I think, is the most valuable reason to do it piecemeal. It's hilarious to watch.

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[\[-\] GiveLoveNotHate](#) 3 points 1 day ago

That was even brought up to Carney in a daily briefing a day or two ago and it was hilarious. Carney looks like he's aged a couple years in the last couple months. His talking points make me feel sorry for him, getting paid to lie constantly can't be easy on your soul for very long.

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[\[-\] rikardlinde](#) 330 points 1 day ago

I just realized you've done a good job keeping your source out of the limelight, it feels like he's slowly fading from public consciousness and the real story is gaining traction:-D

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [\[S\]](#) 1042 points 1 day ago x2

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This is an astute point, and the credit for this is due to Snowden.

One of the most darkly hilarious things to watch is how government apologists and media servants are driven by total herd behavior: they all mindlessly adopt the same script and then just keep repeating it because they see others doing so and, like parrots, just mimic what they hear.

All whistleblowers are immediately demonized - they have to be "crazy" lest people think that there is something valid to their view that they saw injustices so fundamental that it was worth risking their liberty to expose. That's why Nixon wanted Daniel Ellsberg's psychoanalysis files: degrading the psyche of whistleblowers is vital to defending the status quo.

The script used to do this to Snowden was that he was a "fame-seeking narcissist." Hordes of people who had no idea what "narcissism" even means - and who did not know the first thing about Snowden - kept repeating this word over and over because that became the cliché used to demonize him.

The reason this was darkly hilarious is because there is almost no attack on him more patently invalid than this one. When he came to us, he said: "after I identify myself as the source and explain why I did this, I intend to disappear from media sight, because I know they will want to personalize the story about me, and I want the focus to remain on the substance of NSA disclosures."

He has been 100% true to his word. Almost every day for four months, I've had the biggest TV shows and most influential media stars calling and emailing me, begging to interview Snowden for TV. He has refused every request because he does not want the attention to be on him, but rather on the disclosures that he risked his liberty and even his life to bring to the world.

He could easily have been the most famous person in the world, on TV every day and night. But he chose not to, selflessly, so that he would not distract from the substance of the story.

How the people who spent months screaming "fame whore" and "narcissist" at him don't fall on the ground in shame is mystifying to me. Few smear campaigns have ever proven more baseless than this one.

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[\[-\] mister_geaux](#) 88 points 1 day ago

This addresses a question I asked elsewhere, so I'll restate it here: Snowden has said he wants to be "part of the debate" over global surveillance. Can you speak to when and how he can best rejoin that debate? You seem to suggest that it's best if he just stays out of it from now on, to avoid personalizing the story or giving grist to people who want to portray him as a megalomaniac.

I understand the argument that keeping him removed from the spotlight is productive; on the other hand, in his limited interviews with you and in his Guardian Q&A, he was cogent, knowledgeable, and compelling. I don't feel guilty for wanting to hear more from him.

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [\[S\]](#) 201 points 1 day ago

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He has participated in the debate when he thought doing so was fruitful. He's given a couple interviews to me about some of the substance, has given statements about surveillance and privacy when accepting awards, and may start doing interviews at some point if he's convinced that the focus will be on the substance of the disclosures and not the personality issues involving him.

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[\[-\] mister_geaux](#) 112 points 1 day ago

Thanks for your answer, thanks for doing this AMA, and thanks for your tireless work. I mean, literally, I read your Twitter feed: you should sleep more.

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[\[-\] sprawld](#) 22 points 1 day ago

One of my favourite things on Twitter is to go to Glenn's page and watch him argue with idiots (and some non-idiots)

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[\[-\] Cowicide](#) 6 points 1 day ago

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Idiots on Reddit still do it to this day. They just can't seem to help themselves and shame is as foreign to them as is their own honesty and dignity is.

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[–] **Bodiwire** 6 points 1 day ago

The irony of people who spend every day offering vapid commentary on television calling Edward Snowden a narcissist is just too much. A lot of projection going on there.

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[–] **AmericanDerp** 101 points 1 day ago

He could easily have been the most famous person in the world, on TV every day and night. But he chose not to, selflessly, so that he would not distract from the substance of the story.

And this is why Assange needs to fade from the media.

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[–] **BreeZee76** 38 points 1 day ago

Different situation for Assange. He WAS the publisher - he didn't have anyone to protect him (the Guardian certainly didn't - they threw him under the bus just as fast as they could), other than the relative safety of keeping in the public eye.

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[–] **FrankenFood** 104 points 1 day ago

I disagree. Assange's fame has an important role. He is now the go-to guy for future whistleblowers. And last i heard he was trying to hold a public office, great move imo.

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[–] **christmasisawesome** 12 points 1 day ago

He is the figure head for whistle blowers. It's important for him to be known.

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[–] **kroxigor01** 10 points 1 day ago

Julian Assange ran for the Senate in Victoria earlier last month but was unsuccessful. He got 1.24% of the vote. If he had quintupled that he had a chance of getting a seat (~6.5% probably the minimum). Curiously a candidate in the same race from the previously unknown Australian Motoring Enthusiast Party got elected with only 0.51%. The rules that allow this to happen are not very democratic and are probably going to be changed. [Here is a video of the new senator throwing kangaroo poo at a friend.](#)

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[–] **whoadave** 46 points 1 day ago

He hasn't?

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[–] **voodoochile78** 4 points 1 day ago

Maybe if they let him leave the Ecuadorean Embassy first...

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[–] **Funky-buddha** 6 points 1 day ago

Snowden seems to have a zen like understanding that puts him wise beyond his years. While I am honestly worried about his outcome, I have a settling feeling that he's a step ahead of the people after him.

On a side note, does anyone know if he's a martial artist or practices zen? This whole approach is very Art of

War Esque.

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[\[-\] totoinkansas](#) 4 points 1 day ago

The other reason they broke into Ellsberg's office is to check if they could find something on the *psychiatrist*, for purposes of blackmail. This is what Ellsberg claims.

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[\[-\] tootie](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Didn't Ellsberg ultimately reveal that his leak was out of spite? Honestly, it's irrelevant. Maybe Snowden leaked the docs because his dog told him to. Doesn't change the content of his revelations.

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[\[-\] Freeman001](#) 2 points 1 day ago

Th amount of people on reddit acting exactly as you just described is really disturbing. If you and snowden live through this ordeal, it'd be an honor to shake your hand.

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[\[-\] LateAdopter](#) 2 points 1 day ago

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This is exactly what the media is doing with Bradley Manning's gender identity. Focusing on a person's private life rather than the actual story that needs to be told isn't journalism. At best it's paparazzism, at worst it's propaganda meant to distract people.

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[\[-\] gigitrix](#) 4 points 1 day ago

I hadn't realised this, well spotted.

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[\[-\] gnathan87](#) 30 points 1 day ago*

Also, releasing the documents piecemeal means that the story's staying in the headlines a lot longer than it otherwise might. Just as attention on the last leak is waning, **BAM** and it's back on top.

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[\[-\] gemini33](#) 3 points 1 day ago

Agree, and even better, it has allowed Greenwald, et al, to release stories in a timely manner to refute various... inaccuracies stated by the main players like Alexander and Clapper and by members of Congress. Also, it seems like some releases are timed to coincide with big Senate hearings.

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[\[-\] TalkingBackAgain](#) 4 points 1 day ago

Mr. Greenwald. I have been a fan and an admirer of yours for quite some time now. After years of seeing just about nobody but Jon Stewart speaking truth to power it was amazing to see an actual journalist reporting on the real issues in such a thoroughly well-documented and serious fashion. I now also see Matt Taibi taking up that role and he is also very good.

1. What do you honestly believe will be a realistic positive outcome to hope for when all these documents have been released and commented on?
2. Are you and your family still experiencing harassment?
3. What is a story you were particularly proud of for having done the work to release it to the public [doesn't have to be NSA-related]?
4. What do you still hope to be able to achieve as a journalist?

- 5. What could the public realistically do to force the government to change its stance on spying on its own people?
- 6. Are you in any way afraid that you might be... dynamically targeted for your work on these documents? I do mean to say, I regret having to be so plastic about it, being dragged away in the still of the night by 'entities'. I didn't really expect I'd ever have to say that about the US government, but your work has clearly demonstrated these people will actually stop at nothing if they believe they can get away with it.
- 7. Ignore this question if you think it's nonsense, but I haven't been able to convince myself that the official story is true. Do you believe there is more to the story of the 9/11 attacks than meets the eye?

Thank you for your incredibly important and valuable work. Please keep doing it and know that there are many people like myself who want you to be successful and work for change.

Please don't fall for any scheme that is designed to discredit your name. I would not be at all surprised if attempts had not yet been made to compromise your integrity. Don't fall for it, don't give in to any temptation. Again, I'm stunned I have to even say that but in these times it's just something that comes to mind as a natural thing to look out for and to guard against.

Don't forget to be happy! You have to live a life outside of nefarious schemes and devious plots by unseen entities. Don't ignore that part of yourself or the people who love you.

And eat well and sleep enough.

There, that's all I've got.

Thank you again! You're doing an awesome job! If we should ever meet, and you do get around, the beer is on me!

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[\[-\] The_eye_in_the_sky](#) 5 points 1 day ago

Thanks a lot for the response. I had not thought it through as much as I should have.

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[\[-\] kevins_mom](#) 36 points 2 days ago

He's said before that he's both still vetting them and giving the government every chance to get caught lying about them as they come out.

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[\[-\] The_eye_in_the_sky](#) 7 points 2 days ago

thanks and sorry at the same time

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[\[-\] DrPupipance](#) 163 points 2 days ago

You two are revealing a lot of groundbreaking secrets. Do you ever worry about your safety?

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [\[S\]](#) 567 points 1 day ago

| Do you ever worry about your safety?

All good journalism entails risk, by definition, because all good journalism makes someone powerful angry. It's important to be rationally aware of those risks and take reasonable precautions, but not fixate on them or, under any circumstances, allow them to deter you in doing what you thin should be done. Fearlessness can be its own form of power.

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[\[-\] gigitrix](#) 31 points 1 day ago

| all good journalism makes someone powerful angry

Wish even a tiny fraction more realised this. Though it probably comes down to economics: much easier to publish a top 10 list...

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[\[-\] Raoul_Duke_ESQ](#) 7 points 1 day ago

"Journalism is printing what someone else does not want printed: everything else is public relations." - Orwell

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[\[-\] branawesome](#) 59 points 1 day ago

Thank you for that. Your integrity can't be appreciated enough.

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[\[-\] madhatta](#) 82 points 1 day ago

What a great answer.

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[\[-\] frowawayduh](#) 3 points 1 day ago

It does not matter whether the dead man's switch / insurance file is real or not. The mere possibility is enough.

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[\[-\] paul004](#) 110 points 2 days ago

Hi Glenn,

First, I want to say thank you for your fearless and relentless reporting during all of this. You're a true reporter.

As a journalist, how should I communicate with sources in a way that shields them from NSA surveillance?

And one of my goals is to one day write for The Guardian. What advice would you give me to stand out from other applicants?

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [\[S\]](#) 160 points 1 day ago

As a journalist, how should I communicate with sources in a way that shields them from NSA surveillance?

See above: use GPG, Pidgen/OTR, Silent Circle, Tails, Tor, and other anonymity/encryption tools that experts recommend, but realize, too, that securing one's personal computer and connection is also vital.

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Figure out a handful of topics that you're genuinely passionate about, develop an expertise in them; and find ways to demonstrate a commitment to doing real, adversarial journalism.

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[\[-\] imw](#) 242 points 1 day ago

GPG, OTR, and Tor :-) Silent Circle :-(:-(

Silent Circle uses proprietary and unvetted crypto libraries for key functions. Frequent promises to provide access to source have not proven true. The trustworthiness of SC cannot be verified by the security community, and shouldn't be used for critical applications.

-Isaac Wilder

Director, Free Network Foundation, writing from the Circumvention Technology Summit in Berlin

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[\[-\] gigitrix](#) 14 points 1 day ago

Absolutely.

Their credentials and integrity can be as pure as snow, but the state can coerce, infiltrate and influence. Open source has the same problems but is continuously health-checked, at least in theory.

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

[\[-\] newzbin](#) 10 points 1 day ago

imw: you might want to keep an eye on <http://encryptedmail.ch> a project to create NSA proof email with opensource client side crypto

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[\[-\] magmabrew](#) 5 points 1 day ago

I would like to add that the most important tool is evaluating the communication before you decide to send anything. There is a real need for air-gapped computers and sneakernet-only if you have high-grade secrets you want kept. Some things cannot be trusted for public infrastructure transmission, period.

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[\[-\] cynicallyoptimistic](#) 305 points 2 days ago

Mr. Greenwald, thanks for all you and your team have done (and are doing!), and thanks for keeping this whole thing much more of a "whistleblowing" and much less of a "leak" with your responsible reviewing of the information you're releasing. My questions:

1. So far, the NSA revelations have been obvious breaches of constitutional law to the eyes of many, but still not quite severe enough to convince some otherwise reasonable/rational folks of wrongdoing. Can we expect anything more obvious anytime soon; are there any "smoking guns" coming that could be considered undeniable proof the Government has broken any specific law or laws?
2. Is there any further data available on just how much interdepartmental sharing is going on; are any of the various databases ever accessible/accessed by agencies on a more "local" level, like a state or city, or is it strictly Federal?
3. Do you have any information about what role(s) the new NSA Datacenter in Utah may or may not play in all of this? (wiki link: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Utah_Data_Center)
4. Could you please tell Mr. Snowden "thanks from a fellow IT worker?"

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [\[S\]](#) 372 points 2 days ago

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He has received endless, similar expressions of support from around the world and it is always great to see.

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[\[-\] cynicallyoptimistic](#) 42 points 2 days ago

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Will there be anything that, for lack of better terms, "names names?" It would really help open some more eyes.

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[\[-\] xDxDfan](#) 5 points 1 day ago

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/nsa-gathered-thousands-of-americans-e-mails-before-court-struck-down-program/2013/08/21/146ba4b6-0a90-11e3-b87c-476db8ac34cd_print.html

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/sep/10/nsa-violated-court-rules-data-documents>

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[\[-\] schauw](#) 4 points 1 day ago

I would be surprised if Snowden doesn't read this. He mentioned Reddit and he's an "IT guy". Quote from Snowden taken from [Guardian AMA](#):

"It is not like Occupy Wall Street but there is a grassroots movement to take to the streets on July 4 in defence of the Fourth Amendment called Restore The Fourth Amendment and it grew out of **Reddit**. The response over the internet has been huge and supportive."

Sorry for hijacking this but now that I the chance: thank you Snowden. Mad respect. You also received a lot of respect at

[OHM2013](#), the biggest hacker con of Europe.

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[\[-\] Bigbadabooooom](#) 214 points 2 days ago

I appreciate your courage for going "against the grain" and asking the tough questions all journalists should be asking. My question pertains to your upcoming story on the US assassination program. Can you give us any sneak peeks? Any earth shattering revelations? Obviously it's a very dangerous story so take care.

PS: Drive an older vehicle.

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [\[S\]](#) 384 points 2 days ago

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There's this woman called "Janine Gibson" who will literally murder me if I do.

Seriously, I learned the hard way a couple months ago that previewing stories before they're ready to be published is a mistake that only leads to problems, even though it's motivated by a desire to be as transparent as possible and to share with the world all of these materials as quickly as possible.

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

[\[-\] janine_gibson](#) [Janine Gibson](#) 665 points 1 day ago

Glenn has nothing further to say on this topic.

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

[\[-\] borisspider](#) 215 points 1 day ago

whip... cracked!

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

[\[-\] PaintChem](#) 53 points 1 day ago

The irony is that you and Glenn are setting the foundation for people to realize that rules on paper don't matter.

I wish people would understand that your story is less about one bad government and more about the fundamental nature of humans to become corrupt through power and dissonance.

Great job! Keep Glenn in line.

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[\[-\] UnseenAlchemist](#) 6 points 1 day ago

I like your style.

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[\[-\] msouth](#) 147 points 1 day ago

| There's this woman called "Janine Gibson" who will literally murder me if I do

Can you tell us more about the Guardian's employee assassination program? I can provide a secure transmission protocol if you need to do so anonymously.

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[\[-\] Qe2UUg7P](#) 5 points 1 day ago

| I can provide a secure transmission protocol if you need to do so anonymously.

Didn't we just find out that you can't?

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[\[-\] benjimprime](#) 26 points 1 day ago

Use of hyperbole of "literally murder me" is double ironic here.

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[\[-\] Bigbadabooooom](#) 35 points 2 days ago

"There's this woman called "Janine Gibson" who will literally murder me if I do."

Damn it Glenn...you just gave the government the motive they need.

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[\[-\] Mutinylol](#) 53 points 1 day ago

Nice try, NSA. Aren't you closed right now?

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[\[-\] briangiles](#) 4 points 1 day ago

I bet they get to keep running so they can protect our civil liberties from brown skinned terrorists who hate Jesus.

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

[\[-\] Qe2UUg7P](#) 3 points 1 day ago

I hope so. If they keep running so they can turn the mic on my cellphone to hear me burp... then I have a problem.

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

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[\[-\] aaaaaaarrrrrgh](#) 3 points 1 day ago

PS: Drive an older vehicle.

Oh yes. This is **very** important advice.

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[\[-\] CunthSlayer](#) 202 points 2 days ago

Recently, the "[NSA sharing raw intelligence about US Citizens to Israel](#)" leak pointed out that not only does the NSA have programs that collect data on elected officials and Supreme Court justices, but they also hand that data (along with other data on US citizens) over to Israel in trust that they will dispose of it.

The NSA likely has files on every person in the position of power to stop their surveillance/economic espionage operation. Do you agree with this statement, and if that is the case how do you think America can take steps towards limiting the power and abuses of the NSA?

Thank you... For everything.

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [\[S\]](#) 315 points 2 days ago

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That document did not state definitively that the NSA provided the communications of members of Congress and judges to Israel, though it did reference such communication. Other reports, as we indicated (including from the New York Times in 2009), have previously reported on efforts to wiretap even members of Congress.

A major reason why those in power always try to use surveillance is because surveillance = power. The more you know about someone, the more you can control and manipulate them in all sorts of ways. That is one reason a Surveillance State is so menacing to basic political liberties.

But there are all sorts of examples, including from recent history, demonstrating that even the most seemingly insurmountable institutions can be weakened or uprooted when they become abusive enough. The tide is clearly turning against the US National Security State in general and the NSA in particular in terms of their ability to dictate terms and control the debate, and they know it.

What will ultimately determine the outcome here is how much pressure citizens continue to apply in defense of their privacy rights and against massive, ubiquitous, secret spying systems aimed at them.

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[\[-\] Examinecom](#) 84 points 2 days ago

Knowing what you know now, do you think that the president of the united states, is being manipulated by these agencies?

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[\[-\] Neebat](#) 15 points 1 day ago

Which is worse, that he's willing to stand up and support them of his own free will, or that he would let himself be blackmailed?

I don't know.

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[\[-\] BabyFaceMagoo](#) 4 points 1 day ago

I think supporting them of his own free will is worse than being blackmailed.

Anyone can be blackmailed, it takes a real shit to stand up and support NSA monitoring of your own accord.

I think the reality of the situation is actually neither.

He is not being directly blackmailed, but he realises that opposing the mechanism of the state weakens his position and makes his job virtually untenable.

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[\[-\] CunthSlayer](#) 17 points 2 days ago

Thanks for the answer. Your work has been an inspiring form of journalism in an age when it's lacking.

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[\[-\] rikardlinde](#) 188 points 2 days ago

What can we, the people of Reddit, do to make the most of all this new insight and information?

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [\[S\]](#) 339 points 2 days ago

| What can we, the people of Reddit, do to make the most of all this new insight and information?

Figure out what your available resources and talents are and devote them to stopping the parts of NSA surveillance that you think are wrong. What Edward Snowden showed more than anything else is that even ordinary individuals have within them great power to stand up to and subvert real injustices by seemingly invulnerable institutions.

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[\[-\] trebory6](#) 87 points 1 day ago

As a graphic designer, I've been thinking of concepts for street art/posters to print out and post around to try and gain awareness amongst many different communities from the poorer neighborhoods, to the richer ones.

Also to try and gain awareness from younger crowds, and as a way to gain support from many.

Kind of like the "V" from V for Vendetta(Although I want to be clear I'm in no way wanting to associate this with Anonymous)

I would like to create a website with these posters available for free, and other valuable information on the subject, including things they can do to help, and other useful stuff. Although I'm not from a web development background, so if anyone is interested in helping, let me know.

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[\[-\] woodendoorhinge](#) 65 points 1 day ago

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Just let me know what you would like to put up and I have the server space and bandwidth... grab a catchy domain and I'll host it on one of my nodes as well. No charge on any front.

permalink **parent**

[\[-\] Jowitness](#) 6 points 1 day ago

This is why I love reddit

permalink **parent**

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[\[-\] sgom](#) 19 points 1 day ago

Been thinking about doing this for some time and am happy to see that someone is thinking along the same lines. I have some resources but am based in Europe - would be interested to see anything you've made a start on!

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[\[-\] Neebat](#) 35 points 1 day ago*

If you want to get the rich excited about privacy, I'd go for slogans like:

"That kinky sex thing you do? The NSA Knows." (All e-mails or logs left on servers for 180 days are available to the government without a warrant.)

"We told the DEA about your drug habit. -- The NSA." (There's a special division inside the DEA which works tips from the NSA and builds "parallel construction" to hide the source.)

"Paid the pharmacy for STD treatment? The NSA knows." (Financial transactions do not have an expectation of privacy, just like other meta-data.)

"Sorry about your hypogonadism. -- The DEA" (Testosterone is a Class III controlled substance, used for treating Low-T.)

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[\[-\] trai_dep](#) 2 points 1 day ago

Link to [/r/restorethefourth](#) and tweet them when you do. I'm sure there are other groups, as well.

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[\[-\] Thehealeroftri](#) 48 points 1 day ago

He doesn't deserve to go to jail.

permalink **parent**

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[\[-\] Antebios](#) 14 points 1 day ago

Is it time for [Project Mayhem](#)?

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[\[-\] RufusStJames](#) 4 points 1 day ago

I'm pretty sure you aren't supposed to talk about that.

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[\[-\] BunsTown](#) 39 points 1 day ago

I talk about it often. You might be surprised at how little people know or even think about this NSA overreach. I was able to

get my parents and a few stray friends on board. At first my parents were calling Snowden a traitor, that they should lock him up and throw away the key. Fast forward a month... They think here govt has gone too far... That Snowden alerted us to something important. I've also just been informing friends that it's something they should care about. I'm not terribly preachy when it comes to politics or anything, so I think I get people's attention with just the mere fact that I'm talking about it in the first place.

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[\[-\] nosecohn](#) 4 points 1 day ago

What approach did you use to swing your parents to the other side of this issue? I find it difficult to get people interested.

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[\[-\] BunsTown](#) 4 points 1 day ago

I talked about the IRS and DEA having access to the NSA data trove. I just repeated that this overreach is more about control than security. And that this is the first step into totalitarian territory. Also talked about the NSA's access to Supreme Court judges and senators info, and that such access could create blackmail etc. Didn't have to really be to dramatic. All the info that's out is scary enough on its own.

If the people you are trying to engage with on the topic are anti Obama, just point out that Obama has access to all the republicans info. Watergate at a national level basically.

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[\[-\] MyNamelsFuchs](#) 5 points 1 day ago

Spread the word:

<https://rally.stopwatching.us/>

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[\[-\] AnonymousOpNSA](#) 4 points 1 day ago

Join Anonymous on irc and discuss with us.

<https://webchat.anonops.com/?channels=opNsa>

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[\[-\] ado010](#) 118 points 2 days ago

Mr. Greenwald and Ms. Gibson, thank you for doing this AMA and everything you've done so far regarding the NSA.

Knowing what you know, how bad does it get, relative to how much information is public? Also, do you think there's even a chance in stopping it?

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [\[S\]](#) 236 points 2 days ago

Knowing what you know, how bad does it get, relative to how much information is public? Also, do you think there's even a chance in stopping it?

I think the public - not just in the US but worldwide - now has a basic idea of the objective of the NSA: to eliminate privacy worldwide, literally, by ensuring that every human electronic communication is subject to being collected, stored, analyzed and monitored by the NSA and its allies (UK, Canada, New Zealand, Australia).

Still, even with the general understanding, there are still many specific revelations that I think will surprise most people, coming imminently.

As for whether in can be stopped: I have zero doubt that it can be. All institutions built by human beings can always be restrained, or even torn down and replaced, by other human beings, when the right will and strategy are found. See below for a more specific discussion of that.

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[\[-\] vootator](#) 4 points 1 day ago

I would argue that the NSA's objective may be something else entirely. That erosion/elimination of privacy may in fact be simply an NSA tactic. I suspect that the acquisition of power for its own sake is one level of the true objective. Another is the exercise of that power to control; dominate; punish with impunity; proactively eliminate "statistical threats" - people who are deemed likely to embarrass/subvert power in the future.

Thank you for your heart and courage - and for taking the risks you're taking for the sake of humaneness and decency.

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[\[-\] torfnuds](#) 77 points 2 days ago

Since all of this has happened has it changed anything about your view of groups such as Anonymous?

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [\[S\]](#) 164 points 1 day ago

| Since all of this has happened has it changed anything about your view of groups such as Anonymous?

I've long thought that Anonymous does some important and productive work, and nothing has changed my view, except to the extent that it has bolstered it.

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[\[-\] Anon_Kfz](#) 7 points 1 day ago

#OpNSA here. Appreciate your words. We're an awareness op and we thank you for your continuing reports on the NSA and many other issues. You and very few others are whats left of true journalism.

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[\[-\] AnonymousOpNSA](#) 4 points 1 day ago

I second this, on behalf of several others.

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[\[-\] neutronish](#) 222 points 2 days ago

So...Michael Hastings....any comment?

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [\[S\]](#) 331 points 2 days ago

| So...Michael Hastings....any comment?

Michael was a good friend and someone whose journalism I admired greatly. His death is a huge loss to the profession and the country, and something I still mourn.

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

[\[-\] AllYearHalloween](#) 95 points 2 days ago

I presume he was asking if you think there was anything beyond what the public was told to the questionable circumstances surrounding his death. Would you care to comment on that?

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[\[-\] orthogonality](#) 187 points 1 day ago

Read carefully what he didn't write.

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

[\[-\] MackLuster77](#) 189 points 1 day ago

There was no mention of him playing jazz trumpet. Very suspicious.

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

[\[-\] snowcrash911](#) 26 points 1 day ago

However, if you read Glenn's comment aloud and backwards you can clearly hear "Thank you Satan".

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[–] [lastresort09](#) 39 points 2 days ago

Are you at liberty to tell us what you think about the suspicions that his death was not an accident?

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[–] [qoobrix](#) 11 points 1 day ago

The absence of a comment on that speculation is itself a comment on the speculation.

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[–] [threedotsonly](#) 39 points 2 days ago

Three dots! You are addressing a master of journalism. Use three!

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[–] [tatertits7](#) 18 points 1 day ago

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ellipsis>

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

[–] [lastresort09](#) 3 points 2 days ago

Three dots and space.

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

[–] [Brucelet](#) 3 points 1 day ago

A sentence-ending ellipsis has a fourth dot for the period. He's actually just missing spaces and capitalization ;)

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[–] [idvckalt](#) 90 points 2 days ago

Glenn,

What would you say is the single most shocking revelation that Snowden has leaked and why?

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[–] [glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [S] 236 points 1 day ago

| What would you say is the single most shocking revelation that Snowden has leaked and why?

The general revelation that the objective of the NSA is literally the elimination of global privacy: ensuring that every form of human electronic communication - not just those of The Terrorists™ - is collected, stored, analyzed and monitored.

The NSA has so radically misled everyone for so long about its true purpose that revealing its actual institutional function was shocking to many, many people, and is the key context for understanding these other specific revelations.

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[–] [coffeedude7](#) 21 points 1 day ago

| The Terrorists™

That ™ is fantastic.

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

[–] [smeltfisher](#) 4 points 1 day ago

You ordinary Americans want to hijack this term, you must pay us fee. -- Al-Qaeda

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[–] [Obsidian743](#) 5 points 1 day ago

Do you actually believe the NSA has just intentions of stopping terrorism or is that just a front for progressing a

surveillance state?

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[\[-\] jufnitz](#) 19 points 1 day ago

If you've ever read [Glenn's past writings on the subject](#), you'll know that "terrorism" is little more than a rhetorical fig leaf for the enemy du jour. This can be taken to [undeniably ridiculous extremes](#) at times, but cases like that shouldn't distract from the broader issue: that the exact same people who were once "freedom fighters" or otherwise useful allies (including the CIA-backed anti-Soviet fighters who became the Taliban and al Qaeda) only end up widely known as "terrorists" if and when it becomes politically convenient to label them such.

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[\[-\] pvnick3](#) 14 points 2 days ago*

Glenn, according to the speech you gave at the socialist conference a little while ago, the nsa is storing the contents of every cell phone call being made [1]. I figured there would be a release shortly thereafter, but I haven't seen anything since then.

My question is, is this story still planned for release at some point? It would definitely put to rest all of this "metadata-only" nonsense.

[1] http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/06/29/glenn-greenwald-nsa-cell-phone-calls_n_3520424.html

(btw you guys are very inspiring with what you're doing. Thank you)

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[\[-\] MonitoredCitizen](#) 3 points 1 day ago

I think one of the important points to keep making to people is that "metadata" is a meaningless term made up by spinmeisters reaching for damage-control. Surveillance is surveillance, whether it's photos and logbooks of where everybody goes or whether it includes the contents of their shopping bags as they leave the store. The "metadata" distinction is bogus.

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[\[-\] grayghosted](#) 104 points 2 days ago

Do you see the US Democratic Party as hopelessly corrupt in terms of orchestrating progressive change? If so, what can we do to roll back abuses of surveillance state and take back system from the rich?

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [\[S\]](#) 370 points 1 day ago

Do you see the US Democratic Party as hopelessly corrupt in terms of orchestrating progressive change?

I never see any political questions as hopeless or unchangeable, but consider this:

When I first began writing in 2005, I was focused primarily on the Bush NSA program, and I was able to build a large readership quickly because so many Democrats, progressives, liberal bloggers, etc, were so supportive of the work I was doing. That continued to be true through 2008.

Now, a mere four later, Democrats have become the most vehement defenders of the NSA and the most vicious attackers of my work on the NSA - often, some of the very same people cheering so loudly in 2006 and 2007 are the ones protesting most loudly and viciously now.

Gee, I wonder what changed? In the answer lies all you need to know about the Democratic Party.

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

[\[-\] gabeh73](#) 111 points 1 day ago

Quigley explained their tactics well.

"The argument that the two parties should represent opposed ideals and policies, one, perhaps, of the Right and the other of the Left, is a foolish idea acceptable only to the doctrinaire and academic thinkers. Instead, the two parties should be almost identical, so that the American people can "throw the rascals out" at any election without leading to any profound or extreme shifts in policy."

- Carrol Quigley, Tragedy and Hope

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[\[-\] voodoochile78](#) 18 points 1 day ago

What saddens me is that it's not just Democratic politicians, but regular liberals and liberal bloggers. I've stopped going to many liberal blogs who are going along with the "Edward Snowden is a narcissist / Glenn Greenwald is a dickhead" smear job. Josh Micah Marshall of Talking Points Memo and John Aravosis of AmericaBlog, I'm pointing my finger at you in particular.

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

[\[-\] enri](#) 16 points 1 day ago

I discovered your work during the Bush years. I did not succumb to tribalism though. I have been intensely disappointed by the Democrats and liberals since 2008 for very reasons you just gave. Please know that we are still out here. We still want the truth. We are still listening.

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

[\[-\] ghostgirl2](#) 7 points 1 day ago

You were the one who opened my eyes to the fact that the two parties are the same- back when you were on Salon.

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

[\[-\] MDBill](#) 4 points 1 day ago

Now, a mere four later, Democrats have become the most vehement defenders of the NSA and the most vicious attackers of my work on the NSA ...

No doubt, but I'm sure a not insignificant number of those who self-identified as Democrats four years ago no longer do so. And I imagine quite a few of them are still officially registered as Democrats.

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[\[-\] djp06475](#) [] 19 points 1 day ago

It's easy to complain about power when you don't have it.

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[\[-\] atlwantsmIs](#) 5 points 1 day ago

Sadly, I think that's all you need to know about EITHER party/the political system in general. Actions by our government aren't judged on a right or wrong scale but instead judged based on whom made those decisions.

It's a disgusting mindset but, sadly, I don't see it ever changing.

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

[\[-\] Impune](#) 7 points 1 day ago

As they say in Washington, "Your position depends on where you sit."

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

[\[-\] YouAreNOTMySuperviso](#) 6 points 1 day ago

Or, more pithily, "where you stand depends on where you sit."

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[\[-\] ATHEoST](#) 3 points 1 day ago

Um, yeah, BOTH parties are hopelessly corrupt. It's become quite obvious, has it not?

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[\[-\] reefdive](#) 37 points 2 days ago

Thank you for your reporting so far.

What do you think best explains the gap between Snowden's claim that major internet companies (e.g. Google, Apple, etc) are providing blanket quantities of data to the NSA, and those companies responding that they only respond to queries about specific individuals? Do you believe that the companies are lying (perhaps due to government pressure), or that the NSA has subverted their systems without their knowledge? Someone isn't telling the truth...

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[\[-\] janine_gibson](#) [Janine Gibson](#) 66 points 1 day ago

It's not so much Snowden's claim as the NSA's own documents. This gap between everyone's realities is apparent to everyone and your conclusion that they can't all be correct is hard to avoid.

From the beginning (or at least the Prism story), when we first went to the tech companies for a response, it became clear that at the very least this knowledge was not widespread within the companies. I think there is much much more to come out on these questions, but I don't know whether the answers are contained within the documents.

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[\[-\] AmericanDerp](#) 71 points 2 days ago

Glenn, thanks for all you do.

On a scale of 0-10, with the following scale:

- 0: Literally no one will care. Even you, after publishing the news, will think, "Wow, that was a stupid exercise."
- 10: The President may resign within 24 hours of it's release. Violent civil unrest in multiple parts of the USA and world. Groups like the United Nations and even NATO turn against the USA.

What number would you assign to the biggest, most critical as-of-yet undisclosed thing you have currently in reserve?

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [\[S\]](#) 147 points 2 days ago

<What number would you assign to the biggest, most critical as-of-yet undisclosed thing you have currently in reserve?

I honestly can't prediction reactions like this. Some of our biggest stories produced less reaction than I anticipated, while others produced far more. I think the reaction to these stories has built incrementally though inexorably. The reaction builds differently in different countries based on a whole variety of factors.

The vote in Congress where they came very close to doing something completely unthinkable even 5 months ago - de-funding a major NSA program, based on an incredible coalition of liberals and conservatives and everything in between - shows how consequential and enduring these revelations have been. That will keep building.

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[\[-\] AmericanDerp](#) 34 points 1 day ago

Thank you. Stay safe.

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[\[-\] \[deleted\]](#) 1 day ago*

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[\[-\] synergy_](#) 6 points 1 day ago

Wow that's pretty unsettling.

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[\[-\] littleprince32](#) 146 points 2 days ago

Is Seymour Hersh right? Is the Osama death story "one big lie"?

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [\[S\]](#) 229 points 1 day ago

| Is Seymour Hersh right? Is the Osama death story "one big lie"?

I don't know, but I know that Seymour Hersh is responsible for some of the bravest and most important journalism of the last 40 years; has incredibly good sources; and gave one of the best interviews I've ever heard on the nature of the US media last week. That doesn't mean he's infallible, but I trust him far more than most US journalists deemed Serious and Important (ie DC courtiers of the royal court).

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[\[-\] hocash](#) 14 points 1 day ago

This is from The Guardian article that started this whole thing. There is a footnote at the end of the article clarifying Hersh's comment. "Hersh has pointed out that he was in no way suggesting that Osama bin Laden was not killed in Pakistan, as reported, upon the president's authority: he was saying that it was in the aftermath that the lying began. Finally, the interview took place in the month of July, 2013." <http://www.theguardian.com/media/media-blog/2013/sep/27/seymour-hersh-obama-nsa-american-media>

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[\[-\] littleprince32](#) 40 points 1 day ago

Didn't think you'd speculate but at least I gave it a shot. And now more redditors know of the greatness of Hersh. A model journalist.

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[\[-\] SpaceDetective](#) 48 points 1 day ago

At the end of [the guardian article in question](#), it is made clear that Hersh is not contesting the basic fact that Osama was killed on the president's orders. So it seems he only meant that there are many lies in the details of how it happened...

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[\[-\] DAE_CATS](#) 4 points 1 day ago

Only a handful of officials aboard the USS Carl Vinson witnessed the burial, according to the memos. It was carried out in line with Islamic tradition and kept secret from most of the ship's sailors.

The Pentagon also said it "could not find" any autopsy report, results of DNA identification testing or death certificate for bin Laden.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/al-qaeda/9694952/Osama-bin-Laden-US-Navy-emails-reveal-no-sailors-witnessed-secret-burial-at-sea.html>

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[\[-\] Vervex](#) 92 points 2 days ago

Do you feel that the protections that journalists count on are disappearing?

Is journalism as a whole in danger?

Can we in the US trust our major publications for the true story or is there too much manipulation?

Is Rupert Murdoch the Anti-Christ?

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[\[-\] janine_gibson](#) [Janine Gibson](#) 185 points 2 days ago

This is a critical time for journalistic freedom and there are two major shifts which are threatening important work. One is the attempt to categorise "who is a journalist" which we are in danger, as an industry, of enabling. I feel profoundly uncomfortable about any line drawn around pay, employer, hours or volume of work which will define a "real" journalist. And then only the "real" journalists will be protected.

I don't think that's how the world works anymore, so that's problematic.

The second is the attempt to define journalism as outside the national interest and the Guardian has felt the impact of that in the UK, when the government demanded we destroy some of the material we were working on. That's much less problematic here in the US where we enjoy the protection of the first amendment. Let's hope we can all continue to use that protection to do good reporting.

Is Rupert Murdoch the Anti-Christ? Is there only one?

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[\[-\] TrundleGrundleTroll](#) 60 points 1 day ago

| Is Rupert Murdoch the Anti-Christ? Is there only one?

Well played.

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[\[-\] BitchinTechnology](#) 90 points 2 days ago

Are there any documents that you personally think should remain unreleased because of National Security?

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [\[S\]](#) 246 points 1 day ago

| Are there any documents that you personally think should remain unreleased because of National Security?

I personally would not publish documents that could help other states learn how better to spy on their own citizens. I also would not publish the names of covert agents or agency employees (except for publicly identified high-ranking political officials), or documents that could unfairly smear/defame someone.

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[\[-\] Sarah_Connor](#) 47 points 1 day ago

| I personally would not publish documents that could help other states learn how better to spy on their own citizens.

This is *wonderful* thank you for making your point so perfectly. Many people wonder why one would not just release everything. This is why not to. The only reason.

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[\[-\] Searth](#) 8 points 1 day ago

Glenn gave some other great reasons for not just releasing it all in this comment: http://www.reddit.com/r/IAmA/comments/1nisdy/were_glenn_greenwald_and_janine_gibson_of_the/cciybd

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[\[-\] Sarah_Connor](#) 4 points 1 day ago

Thanks, I saw those - but to me, hearing him say that he wants to prevent other governments from learning how to emulate the NSA, is the best reason.

Fuck the NSA and fuck every oppressive, totalitarian power grabbing agency in the world.

Time for the systems that Humans use to evolve.

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[\[-\] during](#) 5 points 1 day ago

Will you publish details such as exactly which cryptographic standards and technologies the NSA has undermined or will you get in touch with the relevant developers/companies?

We're now all aware that the NSA has compromised some programs and standards, but with the somewhat vague reporting, we still don't know what exactly has been backdoored and needs fixing. To restore the trust in the software and hardware, you need to name names.

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[\[-\] thaweatherman](#) 12 points 2 days ago

I love the articles that you have written concerning the NSA's dragnet surveillance. However I often find myself craving the technical details behind the programs. Do the documents you have only provide overviews of the different programs, or are there any that get into the gnitty gritty details of how they actually tap communications? If these kinds of docs do exist, will they be released?

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[\[-\] trmatthe](#) 4 points 1 day ago

Unfortunately I guess that falls into the category of 'information that would help other oppressive states' which they've said they won't publish.

Which is a sort of shame as I'd live to read details too!

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[\[-\] malcolm_rifkind](#) 129 points 2 days ago

I've been waiting for this.

Glenn Greenwald:

- How do you answer the accusations that Snowden is a Chinese or Russian spy, or that they stole the secrets from him?
- Snowden initially stated he could wiretap anyone from a federal judge to the President so long as he had a "personal email address" for them. The Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, Mike Rogers, who is responsible for overseeing these programs and has been briefed on them, [stated](#):

"He was lying," Rogers said. "He clearly has over-inflated his position, he has over-inflated his access and **he's even over-inflated what the actually technology of the programs would allow one to do. It's impossible for him to do what he was saying he could do.**"

Which of them lied, and how do you know?

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [\[S\]](#) 255 points 2 days ago

<<How do you answer the accusations that Snowden is a Chinese or Russian spy, or that they stole the secrets from him?>>

Ask any person making this absurd, ludicrous accusation for a single shred of evidence that it's true, and then marvel as they stutter and spew fabrications.

As for Snowden v. Rogers, there is no question that the latter lied. There is no technical limitation whatsoever on the NSA's power to read whatever emails which analysts with a terminal target.

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[\[-\] malcolm_rifkind](#) 37 points 1 day ago

Janine Gibson:

- Ever since the Miranda incident and GCHQ destroying the Guardian's hard drives, the Guardian's reporting on GCHQ appears to have been chilled. While the Guardian is alleged to have some 50,000 GCHQ documents, outlets like Der Spiegel are the ones breaking the big UK spying stories such as the Belgacom attack. Meanwhile the Guardian is only publishing general articles such as James Ball's recent Metadata piece. **Is the Guardian afraid of investigation or legal action within the UK?**
- **Does the Guardian have any agreements whatsoever, formal or informal, with the UK government?**

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[\[-\] janine_gibson](#) [Janine Gibson](#) 61 points 1 day ago

I run the US operation and have never had a conversation with GCHQ (TO MY KNOWLEDGE..). We're continuing to work through all the documents, finding stories we think are important; I hope we're doing that without fear or favour.

I gave a longer answer elsewhere about our process so I won't repeat and I can't speak for everyone, but I'm certainly not aware of any blanket agreement about publishing.

There are plenty of opportunities for both governments to give us input on our stories and they do, on each story individually. We take their advice/response into consideration before we publish. And this may not endear us to the more libertarian of our readers, but we take that process very seriously.

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[\[-\] Middleman79](#) 4 points 1 day ago

Are you the real Malcolm Rifkind, Tory MP?

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[\[-\] kog](#) 16 points 1 day ago

Ask any person making this absurd, ludicrous accusation for a single shred of evidence that it's true, and then marvel as they stutter and spew fabrications.

The same argument could have been made against people making claims of NSA wiretapping before the Snowden leak, and it would have been no more valid then than it is now.

As an intelligent man, I certainly hope that you understand that absence of evidence is not evidence of absence.

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[\[-\] Rastafak](#) 3 points 1 day ago

Could you expand more on the last part? What evidence is there that NSA can actually do that?

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[\[-\] haroldp](#) 4 points 1 day ago

I get the impression that a lot of the NSA's official replies about their limitations address their *internal policy* rather than their technical ability.

Do NSA employees spy on their ex girl friends? Of course not, there is a rule prohibiting it in the employee handbook. See, nothing to worry about?

Could Snowden spy on the communications of a federal judge? Of course not, there is a memo taped to the wall in the break room above the coffee pot telling sysadmins not to look at anything unauthorized with their root access to server filesystems. He must have lied about it.

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[\[-\] philipwhiuk](#) 7 points 1 day ago

Just out of interest are you the Malcom Rifkind (Rt Hon. MP)?

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[\[-\] snowcrash911](#) 163 points 2 days ago*

Glenn, as you may have heard, Linux development leader Linus Torvalds [has already been requested](#) (salon.com) to build backdoors into the Linux kernel. Do you have any information pertaining to NSA's open source project **SELinux**, which contributes to the Linux kernel? Has the NSA tried to subvert Linux kernel security?

Edit: First, many thanks to Glenn for replying. I await your future publications with interest. Good luck. To avoid misunderstandings: (Thanks to AnkhMorporkian for the heads up) Linus Torvalds has clarified to mashable.com that [he was joking](#). Unfortunately, the joke wasn't immediately clear to [The Register](#), [Slashdot](#), [Techdirt](#), [Hackernews](#) and [Salon](#), so although it's good to hear it was a joke, some measure of bafflement and confusion about it in the current climate is entirely understandable.

Moreover, that doesn't settle the question of whether or not NSA contributions to Linux (SELinux or other) are worth continuing considering that the NSA's intent is to [destroy privacy around the world](#).

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [\[S\]](#) 230 points 2 days ago

to build backdoors into the Linux kernel. Do you have any information pertaining to NSA's open source project SELinux, which contributes to the Linux kernel? Has the NSA tried to subvert Linux kernel security?

I wish I could address questions like this, but I just can't talk about documents that we haven't reported and published yet for the reasons above.

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[\[-\] massive_cock](#) 82 points 1 day ago

That seems like an indirect way of saying yes, there are relevant documents and interesting information on this.

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[\[-\] subdep](#) 75 points 1 day ago*

An insightful comment. Thank you, massive_cock.

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[\[-\] smeltfisher](#) 3 points 1 day ago

Another reminder to always consider the source.

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[\[-\] brosenfeld](#) 13 points 1 day ago

But you do have documents addressing the question, though?

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[\[-\] modestmonk](#) 12 points 1 day ago

He more or less said yes.

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[\[-\] Ur_mum](#) 10 points 1 day ago

C'mon, work with him here. Jesus.

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[\[-\] richmomz](#) 3 points 1 day ago

I just can't talk about documents that we haven't reported and published yet...

Gotcha. *wink wink*

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[\[-\] AnkhMorporkian](#) 48 points 2 days ago*

Torvalds was also asked if he had ever been approached by the U.S. government to insert a backdoor into Linux. Torvalds responded "no" while [nodding] his head "yes," as the audience broke into spontaneous laughter.

This is obviously a joke. If Torvalds has indeed been approached, he would have done a lot more than make a really short quip responding to a question. He's one of the biggest supporters of software freedom out there, and he's far from pro-government.

Edit: Also, they wouldn't approach a foreign national when there are other options available. It'd be much easier for them to ask an American kernel contributor who was sympathetic with their ideology.

Edit 2: [From the mouth of the man himself.](#)

"Oh, Christ. It was obviously a joke, no government agency has ever asked me for a backdoor in Linux," Torvalds told Mashable via email. "Really. Cross my heart and hope to die, really."

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[\[-\] snowcrash911](#) 10 points 1 day ago

Back in 2003, this happened:

[Software developers on Wednesday detected and thwarted a hacker's scheme to submerge a slick backdoor in the next version of the Linux kernel](#)

Somebody tried to use "underhanded coding" to do it. Yes, it was a weak attempt.

So, Linus could have been joking, yes. The majority of news outlets covering this story, however, didn't interpret it that way. And I wonder whether Torvalds would want to foster this kind of ambiguity.

We shall see what Glenn's going to be publishing, won't we?

And I didn't say or imply Torvalds would honor such a request. (And it wouldn't fly, anyway; "many eyeballs")

What matters is if they tried. The continuity of SELinux is in question due to Snowden's revelations, as far as I'm concerned.

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[–] [BUBBA_BOY](#) 4 points 1 day ago

I've internetted too long if I remember that from Slashdot.

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[–] [gvsteve](#) 20 points 1 day ago

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This sounds like Torvalds was joking. If he was serious I would hope he would be much more serious about his answer.

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[–] [TheLantean](#) 4 points 1 day ago

Requests like these usually come with gag orders, he can't give straight answers otherwise he'll find himself in legal trouble.

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[–] [smikims](#) 11 points 1 day ago

That Salon article is complete bullshit. **IT WAS A JOKE.** What Torvalds said at the conference said absolutely nothing about actual possible backdoors or requests for backdoors in Linux.

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[–] [avatardog](#) 5 points 1 day ago

SELinux is opensource, seems like it would be hard to sneak in a back door. I would love to see some code analysis of the SE linux kernel part from some linux kernel maintainers though.

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[–] [EcommerceThomas](#) 37 points 2 days ago

Hi Glenn and Janine. What do we do now?

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[–] [janine_gibson](#) [Janine Gibson](#) 214 points 1 day ago

Shots?

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[–] [djp06475](#) [] 11 points 1 day ago

SHOTS!

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

[–] [tra_i_dep](#) 6 points 1 day ago

This proves Ms. Gibson is a bona fide reporter!

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[–] [c10h14n2](#) 4 points 1 day ago*

I am reading about the fall of western civilization that is occurring while I am alive and have vested interest and you go ahead and make me laugh. Nice going.

Question or perhaps advice: if people do truly get into revolution mode (good kind, not bad kind) what would snowdons advice be to us? Meaning, how do we organize? We do everything online now. Restorethefourth operates out of

facebook for christ sakes. How can we organize if even these words to you are tracked?

Btw, this is the second or third time I have heard that people involved are using new unboxed computers that have never been connected to the internet to work off of. Makes me think we have a bad phone home chip or mac address tracking going on. Do you recommend lenovo, hp or dell for a new computer? Or do you go all richard stallman and but open source hardware computers?

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[–] [JimmyOConnell](#) 53 points 2 days ago

Now that all four code names are out in the open, can you tell us why you decided to redact "STORMBREW" and "OAKSTAR" from the original Upstream program slide? The NSA has said that all four names refer to separate telecoms companies, why then did you feel it was ok to publish the names "FAIRVIEW" and "BLARNEY" but not the others? What's different about the two redacted ones?

Also: Can you tell us specifically whether the RSA public key encryption used by TOR is one of the standards which the NSA has broken? Can TOR's encryption still be trusted, or has it been compromised?

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[–] [liberal_libertarian](#) 4 points 1 day ago

In a reply to a different comment Glenn recommended TOR.

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[–] [DaArbiter225](#) 18 points 1 day ago

What are your thoughts on the movie The Fifth Estate?

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[–] [janine_gibson](#) [Janine Gibson](#) 37 points 1 day ago

I've only seen the trailers. But I think everyone should go and see it. Because currently the only sustainable funding model for investigative journalism that I can see is movie rights.

Also no one that works for the Guardian looks like that IRL. But you knew that, right?

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[–] [jebba](#) 3 points 1 day ago

Assange quite disagrees with their portrayal in the Fifth Estate by the way. It is manufactured dissent, and doesn't genuinely support WikiLeaks.

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[–] [pmocek](#) 13 points 1 day ago

You can read [an early version of "The Fifth Estate" screenplay](#) posted by Wikileaks. I read it, thought, "That's not so bad," then read Wikileaks' detailed remarks at the end of the page where the screenplay is hosted, and thought, "No, this is very bad." It reads like fact, but it is largely fiction. I fear it will significantly mislead the public about Wikileaks' history.

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[–] [myatomsareyouratoms](#) 5 points 1 day ago

[Wikileaks' comments on The Fifth Estate script](#)

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

[–] [NeutralityMentality](#) [Restore The Fourth](#) 45 points 2 days ago*

Many people seem to think that political action won't work, and that we should focus on programming and encrypting our way out of the problem. You seem to disagree that political action is pointless, since you're supporting the [Rally Against Mass Surveillance](#); why do you think this is an effective strategy?

P.S. Thanks for donating signed copies of your original PRISM article for [the Indiegogo campaign!](#)

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[–] [ageisp0lis](#) 10 points 1 day ago

Why does supporting protest entail disagreement w/ adopting methods to subvert surveillance? Clearly both responses are

warranted.

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[\[-\] NeutralityMentality](#) [Restore The Fourth](#) 6 points 1 day ago

I totally agree, but I've seen many people suggesting that the political system is so corrupt, there's no point in trying to use it to fight back.

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[\[-\] matt_x](#) 31 points 2 days ago

@Glenn and Janine: In what way have all the NSA revelations changed your personal behavior while communicating with people other than Snowden?

@Glenn: I was surprised to read that you had so much trouble getting e-mail encryption set up. In what way do such tools need to change -in your opinion- to make them ready for the masses?

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[\[-\] janine_gibson](#) [Janine Gibson](#) 67 points 1 day ago

Oh matt. I write from a sealed room, blinds drawn, on a boxfresh computer that has never before connected to the internet.

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[\[-\] lastresort09](#) 29 points 1 day ago

Not sure if sarcasm or the only smart way to connect to the internet these days if you care about privacy.

permalink **parent**

[\[-\] janine_gibson](#) [Janine Gibson](#) 56 points 1 day ago

We've done all those things and more. But you can't do all of those things all the time. Or at least if you can, you're a lot more disciplined than I am..

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[\[-\] greengreen995](#) 57 points 1 day ago

Just dropped by to say something on behalf of the American people; **THANK YOU!**

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[\[-\] fightforthefuture](#) [Fight for the Future](#) 29 points 2 days ago

So much of the U.S. media has focused on *domestic* spying, with the implication that it is somehow more unethical to spy on innocent American citizens than innocent people anywhere else in the world.

What are your thoughts on how Internet freedom advocates based in the U.S. can organize against unconstitutional surveillance in ways that defend the human rights of Internet users worldwide?

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[\[-\] schoeke](#) 43 points 2 days ago

Thanks for doing your work. Stay strong.

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[\[-\] Slam_Dunkz](#) 6 points 2 days ago

How do you think the populace can actually effect change from all of this? We have plenty of outrage but congress continues to be inept, impotent and too focused on its own power to get meaningful changes through. I know we always hear "vote them out" but it never happens and even if it does the next crew doesn't ever seem any better. It makes things look pretty hopeless at times :/

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[\[-\] Jamess24dean](#) 21 points 2 days ago

Hello Janine,

I know you can't answer this in public but just wanted to say that NYT has time and again held back information to please the administration.

Don't you think the Guardian should have gone with either WaPo or WSJ? Both are doing excellent NSA-related reporting.

Thanks

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[\[-\] janine_gibson](#) [Janine Gibson](#) 46 points 1 day ago

Hi Well, the NYT has been going a long time under a number of editors. I can tell you categorically that they didn't hold back information on the story we worked on together. Jill Abramson was rock solid in pursuit of the story and determined to deal with a number of quite frankly insane obstacles in order to get it done.

I know it isn't seemly to compliment other news organisations. It goes against the grain. But I can only be honest about what happened.

As for the others - I think the WSJ, the Washington Post, but also Reuters, the AP and specialist sites such as Cnet have done some fantastic reporting. It has been truly a marvellous thing to see other news organisations really run with this story - both scoops and facts that we don't have, but also the explanatory reporting that's necessary to increase everyone's understanding. The US press have really risen to it, I think. And (it pains me to say it) look at the UK press, by contrast...

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[\[-\] DPhilOX](#) 4 points 1 day ago

Why do you think the reaction in the UK is so mild and what would it take to change that?

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[\[-\] philipwhiuk](#) 6 points 1 day ago

Less D-Notices is probably a good start

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[\[-\] TravellingJourneyman](#) 11 points 2 days ago

We know that both local and federal law enforcement agencies, including ones dedicated to fighting terrorism, were involved in spying on OWS activists and that there was a coordinated, nation-wide effort to undermine the demonstrations which included not just surveillance but infiltration and most likely the use of *agents provocateurs*. [\[1\]](#) [\[2\]](#) [\[3\]](#) [\[4\]](#) With this in mind, I have two questions:

1. Can we expect revelations concerning the surveillance of political groups by the NSA or related agencies?
2. As a political activist, how can I avoid constantly being watched? Is it even possible?

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[\[-\] RebelAmoeba](#) 7 points 2 days ago

To what extent do you think the NSA and other such organs of US intelligence are a "state within a state," generally unresponsive to traditional sources of civilian authority within our government, and to what extent are these intelligence agencies part and parcel with the US government at large?

I guess what I'm asking is, who is the boss here? Boss meant to include broader political and economic circumstances that might make political and bureaucratic actors hesitant to contain the bloated intelligence apparatus.

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[\[-\] AmericanDerp](#) 7 points 2 days ago

Will there be any story conclusively listing products and services -- by name -- to avoid for having been compromised?

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[\[-\] jimmyrustlerette](#) 25 points 2 days ago

Glenn - How would you go about covering the US government shutdown story? Also, I'm a journalism major and was wondering what your best piece of advice for aspiring journalists would be. I'm a huge fan of your work; you're definitely a beacon of hope for the media sphere.

Janine - How do you feel about The Guardian becoming a top contender against US news sources? Will you start charging for digital subscriptions like the New York Times?

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[\[-\] janine_gibson](#) [Janine Gibson](#) 62 points 2 days ago

Hi jimmyrustlerette and hello reddit! We've been here in the US two years and it's been fantastic to see the growth in our audience throughout that time not just the last few months on this story (though of course we hit record numbers with this story). We hoped the US would respond to our journalism, so yeah, it's pretty encouraging to find there's an audience.

We're very unlikely to start charging for digital subscriptions in the same way that the NYT has done. But we've had a lot of emails and requests from people who want to support us and ensure we can carry on doing Guardian journalism. We're owned by a trust and we don't have shareholders to enrich, but investigative journalism is expensive. So we may well look at different ways that our readers can contribute.

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[\[-\] courage_my_friends](#) 18 points 2 days ago

What is your response to those who look at these revelations and say, "So what? I follow the law, why should I be afraid?"

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[\[-\] janine_gibson](#) [Janine Gibson](#) 30 points 1 day ago

It's a perfectly reasonable point of view. As journalists, we're OK with providing you with enough information that you can make an informed decision.

What I do find baffling is the "so what, we knew this already" response. It's inexplicable, given the number of administration voices all welcoming the debate and acknowledging it would not have happened without Edward Snowden. Have the debate.

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[\[-\] laborinvain](#) 5 points 1 day ago

I would respond quite differently. The whole "I have nothing to hide" argument betrays a fundamental lack of understanding about the power of being able to spy on people's communications, track who we associate with, and develop profiles on people's lives. This isn't just about personal privacy. It's about raw political power. The power to blackmail your congressman. The power to infiltrate and sabotage citizen activist groups. The power to block legislation or suppress dissent.

The founders understood perfectly well the power of the state being able to spy on its citizen. And so they ratified the 4th Amendment. They didn't do this to save us the embarrassment of having personal secrets exposed. They did this to save our our republic from despotism.

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[\[-\] tinyroom](#) 6 points 1 day ago

A massive surveillance system only needs to fall in the wrong hands ONCE for everyone's life to be in danger.

Unlike going through telephone recordings manually like in the past, now everything is digital. Computers can label and identify everyone and their connections under any context. So the system can find terrorists (whatever the definition is) one day, and "people who disagree with me" the next.

Ask why China or North Korea have similar systems to control information so heavily. The only difference is that we can still oppose the government with free speech.

And how about the Patriot Act? Following the law no longer grants you immunity. You can still be detained with no due process.

And finally make the connection: Journalists and whistleblowers exposing wrong doings and government abuse are being targeted and harassed by these laws that were supposed to be used against terrorists. So much for our free speech.

But there is an even more subtle and powerful form of control. With such rich information, they can understand exactly how the population is feeling about certain topics (even google gives us a glimpse of this). It means they can push for abusive laws that will make us angry, but just enough that we don't care about doing anything about it. And just like that we lose our rights one step at a time.

How about the chilling effect, knowing that everything you say and do is being recorded certainly makes you act differently.

To believe they will only use it to find terrorists (and by terrorists I mean suicide bombers kind of terrorist) is not only naive, but also dangerous for a free society.

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[–] [dad4x](#) 6 points 2 days ago

How does someone in the US financially support the important journalism you and the Guardian are doing?

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[–] [ageisp0lis](#) 6 points 2 days ago

Donate to Glenn Greenwald here: <http://fundraisergg.blogspot.com/2013/06/reader-donations-information.html>

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[–] [dave_capisano](#) 5 points 2 days ago

Canadian here.... How screwed are we? What impact does NSA activities have on foreign visitors?

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[–] [Bertrum](#) 5 points 1 day ago

What was it like working with security expert Bruce Schneier? Does encrypting files do anything to thwart the NSA's surveillance? Is it true you had to fly to each location and use paper notes because it was impossible to communicate through any electronic device? What do you think will happen to Edward Snowden? Do you fear for his safety? Are there still any files yet to be leaked?

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[–] [lonelyfrancisco](#) 5 points 1 day ago

I don't have a question for you Glenn, I just want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the work you are doing. Thank you.

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[–] [iamnotamarxist](#) 6 points 1 day ago

guys, thanks so much. Selflessly putting yourself out there in order to document the transgressions of the US gov't that are undemocratic and unconstitutional is an amazing contribution to our society that I hope will enable a return to legitimate, democratic governance in the United States. You and Ed Snowden have acted as the vanguard for that pursuit and my thanks can't be over stated.

I look forward to following your journalism regarding the NSA as well as reading this AMA. I don't really have a question, I just wanted to commend your effort.

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[–] [chiindustry](#) 5 points 1 day ago

What happened to Michael Hastings?

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[–] [Jamess24dean](#) 12 points 2 days ago

Hello Janine,

Could you share with us any moment where you were scared or apprehensive about the administration's response?

Thanks for all the hard work the team is doing.

James

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[–] [janine_gibson](#) [Janine Gibson](#) 21 points 1 day ago

Thanks for kind words. In fact thanks to everyone who's taken the time to say thanks. We do really appreciate it.

There was a quite frankly terrifying conversation on our first story. My deputy, Stuart Millar - who has line edited every single story - and I were sat in a tiny office on a phone which didn't even have a proper speaker, talking to a vast array of administration officials, none of whom were particularly happy about our proposed story. I don't remember being scared but it was definitely a robust conversation.

For us, there were really only two questions -- is the story right and is it in the public interest? For a lot of news organisations I think those *aren't* the questions and this was one of those moments when you do really appreciate the Guardian, our trust ownership and our editor in chief Alan Rusbridger who you know will back you.

But all of these stories deserve a bit of respect. We should feel apprehensive about all of them. You need to put a lot of thought and effort in to publishing this kind of material.

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[\[-\] bendejo666](#) 8 points 2 days ago

Serious question. How do you sleep at night when you know you're being watched by (probably) multiple intelligence services?

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[\[-\] janine_gibson](#) [Janine Gibson](#) 15 points 1 day ago

Glenn has about 14 dogs and I have 2 children. I can't imagine a time when we haven't been watched.

Sorry that wasn't a very serious answer.

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[\[-\] TheOwlsScowel](#) 9 points 1 day ago*

Mr. Greenwald, thank you for publishing these documents, you have done a service to us and our allies' citizens whom have had their freedoms violated. It is abhorrent treatment you, Ms. Poitras, and Mr. Snowden have recieved as a reaction from government press and main stream media.

1. Do you feel there is an adequate movement on your end concerning those who want to assist in tackling every aspect of each leak and the ramifications of such, if not what do you think is barring an increase of participation?
2. Is there a legal basis for a class-action lawsuit against the major internet companies whom participate in the NSA's program for violations of their (internet companies/providers) sites privacy policies?
3. Some argue that any retained information should be disseminated immediately and completely, though as a person of the public I can barely keep up with what has been released thus far and related article, do you find any validity to this argument?
4. Did Mr.Snowden's father ever make it out to Russia?
5. Have you seen any positive affect to the mainstream media's approach to reporting as a result of the leaks? I haven't...but maybe better source gathering/integrity through osmosis?
6. Thoughts on the Sheild Law's validity? Actual protections for journalists or an additional obfuscation for restrictions on outlets and/or critical views?
7. What is the hardest evidence NSA defenders can point to other than the NY Subway incident and related incidents where it appears access to the necessary information wouldn't be only available through the NSA?
8. The FBI agent that was recently brought up on kiddie-porn charges at the same time he was discovered as a whistleblower, is this an indication of how the government may treat leakers in the future? (Its fine this guy is a pedophile as long as he isn't whistleblowing)

Thank you again and take care.

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[\[-\] skwerlee](#) 6 points 2 days ago

Hi there!

What do you make of the lack of protests in the US over the recent NSA revelations? Do you think any amount of information will spur the population to action?

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[\[-\] hazysummersky](#) 4 points 2 days ago*

Hi Glenn & Janine, first I'd like to sincerely acknowledge the debt we all owe you and yours for all you and you have done and are doing in what is surely one of the key battlegrounds for the soul and direction of 21st century society. It is no small thing and I have utmost respect. That done, how much of the iceberg do you believe we the public are seeing at this point. Each new revelation is frankly staggering in its wider implications for the emergent society I understood to be just a few months ago. What hope is there to restore the hope for utopia, or do you think we'll be instead simply aware of and stuck with the dystopia?

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[\[-\] temporary123453](#) 5 points 2 days ago

Do you have an opinion on Palantir and Lawrence Lessig's claim to be a realistic protector of liberty in a surveillance capable

world?

<http://www.palantir.com/2013/06/lawrence-lessig-on-technology-as-a-protector-of-liberty/>

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[–] [thetruepunk](#) 6 points 2 days ago

Why do you think that there has not been as big of a shock or reaction to the release of all these documents?

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[–] [Plecboy](#) 3 points 2 days ago

Hi guys,

The general reaction (on reddit anyway) to all of the NSA stories and leaks seems to be along the lines of "well, we all suspected this kind of intrusive behaviour, but now that it's confirmed everyone is getting pretty riled".

How do you see all of this playing out? (The general surveillance state we're living in, not just America, European countries too, let's face it, everywhere really).

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[–] [JimmyOConnell](#) 4 points 2 days ago

Do you have any kind of grand master plan as to the order ad timing of the leaks and stories, or are you simply going through them one by one, flagging the ones you want to publish, and publishing as soon as the stories are ready and written? Have you already read all of the documents you intend to publish, or are you publishing them as you read through them?

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[–] [lastresort09](#) 4 points 2 days ago

What do you suggest Americans can do to better stay protected?

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[–] [r3bl](#) 4 points 1 day ago

Is using Linux distros such as Fedora, openSUSE and Gentoo safer than using Windows and Mac OS or are they not safe for use as well?

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[–] [prolapsed](#) 4 points 1 day ago

I just stopped by to say...thank. you.

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[–] [charlescors](#) 4 points 1 day ago

Mr. Greenwald, you are one of my heroes. I lived in New York from 1990 to 2003. I watched the Twin Towers fall from my Brooklyn fire escape. But my own personal 9/11 came on August 7th, 2002 when I was detained by the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force while taking pictures in Lower Manhattan ([pdf here](#)). On that day, I had the profound, terrifying realization that one of America's legal pillars--due process--had become obsolete in post-9/11 America. I thus decided to leave the United States, moving to Iceland in February of 2003. And it was in Iceland that I discovered your blog--"Unclaimed Territory"--and quickly became a devoted reader of your articulate, powerful daily dispatches. I dare say that the endless light you shined during the Bush years gave me some manner of hope for the future--hope that has since disintegrated during the presidency of Barack Obama. I know not where America is heading, but I do feel that the country has crossed the deadly threshold between democracy and fascism--the "abyss" that Senator Frank Church spoke about in 1975. I also know that I dread waking up one morning to a headline such as "Journalist Dies In Car Accident In Rio". But I want you to know that if anything does happen to you, your name will take its place in the pantheon of great journalistic voices. Thank you for the light, Mr. Greenwald. Never stop shining. My only question is this: do you ever get scared?

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[–] [TrundleGrundleTroll](#) 4 points 1 day ago

Thank you so very much for your reporting. At a time when it feels like we've turned into a closed society and it seems like the military industrial complex and mega-corporations are the de facto rulers, you all have given many of us hope.

A few questions for you:

-How deep does the corporate partnership go do you think? We know that the banks and the feds were sharing intelligence during the occupy high tide and AT&T and Microsoft have been happy to be the feds' lap dogs. Are these relationships common?

Or the exception?

-The shift towards privatization of police, military, and intelligence activities has been known to decrease accountability and transparency. Are you learning more about this issue?

-In your opinion, how close are we to having a worst case scenario on our hands? In other words, if tomorrow we had a different president, a particularly nasty president who had no problems using his/her powers to the fullest extent to get his/her way, how big would the danger be?

-Lastly, What do you see as our blind spots moving forward?

Thank you again for your work.

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[\[-\] naturehatesyou](#) 4 points 1 day ago

Do you believe Michael Hastings of the rolling stone was assassinated for digging into an NSA story?

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[\[-\] lootski](#) 5 points 1 day ago

This is one of the best AMA's I have ever read. Thank you for not only taking time to answer questions, but to do it with substantive answers. I have incredible respect for you and the few journalists like you that are left. I hope one day we are able to look back on this time as a major turning point in civilization for the better. Thank you.

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[\[-\] mmp31](#) 5 points 1 day ago

Hi Mr. Greenwald, I wanted to know if you've received any sort of threats or intimidation from government officials over the Snowden leaks?

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[\[-\] Blalubb](#) 3 points 1 day ago

They fucked with his boyfriend. Can't get more intimidating than to involve family.

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[\[-\] 4_Hour_Douche_Week](#) 4 points 1 day ago

No questions here but I'd simply like to say that you're a hero (so is Edward). Your contribution to humanity is enormous and your actions are of historic proportions. Keep up the good fight. We are all watching and supporting you! Go Glenn!

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[\[-\] fatnerdyjesus](#) 4 points 1 day ago

Will the full 41 page PRISM slideshow ever be released?

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[\[-\] Apex--](#) 4 points 1 day ago

Greenwald actually came back to answer a question even after he had left because it was voted to the top, and very important.

You can't ask for more than that.

Good luck to you, Glenn.

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[\[-\] Fernny](#) 10 points 2 days ago

2 months ago your editor at Guardian did an AMA and left this answer to a question about aliens. Seems very absurd or very easy to right off but my question is, is there any legitimacy to this. I would understand that the breaking of information would have to be small and connected to make the public believe something this deep...Any insight on to this?

Question Asked by Reddit User: Is the US government working with aliens?

Answer given by alanrusbridger Keep reading... :)

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[\[-\] janine_gibson](#) [Janine Gibson](#) 14 points 1 day ago

Um. The truth is out there?

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[–] [CamelWoreANightie](#) 7 points 2 days ago

Since it's not exactly a strange phenomenon for the intelligence community to conduct operations on or near college campuses, do you think it's reasonable to suspect that major campuses, like UT Austin or Cal Berkeley, have been infiltrated by agencies like the CIA or NSA?

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[–] [Lux26](#) 10 points 1 day ago

Here is a crazy theory I can't convince myself out of: It seems like there is concerted effort being made by the Obama administration to monopolize the news cycle since these leaks started. The first suspicious activity was the shutdown of US embassies (in June I think?) due to some kind of nebulous yet specific terrorist threat, and we were all supposed to be so glad the NSA was hacking everyone's communications because that's the only way we found out. Of course nothing ever happened other than the Snowden leaks taking a back seat in the news cycle, most likely because there never was any terrorist threat and the NSA just made the whole thing up. Then the Syria thing was really suspicious as well, because out of the blue our government started caring about a problem it hasn't given a shit about for years. Again, the news cycle was monopolized, and the Snowden story was benched.

What is really suspicious about these two stories is that in the end nothing really happens. For all of John Kerry's ranting and all the panicked pundits, when it's all said and done nothing really changes on the ground. No embassies were bombed, no cruise missiles were launched. We are back to not giving a shit about Syria and I'm guessing average Joe doesn't even remember the embassy closures. Now the big deal is the government shutdown which is itself a big nothing now that we have had 17 actual shutdowns and countless threatened shutdowns.

For me there is really just one big story this summer, and that is the NSA leaks by Snowden. Thank god there are still some true patriots out there, and some folks that still do actual journalism.

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[–] [frogtan](#) 18 points 1 day ago*

Glenn, please report on the specific algorithms, implementations and software compromised, manipulated in some sort of development stage or subverted by the NSA. In particular, but not exclusively, the redacted product names [here](#) would be very useful.

The cryptography community **can't** recover and resolve any problems if this isn't revealed. Please forward my thanks to Snowden. I praise highly you and the team's work to aid the public but we can't repair our infrastructure without specifics. Redacting only aids those who wish to keep us unsafe.

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[–] [allenahansen](#) 12 points 1 day ago

I've few personal heroes anymore, but you, Glenn, are one of them. Thank you for your service to a Constitutional America. My question: If you and Barack Obama were someday appointed to SCOTUS, what fundamental constitutional issue do you think you would most disagree on? Agree upon?

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[–] [BunsTown](#) 6 points 1 day ago

I'd also like to thank Greenwald here. The world stands a better chance with his incredibly sharp reporting and bravery. Seriously. With the loss of Michael Hastings, the rest of the media just sucks up and shuts up... We would be left in the dark without Greenwald (and Snowden)

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[–] [tra_i_dep](#) 6 points 1 day ago

Regards using computers/services, I rank the following companies on their protecting their customer's privacy as so:

- 1) Microsoft: the worst. Numerous *Guardian*, *WaPo*, etc. articles have shown they've colluded across their entire product line to introduce vulnerabilities, as well as backdoors for government abuse.
- 2a) Google/Android/Facebook: not great. Haven't been directly implicated, but given their business models require they hoard so much of their customer's data, it's likely they've been pressured by the NSA (etc.) to either provide unwarranted material or introduce vulnerabilities. Some articles suggest this, but not as extensively as Microsoft.
- 2b) ANY cloud computing based technology is risky. None have open security standards. Too many actors with vast budgets

have interest. Especially cloud services relying on Windows (see #1, above).

3) Apple: safer, but not 100% sure. The Apple logo was included in your Prism story, but there wasn't much detail on specifics. One *large* advantage is their business model isn't centered around commercializing their customer's private info: since they don't *retain* this data, there is no data for Apple to forward to third parties (or for criminals to crack). Their end-to-end encryption reassures somewhat since only the sender/recipient have keys (however neither iMessage nor FaceTime's security is public).

4) Open-sourced, verified OSs and protocols like Linux. Yet it turns out that NSA has had a role subverting key components.

My questions are,

a) briefly, are my perceptions reasonably accurate?

b) short of using typewriters and couriers (err, avoiding Heathrow (say "Hi" to David for me, and best wishes to him) and probably most US transit points), what should we do. It seems there are no safe alternatives, just safer-ish ones. Vexing.

(I should note I'm neither a journalist covering the NSA, a cartel member or a designer of nuclear warheads, simply a "normal" citizen that instinctively feels my private communications should be private. That is, I'm willing to trade off some convenience for security).

Thanks. Sorry for the wall of text. I'm in awe at your work, and courage.

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[\[-\] branawesome](#) 9 points 2 days ago

1) If you were to make a short list of people working in our government that you think have the American people's interest **least** in mind, who would be included on it?

2) If you were to make a short list of people working in our government that you think have the American people's interest **most** in mind, who would be included on it?

3) As details continue to emerge about the NSA, I can't help but feel like this is just the very beginning of a *deeeep*, complicated rabbit hole that the world may never know the full scope of. If you were to speculate on what the whole story involves, what might that be?

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[\[-\] Chris_Liss](#) 7 points 2 days ago

Any chance Snowden got metadata on Clapper, Alexander, Feinstein et. al. that you can release and show them what it's like when the tables are turned?

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[\[-\] ageisp0lis](#) 11 points 1 day ago

Check your definition of metadata.

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[\[-\] Prufrock451](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Do the revelations in these files, and the reaction to those revelations made public, make you more or less hopeful about the future of American democracy?

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[\[-\] Obsidian743](#) 2 points 2 days ago

What's your strategy for releasing the documents when you do in the order that you do? There's a lot of speculation that you've strategized specifically to bait the U.S. government. Is there any merit to that?

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[\[-\] rfshunt](#) 2 points 2 days ago

I was wondering what this has taught you about securing your own communications. From what you've learned what steps do you recommend someone who is only moderately computer savvy take to keep their digital correspondence and personal files secure?

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[\[-\] AllYearHalloween](#) 4 points 2 days ago

How can someone from another country help to put a stop to programs like these? As an example, I am a Canadian.

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[\[-\] PyongyangJim](#) 3 points 2 days ago

Howdy Glenn, been a fan of your stuff for a few years. How has your everyday life changed, especially since Snowden, in matters of security and safety? Do you do some things differently or not at all? Are there things that happen to someone we wouldn't think of when one finds themselves at odds with the surveillance state?

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[\[-\] thaweatherman](#) 3 points 1 day ago

How long will it be until you and Jeremy Scahill publish the story on the assassination program? I am an avid fan of Scahill's and am a bit antsy waiting for it to come out.

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[\[-\] MustacheDanger](#) 3 points 1 day ago

You are doing the will of the people.

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[\[-\] peppermint25](#) 3 points 1 day ago

How has your life changed since you became entrusted with this information?

How can I help?

And thank you. I can't thank you enough. I hope one day it is your names that go down in the history books for bringing this information to light and upholding the morals America was founded on.

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[\[-\] napoleongold](#) 3 points 1 day ago

How do you think this compares to the COINTELPRO surveillance of the 50's and 60's?

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[\[-\] \[deleted\]](#) 1 day ago*

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[\[-\] _FallacyBot_](#) 5 points 1 day ago

False Dichotomy: Presenting two alternative states as the only possibilities, when in fact more possibilities exist.

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If you dont like me, simply reply leave me alone fallacybot , youll never see me again

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[\[-\] Funky-buddha](#) 3 points 1 day ago

This is an honest question Glenn. Do you think the government mines forums like this reddit to gain information or persons of interest? These threads seem like a great place to find individuals actively against what they stand for, and probably a concern for them.

I've several times hesitated to comment on certain things due to this, and i'm wondering if that's paranoia or a real concern?

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[\[-\] 1nfinity0nhigh](#) 3 points 1 day ago

You two are not only international heroes, but champions of truth, honesty, and hope. Thank you for all your courage and integrity.

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[\[-\] dashrendar](#) 3 points 1 day ago

I just want to say thank you. You all are doing so much good for this world. This vet thanks you so very very much.

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[\[-\] ungulate](#) 4 points 1 day ago

Glenn, love your work. I have a serious question for you -- I'm not some sort of conspiracy nut.

What do you think the chances are that the office of the US presidency has been compromised? I.e., that while Presidents still have all the powers we know they have, they're actually controlled (through fear of physical threat) by some person or group who controls the Secret Service? The President gets into office, and is immediately given a little meeting with someone who says: "Don't be the next JFK. Play along with us and do your job."

This seems like one possible explanation for why new presidents come in with big ideas, and then rarely effect significant change. And it could be anyone with enough money and internal influence -- the media moguls, Israel, old-money politician families, anyone. If we know, as Al Gore says, that democracy has been "hacked", then why not the presidency as well? Thoughts?

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[\[-\] square_eyes](#) 4 points 1 day ago*

A lot of government rhetoric is around what is legal. A lot of us are concerned about what is passed in the name of something, but later used for something else. More and more we see trojan legislation and creative interpretations.

Based on what you know...

1. Do you have evidence of premeditated conspiracy to deceive the public and usher in mechanisms to enable a surveillance/police state? What is the actual threat level of sex offenders and terrorists et al... or is that just a vehicle of fear used to stimulate support from afraid people?
2. New Zealanders have long suspected that they have been used as lab rats for US home policy and privacy invading technology. Do you have any evidence to support these claims?

(Wire taps in the 80s, recent GCSB bill, ISPs policing piracy)

Nobody has an opinion that I'd like to hear more than yours. So honest speculation will be fine. Thanks for your work!

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[\[-\] Marylandman101](#) 4 points 1 day ago

What are your thoughts on Christopher Hitchens?

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[\[-\] restorethe4thLA](#) 4 points 1 day ago

Glenn and Janine,

First off, thank you both for your continued coverage of this story. Perhaps one of the most disappointing aspects of this process has been the lack of coverage given by other news outlets. In Restore the 4th's eyes, this is one of, if not the, most important news story that Americans should be focused on, and it continues to be relegated to 2nd or 3rd tier placement in favor of more mundane and certainly less important news.

Restore the 4th feels that one of the gravest failures of the American political and judicial system in this process have been the admitted perjuries of both DNI James Clapper and General Keith Alexander in front of congressional committees. Not only have they not be indicted, they have escape any punishment whatsoever and still both have their jobs.

Do you have any hope that Clapper and Alexander will face any punishment whatsoever in the future? Do you both believe there is hope for reform in the NSAs programs if those responsible are never held accountable?

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[\[-\] SorenD](#) 3 points 1 day ago

Snowden/Greenwald: thank you for opening my eyes. Churchill in 1940 said "...if we fail, then the whole world, including the United States, including all that we have known and cared for, will sink into the abyss of a new Dark Age, made more sinister, and perhaps more protracted, by the lights of perverted science." - I hope you have helped all of us avoid a dark future where the information revolution would have been perverted into a totalitarian surveillance society. Hopefully, it can be avoided. And you took the first crucial steps.

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[\[-\] wakeballer39](#) 4 points 1 day ago

What's the deal with the assassination program story? When will it be out?

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[\[-\] harorld](#) 3 points 1 day ago

Hi Glenn, I was wondering if you and David will be playing on Xbox One or if you're going with the PS4.

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[\[-\] rikardlinde](#) 6 points 2 days ago

Do you intend to write about countries that haven't been mentioned yet, like Sweden?

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[–] [FacebookScavenger](#) 5 points 1 day ago

Do you believe Reddit has been compromised and is being monitored/having its data stored?

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[–] [ghostgirl2](#) 5 points 1 day ago

Lol- we don't need Glenn to answer that question!

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[–] [OLawD](#) 8 points 2 days ago

Glenn & Janine,

Have you had a chance to read David S. Kris' "On the Bulk Collection of Things"?

<http://www.lawfareblog.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Lawfare-Research-Paper-Series-No.-4-2.pdf>

I realize it was just published online for review the other day and it's a whopping 67 pages so you may not have but law professor Orin Kerr says that it may present some of the best defenses of the NSA programs he's seen to date and he is usually very critical of others he's examined.

Because of your extensive research and knowledge of the documents, can you separate for us what government explanations/rationales that have been released so far are seriously far-fetched/not genuine at all and which ones reside in a grey area where it may come down to morals or interpretations rather than truth/fiction?

Thanks!

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[–] [smaurizi](#) 3 points 2 days ago

Sarah Harrison took the huge risk to help Edward Snowden, are you planning to support her? She is likely to experience problems when she travel back to UK

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[–] [Crizack](#) 3 points 2 days ago

Assuming the NSA is the top intelligence gathering organization in the world.

If possible at what level would you rank other countries capabilities in comparison to the NSA?

I think some of the focus is getting lost in that people think there are "safe havens" given the political grandstanding by other nations.

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[–] [Liberty_Scholar](#) 4 points 2 days ago

Back in May, [you were on Bill Maher's show](#), and adamantly stood up to him about US foreign policy. This appearance happened just weeks before the first NSA article was published. Had you already been working with Snowden at that point and had his documents changed your perspective about the US government's ongoing policies, both foreign and domestic?

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[–] [tranglos](#) 4 points 2 days ago

Mr Greenwald: Before Edward Snowden, in one of your Guardian columns (March 2013) you mentioned you were working on a book which "explores how establishment media systems restrict the range of acceptable debate in US political discourse". I would really love to read this book. Do you think you will return to it / complete it at some point?

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[–] [truelai](#) 4 points 1 day ago

I don't have a question. I just want to say THANK YOU.

Edward Snowden, Glen Greenwald, Janine Gibson, Laura Poitras, Julian Assange, Chelsea Manning, Barrett Brown, Jeremy Hammond, and a host of others who put themselves in the line of fire to uncover truth... THANK YOU.

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[–] [reputable_opinion](#) 8 points 2 days ago*

Hi Glenn,

I have two part question on the credibility of journalism.

1) Some of us muse that Snowden, Assange etc.. are limited hangouts. modified limited hangouts even.

Since 'mainstream media' has little credibiity, as do our authorities, shouldn't we expect such managed 'leaks'?

Why should I believe that media scrubbed leaks are true leaks. Are leaks being used as a conduit for information for the sake of credibility?

What specific abuses of the spying program has Snowden revealed if any? i.e. Why not release all of the information at once, wouldn't it have more impact that way instead of drop by drop?

2) Could you comment on Sy Hersch's assessment that 'press should 'fire 90% of editors and promote ones you can't control'

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[–] [torfnuds](#) 8 points 1 day ago

Do you think Edward will read this? :)

(Hi Edward, you're a hero!)

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[–] [redinthahead](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Is there anything that you can share with the Reddit community that you have not already shared with the media with regards to NSA spying?

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[–] [medwezys](#) 1 point 2 days ago

How likely do you think it is that other super-countries like Russia and China are also running spying programmes that are of the same or similar scale as the NSA one?

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[–] [cyfer_sure](#) 3 points 2 days ago

What do you see is as the end result of all of these leaks?

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[–] [alpharocksalpha](#) 2 points 1 day ago

Mr. Greenwald, first of all thank you for helping do such an incredible service to the world, taking the risks you have and being an inspiration.

It has occurred to me that both Manning and Snowden were low-level government workers—if they had access to the material they did, WHAT might their higher ups know? What government agencies and subject matters do you think we need leaks and transparencies for? What do you suspect we don't know yet?

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[–] [torfnuds](#) 3 points 1 day ago

Did you know that you are featured in [this music video](#)?

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[–] [allenahansen](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Was there a specific moment or incident when you first became disillusioned with Barack Obama?

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[–] [bx8](#) 2 points 1 day ago

I have no questions, I just wanted to say thank you for having the courage to post the leaks when other journalists did not.

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[–] [defboy03](#) 2 points 1 day ago

Hi Glenn,

What led you to become a journalist? I understand you hold a law degree. Have you ever worked as a lawyer?

I'm very grateful for all the hard work you have done. You are an inspiration to many of us.

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[–] [johnnyboston](#) 2 points 1 day ago

Hi Glenn,

No question for you, but I had to take a quick moment and just tell you what a hero you are to me. I've been a loyal reader of your column since your early Salon days. I've also read a couple of your books. Your depth of analysis and ability to articulate and explain complex issues are unmatched anywhere else in the press.

I can't think of anyone on this planet who is doing more for the cause of liberty and transparency, at such great personal risk and cost. Thank you so much for your courage, and the personal risks which you take to do this very important work. If you are ever in the Salt Lake City area, my wife and I would be honored to take you to dinner.

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[–] [HM-05](#) 1 point 1 day ago

What do you guys think of 9/11?

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[–] [mister_geaux](#) 3 points 1 day ago

Ms. Gibson,

True story: I asked my dad, a vehement anti-government type, if he had been keeping up with Glenn's work, and he said no, because he refused to read the Guardian due to its "known left leanings."

What are your thoughts on the Balkanization of "news" media into politically-allied fiefdoms? How do you think the Guardian fits into that model, or, perhaps more pointedly, how do you think reader *perceptions* of the Guardian factor in? And how do you think the Snowden stories have cut across or been shaped by these forces?

PS: Want me to tell my dad anything on your behalf?

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[–] [bobby6787](#) 2 points 1 day ago

Hi, Glenn 1. Was PRISM program only exclusive to the NSA? Where the other five eyes aware of this program? 2. Why is the guardian partnering up with NYT, its so obvious that NYT has lost its credibility as being a trustworthy news organization as they are the puppets of the OBAMA administration. They did not even believe that the NSA/Isreal story was important to post on their website for godsake, how can they be trusted to post ground shattering NSA/GCHQ leaks? 3. Im from canada, and in my country there has been total ignorance in the mainstream media (ie CTV, CBC, national post etc) on discussing the the NSA leaks and how the leaks affect canadains. And also no one has mentioned the fact in the media that OUR CANADAIN government operates on the exact same programs as the NSA, thus the CANadian government is also spying on its own citizens. IS there anything you can do, to increase awareness in our country? maybe partner up with a news organization to report on how CSEC spies on CANADIANS? 4. Does the NSA also secretly spy on the other four EYES? 5. Why is the NSA partners with New Zealand and Australia, what strategic value do they gives to the NSA? 6. in the X-KEYSCORE program there are all those red dots what do they represent (<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/jul/31/nsa-top-secret-program-online-data>)...why are there red dots all along the bottom of the picture (artic)? And how come there are not red dots on Canada?

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[–] [yolo_swag_bear](#) 2 points 1 day ago

Do you think it's possible the Intelligence Community directed or allowed Snowden to leak those files?

It seems like it is in their interest to let some of the sensitive information about their clandestine activities come out sometimes, as long as they can carefully manage how and when it happens.

Now everyone knows the NSA is spying on all internet activity. Is it possible this is something Snowden's former bosses actually intended?

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[–] [chekhovary](#) 2 points 1 day ago*

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[–] [swim_to_survive](#) 2 points 1 day ago

Glenn,

I know I'm not the first one to say it, and I won't be the last. Thank you for what you are doing and have done. You and your partner have painted a big fat freedoming bullseye on your back in order to bring light to this vast abuse of power by the US Government. If we are lucky, maybe 50 years from now we can say we have you to thank.

In other words, what do you suggest someone like me do to stay positive despite the farcical nature of our governments current state? I was thinking taking up day drinking - but maybe something more positive is in order?

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[\[-\] trai_dep](#) 3 points 1 day ago

Mr. Greenwald, I'm proud my fellow Redditors have beat me to the punch, raising many of the questions I was thinking (in less than one hour, no less: impressive!)

So I'll go for a more light-hearted question. Think of it as a dinner mint.

I've noticed you've adopted a menagerie of stray dogs and provide them a wonderful home with two loving dads. So awesome.

How many do you have? Is it *really* loud at your house? How do they react when you or David utter the b-a-t-h word in their hearing (and given the size of your pack, are hoses and liquid soap bombs the preferred method)?

Who's your favorite? Do you have time to teach them tricks? Dear gods, I hope they practice birth control.

Finally, your wonderful home seems bereft of quite possibly the best species on the planet. I refer, of course, to cats.

How do you and David get through the day without any Cat Love? Is not a day without a purring sound a day not worth living?

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[\[-\] subtlyoppressed](#) 2 points 1 day ago

Why do you think the reaction of politicians and press in the UK has been so subdued?

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[\[-\] octarion](#) 2 points 1 day ago

Hi Glenn, you're doing a very brave thing by becoming the public face of this ongoing privacy debate. I wish you and Mr. Miranda well in your ongoing court case and I hope that Mr. Miranda is exonerated and compensated promptly for his illegal and unjust detention and the resulting besmirching of both of your reputations for connecting a journalist and his associate with terrorism without any apparent evidence or justification.

This doesn't relate directly to the contents of any leaks but perhaps you'd be interested in reading [this](#) - it's an [/r/privacy](#) post concerning some research I've heard of from some US universities and UK/US companies. I've also been privy to discussions about smart-phone tracking and the use of accelerometers to identify people based on their gait (walking style is apparently a high-precision method to identify individuals).

With all these technologies in mind alongside the NSA leaks and the ongoing use of similar tracking systems by insurance companies and business intelligence, do you see the nature of the privacy debate changing any time soon? These technologies are slowly creeping into the public sphere and are certainly not obvious to people that are caught up in their net. On top of this, data privacy legislation such as the Data Protection Act and EU Directive 95/46/EC have become practically impossible to enforce, considering the wide amount of data being exchanged between the US, UK and Europe. And, of course, we see the ongoing vilification of whistleblowers that can no longer rely on either corrupt internal systems or the legal defence of public interest - people like Snowden and Manning have to drop everything and leave the US like Syrian war refugees or face long prison sentences and inhumane treatment at the hands of their government, eager to make them into an example for others.

I've also got some more concise questions - how do you engage the masses, people who have their own (more immediate and grounded) problems to deal with?

When do you see the debate turning around from governments versus privacy advocates to NSA et al. versus the people, if ever?

Do you see any 'silver bullet' or 'killer app' for the future debate, perhaps evidence of government mens rea that would force agencies to drop the '9/11', 'terrorists' or general 'ideological opponents' excuses?

Finally, what's the best way to kill the 'chilling effect' caused by the nature and scale of the technologies leaked and the treatment of privacy advocates such as whistleblowers and their prominent defenders, not just in public debate but also in legal and business fields?

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[\[-\] Sturmhardt](#) 2 points 1 day ago

I just want to say that you guys are the real heroes of our time. Are you scared that your work might get you in real danger? I bet it's easy to become paranoid if one does what you do. Keep up the good work!

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[\[-\] immerc](#) 2 points 1 day ago

The Prism documents implicated a lot of really big tech companies (Apple, Microsoft, Google, etc.) If these companies wanted to prove to the world that they're not in bed with the NSA, what could they do?

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[\[-\] rticula](#) 2 points 1 day ago

i just want to thank you both. you may have helped steer our civilization away from social collapse. live long and prosper!

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[\[-\] justwrath](#) 3 points 1 day ago

Do you now feel that this slow trickle campaign of releasing data has had the unintended effect of immunizing us from further outrage, and in some cases, reintroduced complacency amongst the public?

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[\[-\] Disincarnated](#) 3 points 1 day ago

Are you disappointed in the lack of retaliation from the american public about such a breach of liberties? Politicians don't even seem to care about this (and the few that do use it as a "look what i care about" tool without actually doing anything, but then all act like they defend the constitution to the dot.

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[\[-\] gemini33](#) 3 points 1 day ago

What happened to the hearing that Alan Grayson was going to have, where adversarial witnesses (like yourself) would be called? It was originally scheduled at the end of July or early August, but then Pres. Obama scheduled a meeting with the Dem caucus which caused Grayson to have to cancel, postpone the meeting. He said it would be in September, but now September is over. It would be really great to have witnesses that aren't NSA apologists.

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[\[-\] pinchealeman](#) 2 points 1 day ago

Hey Glenn,

I'm still wondering if you can clarify what was meant by "direct access". The Guardian stood by that phrasing all summer, [going so far as to call the public denials weasle-y in their wording](#).

Thanks.

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[\[-\] romulanspy](#) 2 points 1 day ago

How do you guys protect yourselves from getting tracked by the NSA all over the place?

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[\[-\] bulletbh](#) 2 points 1 day ago

Where do you think these leaks and stories are leading us? What do you think the end game is for the established control methods in place today (NSA, Federal reserve, IRS, etc)? I have been watching momentum building for 10 years now and I think your work is bringing hidden information and the truth to the main stream public in an amazing way. Thank you.

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[\[-\] thatisreasonable2](#) 2 points 1 day ago

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I'm so regretful that I'm late to this. Oh well, now I can peruse the total comments later. Thanks Glenn and Janine for doing this AUA!

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[\[-\] orionshmorion](#) 3 points 1 day ago

I've heard that Booz Allen Hamilton (for which Snowden worked) is owned by the Carlyle Group, which is a company that Daddy Bush and the Bin Laden's have ties to. But hearsay is meaningless and I can't find the original source for the claim.. what do you make of this claim?

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[\[-\] oregonstu1](#) 3 points 1 day ago*

Glenn - Reports from years back on the DARPA Total Information Awareness System detailed computer programs which transcribe spoken language to text, and then "read", summarize, and analyze the content of conversations automatically with software that is far more sophisticated than mere key word recognition. It seems plain that X Keyscore and DNI Presenter incorporate updated versions of these earlier programs - in other words, one of the most significant aspects of this mass monitoring project is that such vast volumes of data are being read and analyzed automatically by super computers, correct? In one of his interviews, I read something Snowden said that I interpreted to be an oblique reference to the ability of the NSA to monitor conversations picked up by the phone's mic, even when the phone was turned off. This is a capability that has been well documented elsewhere - the FBI convicted some New Jersey mobsters in 2006 using this trick. Apparently they can activate cell phone mics remotely using a "diagnostic mode" back door - I assume you and Linda Poitras are aware of this since I read about you both taking out your cell phone batteries when you interviewed Snowden.

Have you seen any documents pertaining to the NSA's use of these sorts of automated analysis programs on conversations picked up from laptops or cell phone mics when the devices are turned off? I think it is extremely likely that this is going on, and this means that most every conversation most of us has is potentially being eavesdropped on, since most people carry cellphones around with them now. If such evidence exists in the documents that Snowden provided, would you consider this to be newsworthy?

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[–] [deweymm](#) 2 points 1 day ago

Glen, I missed your AMA however I just want to thank you for your bravery.

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[–] [Ilostmyredditlogin](#) 2 points 1 day ago

Keep up the good work. I'm glad that there are still real journalists in the world.

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[–] [ZGreenwald0206](#) 2 points 1 day ago

Hey Glenn, know you won't see this, but we have the same last name and I think that's cool

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[–] [Cobalts](#) 2 points 1 day ago

Hey Glenn,

I follow you on twitter and I have been following your articles for about 3 months now.

I want to be an investigative journalist, but my current studies/career offer almost no prior experience or relative opportunities. However, I am of the impression that this does not matter, more now than ever.

My question is this: Assuming a subject is chosen that has interest, importance, and is potentially unknown information to most citizens, would an average citizen with no experience or ties to any magazine be able to submit an article to a news source like The Guardian? This is also assuming that there is meaningful and source-laden research, interviews, quotes, etc.

Thanks so much for what you do!

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[–] [finishedlurking](#) 2 points 1 day ago

Thank you for doing what you do. I and we appreciate the risk

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[–] [wreckedangles](#) 6 points 2 days ago

do you have any personal suspicions pertaining to the death of michael hastings? if so, do you fear a demise shrouded with conspiracy theory?

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[–] [mjn2550](#) 5 points 2 days ago

Hi, Glenn. I saw you speak on "Endless War and the Erosion of Civil Liberties in the Age of Terrorism" at Upenn back in 2012.

What books do you recommend reading to be informed and articulate about what America does to its own citizens and innocent civilians around the world?

And what authors have influenced your own writing?

Thanks for doing what you do. You have really helped the world with your journalism.

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[\[-\] Metafx](#) 7 points 2 days ago*

Hey Glenn and Janine, thank you for doing the AMA.

My question is directed at the intent element behind these disclosures. While a lot of people believe you have the moral high ground in disclosing this information, not many people know what your motive is or what you intend to come from these actions.

So my question is: What would you like to see as the ultimate outcome of these disclosures both in terms of changes in the government and changes in the way people perceive / react to them?

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[\[-\] janine_gibson](#) [Janine Gibson](#) 16 points 2 days ago

Speaking for the Guardian, as I generally try to avoid doing, our motive is entirely to report stories in the public interest. We have said over and over again that we think there is a debate that needs to be had about the size and scale of government surveillance. We feel pretty vindicated that everyone from the President down has now signed up to that debate.

What happens now is up to lawmakers, voters, pressure groups, activists. On today of all days, I will not suggest we put our faith in Congress, but I do think if nothing else everyone knows what the issue is now.

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[\[-\] glenngreenwald](#) [Glenn Greenwald](#) [\[S\]](#) 133 points 2 days ago

If Snowden is an American whistleblower, shouldn't you only release documents that serve the interest of the American public?

No.

Snowden answered this in the online interview with him. He doesn't believe that the only privacy rights that matter are those of Americans. He's an American, but not a jingoist, and he's also other things besides an "American", including a human being. That privacy is being destroyed globally matters, but to him and journalistically.

Moreover, even if you do jingoistically care only about Americans: the internet is a global means of communication. There is no viable way to segregate the communications of Americans from foreigners. If you allow the NSA to run rampant over the internet and turn it into a means of control, monitoring and oppression, it will affect everyone.

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[\[-\] escalat0r](#) 6 points 1 day ago

I find it really sad that many Americans would support mass surveillance on all kinds of people from other nations.

Why do your interests matter more than mine and ours?

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[\[-\] JimmyOConnell](#) 14 points 2 days ago

The human rights of innocent people are paramount, the nationality thereof is completely irrelevant.

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[\[-\] WeWillRiseAgainst](#) 4 points 2 days ago

Just wanted to start by saying thanks for everything you've done. My question though, do you feel your personal safety has changed since the leaks? What kind of precautions do you have to take, if any, day to day just to assure your protection?

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[\[-\] mydataisnotyours](#) 4 points 2 days ago

It seems clear that these surveillance programs you have been reporting on violate the spirit of the constitution, why do you think that Americans aren't outraged en mass and instead there is still a significant percentage of people who are indifferent or even

supportive of nsa surveillance? What do you see as the disconnect on this or, maybe, what is the source of the disconnect?

Thank you for your work and passion.

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[\[-\] Whizbang](#) 5 points 2 days ago

Your articles have revealed that there is very little information, international or domestic, that the NSA does **not** collect, that the NSA has the ability to compromise everyone's PCs and mobile devices, that the NSA is building pictures of everyone's social networks, that telephony service providers and cloud data providers are complicit, and that key security standards are compromised.

Your writing has revealed that the courts are so deferential to national security interests that 1st and 4th amendment violations never reach the point where their constitutionality can be determined, either due to states' secrets claims or standing issues.

Congress is seemingly not responsive to the populace in general, but instead serves the interests of large donors, including defense contractors. Your writing has shown that Congress provides oversight in name only, as a whole, and that most Congressmembers don't have enough information to conduct true oversight. Furthermore, when outright lied to by the Director of National Intelligence, Congress doesn't even dare issue a slap on the hand.

Your writing has shown that, by and large, American media is compromised, with large outlets generally serving as government lapdogs that actively work to discredit truth-tellers. Government claims are accepted uncritically; people skeptical of their government are scrutinized under a microscope.

Police departments are becoming more militarized. Protests are either ignored or, if they become large enough (Occupy), forcibly shut down.

30% of the citizenry are likely die-hard authoritarians who will reflexively defend government until it's clear that they themselves have been targeted in an undeniably punitive fashion.

Jane Harman wasn't a civil libertarian until it became clear that she herself had been spied upon.

In the absence of any published information about the national security state having, oh, collected embarrassing dossiers on the judiciary, all major members of Congress, and the executive branch, is meaningful reform of our intelligence agencies even possible?

And as someone of middle class means who has a choice to vote either for one of two kleptocratic political parties or not at all and otherwise has only the ability to write indignant letters (or call) a not-particularly-representative representative, what do you think we as ordinary Americans can do to change things?

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[\[-\] bigmill](#) 4 points 1 day ago

Glenn, I heard you speak on Bill Maher a while back...I forgot the topic, but I knew immediately this was a man to be heard. Not weeks later you broke the NSA story. You are the closest thing to a national hero we have, anyone who says different is willfully ignorant.

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[\[-\] frowawayduh](#) 10 points 2 days ago

Do they have and use our tax returns for surveillance? Tax returns tie a lot of metadata together neatly ... you, your children and spouse, your bank, your home, your vehicle, your employment history, your donations, your debts, and much more. And the NSA is known to give leads to the IRS. Is it a two-way street? FISC justified phone metadata collection based on its public nature: it is fair game because you gave it to the phone company. Tax returns are compulsory, you cannot opt out.

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[\[-\] Obsidian743](#) 3 points 2 days ago

Is there anything you've learned that would be earth shattering or life changing if released to the public but you've chosen not to because either the world isn't ready for it or it would do more harm than good? Are there other conspiracies that you're aware of that can be confirmed but will not be discussed?

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[\[-\] djp06475](#) [] 4 points 2 days ago

If Snowden's initial exposure to the media could be "re-done", would you have done anything differently in the proceeding fallout?

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[–] [qubitspin](#) 3 points 2 days ago

Hi Janine and Glenn,

do you think that metadata collection can be effective at all? Misread of metadata is a serious threat for everyone.

Thanks and I wish you good luck!

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[–] [haystackcharm](#) 3 points 2 days ago

Did David's detention and the subsequent media storm impact his commitment to aiding you with this work? Seemed like a pretty tough experience for someone not accustomed to or trained for that

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[–] [Shinji_Ikari](#) 3 points 2 days ago

Thank you.

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[–] [-Sparkwoodand21-](#) 3 points 2 days ago

No questions. Just thank you for doing what you are doing. Knowledge is the best weapon we have.

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[–] [NBegovich](#) 3 points 2 days ago

Has Dan Carlin approached you about an interview? Have you thought of doing his or Joe Rogan's shows?

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[–] [expertninja](#) 3 points 2 days ago

<3. That is all.

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[–] [MasterGolbez](#) 6 points 2 days ago*

no question really, I just wanted to let you know that I think you're intellectually dishonest and ideologically motivated. We had an email discussion a while back where all you did was parrot some permutation of "Obama evil. US government evil."

I think attaching your name to Snowden's leaks only hurts the cause you're trying to promote.

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[–] [MLNYC](#) 2 points 2 days ago

That sounds unusually ineloquent for Glenn. You should post the email and prove to us just how illogical and ineloquent he was.

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[–] [MasterGolbez](#) 8 points 2 days ago*

Indented is me, non-indented is greenwald in response to [this article](#)

Sorry Glenn, but you failed big time here.

While I don't think it's beyond the pale to question why Muslims would kill American soldiers occupying Muslim lands, it's hard for me to feel any sympathy whatsoever for the Muslim terrorists who kill Muslim civilians, let alone American civilians. Your failure to distinguish between Muslims who only attack American soldiers and Muslims who will kill anyone they feel like to make a point makes your article very weak. At least acknowledge why Americans might having a hard time telling the two groups apart.

How about Americans who kill Muslim civilians - like, say, President Obama - how do you feel about those?

You can't have a 10 year war without killing some civilians, although the war in Afghanistan has been very remarkable from a historical perspective in how FEW civilians have been killed by the occupying forces. In fact it's pretty much universally recognized that the rules of engagement practiced by the US military are very much in the favor of Afghan civilians, to the true detriment of our soldiers.

If you are against the war then say that, but don't pretend this war has been anything but mostly benign for civilians compared to almost every other war/occupation in human history.

Please contrast this with certain Islamist terrorists who indiscriminately target civilians. Far more Afghanis/Iraqis

have been killed by Islamist terrorists than by coalition forces. If you fail to acknowledge this you will lose legitimacy in your arguments.

Just as I thought: killing civilians is only horrible when a Muslim does it.

When an American does it, you find every conceivable justification, excuse and mitigation you can.

Pure, rank tribalism.

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[\[-\] epsd101](#) 7 points 2 days ago

Mr. Greenwald, thanks for taking the time to answer our questions.

How did you decide which parts and aspects of the document trove provided by Mr. Snowden to release first?

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[\[-\] kevins_mom](#) 4 points 2 days ago

Would you say you have more or less respect now from the "main stream media" as opposed to before the NSA leaks?

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[\[-\] dhubs34](#) 3 points 2 days ago

What can you tell us about your future disclosures? When can we expect the 'assassination program' information? Keep up the good work.

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[\[-\] squidsandwich](#) 3 points 2 days ago*

What would you say the percentage of the information you have released is in comparison to what is still yet to be released? Thanks for your work!

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[\[-\] kapsar](#) 3 points 2 days ago

The more stories you break the more obvious it is that nearly any activity Americans and foreigners engage in are being tracked. What actions can we take to reduce the amount of tracking we're likely to experience?

What sort of actions do you think we can take to begin dismantling the surveillance state (which seems to go hand in hand with the growth of the US Police state ie Boston after Boston bombing)?

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[\[-\] lastresort09](#) 3 points 2 days ago

Can you tell us more about the US Assassination Program? What does it entail?

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[\[-\] Snart_the_Cat](#) 3 points 2 days ago

Are you intentionally timing publications to directly counter public statements by the government?

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[\[-\] weareinfinite](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Has anyone from the NSA / US government contacted you guys since the breaking of NSA spying incidents? Appreciate your work!

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[\[-\] BitchinTechnology](#) 4 points 2 days ago

Do you personally think that members of congress or the president or anyone else is being blackmailed? It was reported that Obama was watched while a senator

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[\[-\] meepl](#) 3 points 2 days ago

Do you think Michael Hastings was assassinated?

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[–] [Zeek2517](#) 4 points 2 days ago

Glenn, I've been a big fan since "How Would A Patriot Act".

What do you think is the most effective means of combating tyrannical government surveillance and intrusion for the average citizen?

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[–] [SpanktheNSA](#) 5 points 2 days ago

Why don't more NSA employees leak? How can we encourage them to?

Also, do you think Obama and Holder should be impeached?

Thank you for your sacrifice on behalf of all citizens of the world.

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[–] [sciencefacts](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Do you fear for your life? What do you think can be done to fix this? Are there bigger stories to come out of this? Thanks for being awesome.

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[–] [uriman](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Most people seem agree that NSA spying is not positive, but the lack of significant outcry (million man march to the White House) may be a result of people thinking that the NSA spying really doesn't affect them. They don't talk to government leakers, don't travel much, aren't interested in foreign affairs, etc. How would you say these NSA revelations affect the "average" American?

How likely is it that NSA's social media / "pattern-of-life" profile will be used against ordinary people unknowingly to be denied a job, government contract/grant, visas, etc?

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[–] [nasahj](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Glenn, could you please elaborate on this comment you made on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ggreenwald/status/384661877810163713> ? Are you saying that the Guardian has been rendered unable to keep publishing on GCHQ?

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[–] [uberlad](#) 3 points 2 days ago

What's your very best life advice? Could be about anything. You pick.

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[–] [curlykitten](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Glenn and Janine, on a scale from 1 to 10 how likely is an 'accident' in your future and how would you like to (dramatically) go? Ricin? Bonus points if you can provide us with the title of the Daily Fail front page.

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[–] [velocide](#) 3 points 2 days ago

I want to know why nobody seems to give a shit?

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[–] [AlaskanPotatoSlap](#) 3 points 1 day ago

No question, just a few quick comments:

You are doing a great job. Keep it up. We need more journalists like you. Thank You.

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[–] [gravity365](#) 2 points 1 day ago

No question. Thanks for having giant balls and taking on the government!

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[\[-\] Nicho88](#) 3 points 1 day ago

Thank you for revealing the truth.

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[\[-\] Pirate2012](#) 2 points 1 day ago

I would be ashamed of myself if I did not simply say a most sincere thank you for those that take the meaning of the word 'freedom' as seriously as you both do. Thank you.

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[\[-\] RHS_Hefty_17](#) 2 points 1 day ago

How long do you expect to live before a mysterious "accident" occurs?

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[\[-\] BitchinTechnology](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Do you have any documents that you will not release because you truly believe that it is in the best interest of this country to not have certain information public

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[\[-\] Acanthas](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Glenn: Thanks for showing a whole new generation what it's like to be a patriot and a real journalist. Must read websites you visit regularly?

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[\[-\] mustardman2](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Do you actually believe your trolling bullshit or is it all an act to sell books?

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[\[-\] edgeburner](#) 2 points 2 days ago

What process do you use to verify the leaked data is actually accurate?

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[\[-\] alt30313](#) 1 point 2 days ago*

While I oppose much of what you have revealed about the NSA and its surveillance programs, I support Obama's initiative to prepare for offensive cyber operations. What are your thoughts on this initiative if its used in a defensive or retaliatory manner in response to nation state hacking, acts of war, and in response to theft of intellectual property vital to the nation's economy?

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[\[-\] neinjavelleicht](#) 3 points 2 days ago*

Hey I have one question. Regarding the CIA's heroin production and distribution budget. I am confused as to why this wasn't spoken about as much. I only heard about it from snowdens twitter page. Is there a chance we can hear about it soon? this will greatly inform the american public. More like enrage and probably create a big protests. hopefully

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[\[-\] Some-Internet-Guy](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Are intel or AMD in bed with the NSA?

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[\[-\] dronehop](#) 0 points 2 days ago

I'm in journalism school in Canada. What are some of the best tips and tricks you can give to an aspiring political correspondent to acquire and maintain a good working relationship with those who may be able to disclose incredibly sensitive information? In other words, how do you handle high stakes sources?

Secondly, who to you, right now, is doing important journalism?

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[\[-\] newyankee](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Do you think that there are instances where a lot of personal data has been leaked from NSA vaults and fallen into wrong hands but the incident has been covered up ?

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[\[-\] riptidecode](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Did Snowden leak any 0days used by the NSA and their co-conspirators in other nation states? If so, will any of them be made public knowledge?

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[\[-\] AutoModerater](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Have any of the actions you and your team have taken so far been specifically to test what the reactions and actions of the NSA, CIA, et al. would be?

Such as, David Miranda's trip through Heathrow, the rumour of Edward being on the Bolivian President's plane, etc.

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[\[-\] Bubbleset](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Your reporting focuses on the U.S. government and NSA, but some of their actions seem like an outgrowth of a few large companies now having so much stored information on us that can be mined (Google, Microsoft, et al.).

What can we do to best promote privacy from private actors? Is there anything positive the government can do in that area?

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[\[-\] guardian_reader](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Glenn, were you aware that Guardian editor Alan Rusbridger had recently destroyed computers containing Snowden files on British government orders when you and your colleagues tasked David Miranda with muling files through Heathrow? That seems like an odd thing to do under the circumstances.

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[\[-\] netman21](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Through your reporting (and Snowden's whistle blowing) you have turned the IT security industry upside down. Do you have any thoughts on the Trusted Platform Module (TPM)? The Information Assurance side of the NSA had been a very strong supporter of the Trusted Computing Group. Should we trust the TPM?

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[\[-\] tjlewis13](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Could you please describe the vetting process you put these documents through? Specifically, what are the markings you look for that validate these documents as "legitimate" or "truthful"? Have there been documents obtained by Snowden that were false leads or intended to be so outrageous that once they were published, the government could easily step in and say "This is crazy talk"?

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[\[-\] lastresort09](#) 1 point 2 days ago

People were saying how the leak about how the NSA shares data with Israel isn't such a big news because we also, similarly, share data (perhaps more than we do with Israel) with countries that are a part of Five Eyes.

Do you have any response to this?

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[\[-\] agl](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Can you comment on the process of releasing the original documents? In some cases the stories include (redacted) versions of the primary documents but in many cases they do not.

For example, the NYT story over the weekend on metadata included a single slide and some quotations, but the Guardian version on Monday didn't include anything.

Likewise, there was much confusion about the nature of PRISM (and, to some extent, there still is). That may have been avoidable had more of the PRISM slide deck been released.

Is there an intent to go back over the stories at some point and release more primary documents? Or do you feel that everything that can reasonably be disclosed has been on those stories?

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[\[-\] stillhasmuchness](#) 1 point 2 days ago

I want to thank you and The Guardian for standing up and bringing awareness to all the corruption going on in our governments. As a regular citizen it is one thing to know it is going on and feeling helpless to change anything and another to have the vindication of proof and hope that it will bring enough awareness to force change.

There is so much bias in the journalistic field and mainstream media. It's disheartening. There is so little integrity or the ones with it are having their voices drowned out. Being in the profession where do you see it going? Do you think it will get worse before it gets better or just get worse?

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[\[-\] angrysoopkichen](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Hi Glenn! It was an exciting morning seeing you were doing this!

I try to stay up to date and current on all the goings on in the world, and I often post links to news articles on my Facebook wall along with my own caustic and derisive opinion of things the government is doing. I am nonpartisan, I am just an ordinary dude trying to keep my friends informed, as they are typically not news savvy, and attempting to foment discussion amongst ourselves regarding what my government is doing here and abroad.

What is the likelihood that I, as an otherwise normal, regular guy, could be labeled a "person of interest," if you will? I am not trying to be self important, as I'm just another schmuck, but I am still quite concerned.

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[\[-\] beanslc](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Glenn and Janine, thank you so much for doing this AMA.

Have you ever felt that your life has been in danger because of the stories/ has anyone ever threatened you?

I'm sure many people here had not heard of either of you before the snowden leaks. Now pretty much everyone in the US knows your name. How has it affected your life so far? Family,

And lastly, are there any documents that you have read so far that have scared the living shit out of you? Anything that is way worse than the fact that the government knows everything I do, most likely including my favorite times to take a dump?

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[\[-\] r3bl](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Considering Snowden shared the documents with Guardian and Washington Post, are Der Spiegel's revelations legit?

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[\[-\] h0rak](#) 2 points 2 days ago

How could Edward Snowden have had more influence on the general public?

Agnostic of any political or ethical position, assuming maximum mass social and political change as the goal, how could he have been a better whistleblower?

You two obviously learned a lot from observing Bradley Manning's experience, judging the media's response, the government's, the public's. What did you miss? How could you have been more "successful"?

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[\[-\] guardian_reader](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Glenn, your book publisher has promised new revelations about corporate complicity in NSA spying. Have you made any agreement with your publisher to withhold information prior to publishing, to keep the revelations in your book hot? What else can we expect to see in your book? Is Snowden a co-author? Has he received any remuneration from your publisher?

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[\[-\] sonastyinc](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Don't really have a question, but just wanted to thank you for your work. You and the guys over at The Young Turks are the best.

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[\[-\] volt41](#) 1 point 2 days ago

In order to restore American civilians' privacy, we need to know what crypto is broken. Do you have any documents mentioning math attacks or chip fabrication? Specifically, any documents referencing differential cryptanalysis, the General Number Field Sieve, and higher order algebra? Do you know how long Ed Snowden thought his 4096bit PGP was good for? Can you tell us

why Bruce Schneier generated a new 4096bit RSA key after seeing the documents?

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[\[-\] jennordinary](#) 1 point 2 days ago

No question. I just want to thank you both for making a difference and standing up against this 'machine' (for lack of a better term). Thank you :)

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[\[-\] Thehealeroftri](#) 0 points 2 days ago

What's the biggest piece of information that you've discovered in the leaked documents?

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[\[-\] mepex](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Are either of you reluctant or avoiding traveling to the US? Certainly it's likely you will be detained at the border as Poitras has been many times, but do you think there's a legitimate threat of arrest or Gitmo?

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[\[-\] BitchinTechnology](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Are there any documents in your possession that you will not release because you honestly think they could damage our national security? Everyone nation needs secrets, nuclear capabilities, military deployments, etc. Is there anything you will not release

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[\[-\] pappy8197](#) 1 point 2 days ago

What do you think is the most important thing America should learn from the information you published, alongside Mr. Snowden? Thanks for doing this AMA!

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[\[-\] pandub](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Do you ever fear for your life now that you have broken these stories which many powerful governments did not want you to? How have your daily routines changed since first publishing the snowmen leaks?

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[\[-\] alpharocksalpha](#) 2 points 2 days ago

What advice would you give for journalists working in this new paranoid climate? Besides using Tor, PGP, etc., how can I as a young working journalist who wants to cover the abuses of corporate and government power steer my career safely?

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[\[-\] yk9000](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Hi Glenn,

How do you respond to some of the recent calls for the team working on analyzing and reporting the leaked documents to take on more cybersecurity and crypto experts—or, in fact, a wider range of participants in general? As an illustration, you tweeted a link to an article that pointed out "[you] and other journalists in his circle have largely — though not entirely — restricted access to the Snowden documents to themselves and partners in media outlets such as the Guardian and The New York Times."

In short, I'm wondering if you all are considering changing your current working paradigm. Thanks for all your hard work so far.

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[\[-\] gracechristie](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Do you worry about your safety?

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[\[-\] unorignal_name](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Hi Glenn and Janine,

I'm a big fan of the work you've been doing. I think it's sparked a discussion in society that has been greatly needed for a while

now. Thank you for that.

1. As you both know when talking about national security, we are also talking about a tug of war between personal liberties and national security. The two cannot be both pursued absolutely, and you are not only showing the world that national security is winning that tug of war but also pulling pretty hard on the side of liberty. What do you think an acceptable balance between security and liberty would look like?
2. Throughout history, we've given up liberties in pretty much every war only to have them somewhat restored sometime after the threat has ended (ex: suspension of habeas corpus in the Civil War, internment of Japanese-Americans and Japanese immigrants in WWII, freedom of association in Cold War, etc. etc.) Some political scientists and historians believe it's because we give too much weight to concerns about national security. After the threat to national security has subsided we usually condemn the violations to civil rights and civil liberties and talk about how it'll never happen again. With non-traditional threats to national security where conflicts have no definite end or definite enemy, it becomes easier to give too much deference to fear and too easy to be more afraid than we should. How much do you think the nature of the "war on terror" has contributed to the growth of the NSA's surveillance activity, and how much of that do you think is more attributable to the development and availability of the kind of technology they're using? Or is it just a perfect storm of this kind of non-traditional warfare where threats are easily over exaggerated at the same time as this technology became possible?
3. What role do you think media has played and should play in ensuring that we do not overexaggerate threats to national security, thereby pushing the line even further on what people will consider an acceptable concession of liberty in the pursuit of national security? How do you think the changing nature of media today has affected this?

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[\[-\] WolfgangJones](#) 1 point 2 days ago*

Thanks to both of you for all of the very important work that you've done so far, and also for taking the time to do this AMA on Reddit!

My question is: What do you think are the near- and long-term ramifications of the recent Snowden/NSA revelations for American hardware and software manufacturers, say, compared to foreign producers?

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[\[-\] heat3328](#) 0 points 2 days ago*

Mr. Greenwald, how do you feel J.S. Mill's theories, specifically those he outlined in On Liberty, relate to NSA and Government surveillance as a whole?

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[\[-\] pmocek](#) 3 points 2 days ago

Greenwald is American.

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[\[-\] DickViscious](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Glenn, I have so much respect for the work you do. I am curious about your own ability to travel and if that has been impacted since your first meeting with Mr. Snowden? Have you been to the US? Do you feel at risk of the CIA or whoever grabbing you?

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[\[-\] irootsorg](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Glenn and Janine, first thanks for your bravery to put real journalism over comforts. Does the NSA have a program designed to measure political attitudes based on search terms? Would the NSA be able to understand exactly how the NSA/Snowden stories have spread: could they compile a list of people who have searched key terms like "Edward Snowden." I suppose they only need to look at your twitter followers...lol. *Is there any intel on agreements with FedEx, UPS, or other unexpected companies that take data of purchases like grocery stores or rental car companies?

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[\[-\] johnskeleton](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Hi, Glenn - as story builds on story, do you sense that the public is starting to glaze over on NSA / privacy issues?

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[\[-\] HM-05](#) 1 point 2 days ago

1. What do you feel is the saddest and most frustrating thing about this whole story?

2. As a Brazilian, what can I do to help? Or not only people from outside the US, what can any regular everyday normal people do to help?

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[–] [go1dfish](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Have the NSA revelations made you reconsider the necessity of states in general?

If not, how do you think state power can be restrained to prevent abuses like have occurred recently in the US?

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[–] [dejenerate](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Do you know or do you have any hypotheses as to why there has been so little visible outrage about the revelation that the US Government is sharing unminimized data of US citizens with Israel?

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[–] [CornwallThunder](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Thank you for providing truthful and meaningful journalism.

Why is it that every figure in favor of NSA surveillance cites national security, yet there have been increases in mass shootings, Boston Marathon bombing etc?

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[–] [mlfa-org](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Hi, Glenn. This is John from MLFA (we met when you spoke with our org in Dallas). My question: What privacy tools do you recommend people use to avoid NSA surveillance? Red Phone? PGP? TOR? Others?

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[–] [LawyerCT](#) 1 point 2 days ago

What can people actually do about surveillance, besides getting depressed? I work for a privacy startup and we're building tools to address *parts* of the surveillance problem, like commercial web tracking, but the overall problem is so massive that it seems overwhelming. What would you recommend to people?

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[–] [Digital_Hobo](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Are you disappointed that such a huge revelation as this has seen a relatively muted response from the media/general public? Governments have broken numerous laws but still seem to be sitting very comfortably like nothing has happened?

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[–] [riptidecode](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Can you foresee any revelations about specific software weaknesses? For example, router exploits, new attack techniques, etc.

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[–] [Soheist](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Mr Greenwald, why do you think many of the more popular news sites, especially in the US and Britain, show no interest in following up on the items you publish?

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[–] [subrosa215](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Was the NSA really not able to bypass the so-called "Mujahideen Secrets Software" and al Qaeda encryption associated with Anwar al-Awlaki? Or did they have a hand in the murder of this man and his harmless son?

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[–] [Nisbit](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Hi Glenn, thank you for doing what you've been doing. I'm sure The Guardian is as much to credit as you are for facilitating this, but you truly are doing "journalism" as it should be! Telling the people what we need to know. So thank you!

Unrelated to Edward Snowden and his documents/those already leaked, what do you think the implications of this U.S. Government shutdown will be?

Are there more leaks that you are particularly (for lack of a better word) excited about? I remember listening to The Majority

Report before the first leak and you said you had something big you were reporting about. Anything we need to brace ourselves for?

Thank you so much!

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[\[-\] whatudrivin](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Is Snowden still in frequent contact with you guys? Is he still giving you more documents or are you guys still going through everything you have been given thus far?

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[\[-\] mikedoherty](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Do you worry about the public becoming fatigued as you continue to write stories based on the documents Snowden provided to you? It has already been several months of near-constant publishing, and you don't seem to be anywhere near finished. If you continue to publish stories based on these documents for a year, do you think the public will continue to be interested?

Similarly, do you think you will remain interested in this series of stories, and motivated enough to continue for the length of time the collection of documents will require? Have you or Janine or others at the Guardian or other publications thought about how to ensure the reporting team can do high quality concerted work on these documents for a long time?

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[\[-\] 5000927](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Who has been the hardest person you've ever successfully convinced of something?

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[\[-\] 5000927](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Any advice for a 1L?

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[\[-\] ifeelstabby](#) 2 points 2 days ago

I remember hearing about the NSA taps in a Frontline documentary released in 2001(?).

Did you guys look into this as a story back then? Why do you think it didn't receive traction until the Snowden leaks? Do you think the Snowden leaks would have been ignored by the press if not for the success of the Manning/Assange story?

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[\[-\] seagramsextradrygin](#) 1 point 2 days ago

One of the most infuriating things about this whole saga has been, for me, the fact that James Clapper has not yet been charged with the crime that he boldly committed on camera in front of congress and CSPAN. Do you have any thoughts on when and if he will see any repercussions for his lie, legal or otherwise?

Thank you for the work you've done. I think the whole thing has been handled brilliantly so far. I'm proud to have been following you since before it was cool. ;)

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[\[-\] ty5on](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Thank you.

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[\[-\] SMZ72](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Will you do anything to protect named sources within the documents? Or will you leak information without redacting names and allow sources to face prosecution, and/or death?

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[\[-\] Icarus_Schwings](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Has any of the information you have come across been withheld due to the interests of other countries?

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[\[-\] RoswellSpaceman](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Do you ever worry about people in government seeking revenge against you for your NSA stories?

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[–] [brosefeld](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Do you have a 'dead man's switch' in place in the event something were to happen to you or to anybody else working with the documents?

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[–] [caphair](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Glenn, have you ever heard you look a bit like John Terry?

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[–] [bobby6787](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Hi. Glenn I got a couple of questions 1. do you have information regarding the other FIVE eyes (Canada, New Zealand, and Australia) ? What roles do they play in the surveillance state? 2. When you are going to publish an article, do you publish it when you are done writing it? or do you publish it when the Guardian says so, or when the US government says you have permission to publish it? 3. I have noticed that recent NSA articles have been published when there is another Major news story in the mainstream media thus causing your stories to be muzzled. For example, the encryption story. black budget story were published during the Syrian crisis when every1 thought US was gonna go to war with Syria thus yours (and WasPo (not urs)) stories got muzzled and ignored by the mainstream media. Also you published the NSA/Israel story on Sept 11, which obviously would have never got any attention in any main stream media outlet, and then Laura posted her story on NYT on Saturday during the Shutdown crisis, which also got no attention in the mainstream media. So my question is this or you guys being forced to publish these stories at certain times by the your news paper organizations? (maybe your editors are being forced by the USG to make them publish them at these times so they will get muzzled?) Also my request please stop publish them when its least likely they will get no media attention at all!! lol

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[–] [frowawayduh](#) 1 point 2 days ago

There's rampant speculation of a safety net / dead man's switch / insurance policy that protects key players. Was the FBI's takeover of thousands of Tor .onions (think of the children!!) and planting tracking malware on those sites merely a coincidence?

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[–] [windblownkilt](#) 2 points 2 days ago

I have nothing intelligent to say, but I wanted to thank both of you for the excellent job you've been doing covering these leaks. I look forward to my children bringing home some of your articles as case studies for their history class. Or grandchildren. I don't know quite how to express it properly, but thank you.

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[–] [tldr_bullet_points](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Have you been, directly or indirectly, warned, harassed, or threatened by any legitimate representatives or agents of the government, that you haven't yet disclosed?

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[–] [noam_chompy](#) 1 point 2 days ago

What kind of revelations do you think is going to take for the more patriotic/trusting citizens to start getting as angry as they should?

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[–] [Stickittome](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Did you ever consider publishing strategically?

Since it seems the government is unaware exactly what documents you have, you could publish a document, wait for an official explanation and then disprove that by publishing additional documents to maximize public exposure.

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[–] [LittleNemoNES](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Does the DEA or ATF use PRISM, etc al to gather info on US citizens?

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[–] [Sleepyman](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Sorry to ask but should people in England be worried about this because noone really seems to care/know ?

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[\[-\] platypusmusic](#) 1 point 2 days ago

<http://www.reddit.com/r/snowden>

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[\[-\] nobodynosy](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Hi Glenn and Janine. Thanks to you and all your compatriots for your recent reporting.

I was just chatting with a friend who is employed by the USDA in agricultural research and has consequently been furloughed as of today. Some research projects she has been working on for a year or more could be stymied if the federal government shutdown persists through the breeding season of certain plant species.

Of course this is just one of many example of an irreparable loss of information the shutdown will engender. What's your perspective on the US government's prioritization of surveillance data versus the informational output of liberalized government projects and services? Are we entering a world where (meta)data about individuals is more valuable to the state than data about societies and natural processes? Or is this more just an unfortunate outcome of myopic political puffery?

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[\[-\] MoonManAndHarmony](#) 1 point 2 days ago*

Thank you so much for your diligence and commitment to journalism and truth! What can you tell us at this time about the [US Assassination Program](#)?

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[\[-\] Voltairian3](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Mr. Greenwald, what is your opinion on the decision by the Guardian to team up with the New York Times in reporting on these groundbreaking stories. Snowden himself had understandable misgivings about approaching the paper due to their record of neglecting or crucially delaying stories of immense public interest (e.g. Bush warrantless wiretapping). This tendency may have surfaced in their latest omission of the [NSA's intelligence sharing with Israel](#). Thank you for having some integrity and principle, the same cannot be said for most establishment "journalists".

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[\[-\] ampap](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Glenn, earlier you wrote:

What will ultimately determine the outcome here is how much pressure citizens continue to apply in defense of their privacy rights and against massive, ubiquitous, secret spying systems aimed at them.

Considering that:

*most of the public is so ignorant that they view Snowden as a traitor

*most of the public doesn't care about the NSA scandal

*advocacy groups have been quiet since July (Firefox even took down their link to a petition and replaced it with, of all things, a link to their Facebook page)

*Restore the Fourth was a disaster

Can we honestly say we started to apply pressure in the first place?

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[\[-\] SpanktheNSA](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Any evidence that Obama is using NSA data to even personal scores or against political opponents, a la the IRS?

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[\[-\] Mr_Bro_Jangles](#) 1 point 2 days ago

What do you think is the motive of other "journalists" like [David Gregory implying](#) criminality simply because you published these documents and protected your source? Additionally, can you speak to the danger of these same "journalists" supporting Senators like Feinstein who are looking to legally define the meaning of journalist?

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[\[-\] GodeI42](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Mr. Greenwald and Miss Gibson, thank you for doing this AMA.

- Do you really feel the debate you wanted the world to have, is happening?
What do you about the response from the general public so far - Do you believe the outcry has been appropriate/adequate?

I really love what you as journalists are doing to further the transparency and responsibility of governments to their people. My deepest regards.

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[\[-\] Inugami](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Thank you for doing what you do.

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[\[-\] jepatrick](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Hey Glenn Greenwald and Ms Gibson,

Thank you for doing this, I have so many questions I would like to ask you, but I'll try to keep it pretty short and avoid asking anything that might be trying to keep close to the vest.

- Do you think that NSA and subsequent revelations will have a chilling effect on the Press? No necessary due to pressure on them (as been seen against the Guardian) but due to potential whistle blower's knowledge that the means to and from the press could be being observers?
- Kind of a sub-question of the above, have you made efforts to standardize encrypted communication in The Guardian Office?
- Do you think that the effect of having a staggered release of information will create bigger ripples rather than a single extensive detailing the full state of the matter?
- Do you have any plans to release the entirety of the raw Snowden Docs?
If there is anything here that you would rather not answer feel free to skip

EDIT: Sorry just wanted to throw this in as well:

- What is your take on the UK's Pornography Firewall?

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[\[-\] jmdugan](#) 1 point 2 days ago

about a month ago, I was saying we need a break from the Snowden releases - and everyone shouted me down saying it was no longer Snowden, it was the newspapers and the reporters. Here's my thinking, I'd like to know what you think.

People will accept whatever is "normal" to them. If they live in a warzone, they make the best they can in a warzone. Typically humans take about 6-8 weeks for habits to form, and for things to become "normalized".

My fear is that the story "some terrible new revelation about how the NSA is awful and destroying America" is coming out 2-3 times a week now for months. On and on. It's actually become normalized for me. I've lost my outrage, lost my ability to act. I feel like we need to tie this phase off with a ribbon, explicitly, and let the public come to action.

I'm actually not sure how to act, as I **expect** that even worse stories will come out next week.

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[\[-\] User_Name13](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Hello Mr. Greenwald, first and foremost thank you for all of the incredible journalism over the last few months and over the course of your career. My question is in reference to the MARINA revelations, do you believe that the US government is actively using data gathered via the MARINA program to create a list of Americans considered, for lack of a better term as "undesirables", and based on that classification thereby likely to be targeted by the US government's various agencies for a higher level of scrutiny, such as the IRS or the Department of Homeland Security ? I know it's quite a leap, and a journalist such as yourself doesn't make claims he isn't prepared to immediately back up with evidence, but I'm asking for purely your opinion and I would like to make that clear, any answer I receive from you will be regarded purely as speculation, unless you say otherwise at the beginning of your response.

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[\[-\] follyoftruth](#) 1 point 2 days ago

What do the documents reveal, if anything, about the people in the upper hierarchy behind this push over the last decade or two. One thing that B. Binney, T. Drake et al have said is that it was a small number of people who pushed these technologies forward.

Are there names from foreign agencies identified? Corporations?

Personally, I think this is the solidification of a coup... thoughts on that possibility?

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[\[-\] FightThePowersThatBe](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Glenn, at the senate hearing last week Senator Wyden was hammering General Alexander to answer on whether the NSA collects and stores geo-location data from US citizens' cell phones. Furthermore, Alexander's unwillingness to answer the question is an indication they do collect our geo location data. Would you say that Wyden is hinting at something you and him know that the rest of the US citizenry doesn't?

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[\[-\] Clairvoyanttruth](#) 1 point 2 days ago

In light of the assassination program, do you feel your life is at risk? Do you think you are too far in the spotlight to be killed? Do you fear the for lives of people you know who are not in the spotlight?

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[\[-\] BreeZee76](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Hello Mr Greenwald,

Can I ask, are you also in touch with Sarah Harrison? What are you and the Guardian planning to do to support her if there are issues with her coming back to the UK?

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[\[-\] DragonPup](#) 1 point 2 days ago

First off, thank you for reporting this.

Before he was elected, Obama spoke out publically against this sort of illegal surveillance. Once he became president, he changed course. Do you wonder if the NSA found something damning on Obama, or he was trying to score points in the 2008 elections?

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[\[-\] User_Name13](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Hello Mr. Greenwald, I wanted to know your opinion on the Guardian newspapers recent interview with legendary, muckraking journalist Seymour Hersh, and Mr. Hersh's offhandedly mentioning that in his opinion the Osama Bin Laden raid was, in his words "one big lie". What are your thoughts on the Osama Bin Laden raid, do you agree with Mr. Hersh ?

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[\[-\] nikcers](#) 1 point 2 days ago

do you think the government made an example out of manning knowing it was just a matter of time until more people came out with intelligence with the morality of doing the right thing?

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[\[-\] HenryCorp](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Janine & Glenn: Shouldn't you boycott reddit until they use a NSA-proof encrypted Web site? Why not do the equivalent of an AUA on another site that already protects users?

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[\[-\] Slanderpanic](#) 1 point 2 days ago

How awesome is Nicole Powers?

Seriously, she's awesome.

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[\[-\] qasimq](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Hi guys, first off thank you so much for doing this. You are some of the few people I would consider a true journalist and protector of freedom in this world.

Question ; How does it feel to know that the most powerful government in the world is out to get you guys ? Did you guys expect this kind of response from this story ? Also, do you guys fear for your life or that of your loved ones ?

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[\[-\] The_Gray_Pilgrim](#) 1 point 2 days ago

What do yall think is the most revolutionary and important document to be revealed so far? In your opinion, has the most groundbreaking story in relation to the NSA already been told, or is it still to come?

If you had to explain to someone who has little to no understanding about the NSA (and still more or less in favor of the program) that has not been following the story thus far, how would you go about describing exactly what it is people find wrong with the NSA spying revelations and why it is important to that person individually and as a whole?

Thank you both for taking the time to do this AMA, I'm sure you're both very busy. And a sincere thank you for all the hard work and effort you and your colleagues have been putting into this story. I just want you to know it is greatly appreciated.

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[–] [Halfawake](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Long time fan.

A condition of Snowden's stay in Russia is that he cease disclosing information/messing with the US Govt.

Yet we keep hearing the whistle blow on new stuff. Is releasing the info out of Snowden's hands now?

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[–] [FunkEnet](#) 1 point 2 days ago

It seems to me that the USA has very few good investigative journalists. What can the the average consumer of news do to get more journalists that aren't afraid to make waves, and burn sources?

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[–] [DGeisler](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Glenn and Janine, Thank you for your work. The lack of outrage from US politicians is astounding to me. Do you think that this may be in part due to the fact that the NSA/CIA have access to all the skeletons in their closets?

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[–] [whateverbites](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Do you fear for your life? Should Edward fear for his?

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[–] [netman21](#) 1 point 2 days ago

What is your connection to socialism? You seem very welcome at the International Socialist Organization. Doesn't massive government surveillance fit a socialist paradigm? Wouldn't complete knowledge of all financial transactions be a great technological leap that could underpin a command economy?

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[–] [MissCalculation](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Glenn, do you view your journalism as a means to some specific end, or do you view adversarial journalism as the end in and of itself? If you are working for some end, could you talk a little bit about what that is?

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[–] [hzx](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Please, speak of the legal frame that enables/hinders the reporting, sharing, distribution of the Snowden-leaks.

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[–] [lostpatrol](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Is it true that you sent the password to the Snowden files on a paper note, when your partner got taken at Heathrow airport?

Also, how is Edward Snowden doing? Is he working, is he settled in with his new life in Germany? Did he meet his dad and gf in Russia?

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[–] [muchos_dingleberries](#) 1 point 2 days ago

First off, thank you for everything you're a part of here. It's sad to see this kind of exposure called anything other than what it is: heroism. So thank you, and thank you to your associates.

As for my question, was it part of the plan in releasing this info to release a bit at a time and wait for an official response (lie), only to then prove that response untrue?

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[–] [bobby6787](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Do you have documents to give solid proof that previous NSA whistler-blowers (Drake, Binney etc) were telling the truth?

Does the NSA transcribe telephone conversations?

Why is taking so long to post GCHQ stories with NYT and pro publica?

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[–] [terroh8er](#) 1 point 2 days ago*

What is your opinion on Syria? Was the case against Assad being distorted in the press? Do you think he was responsible for the sarin gas attacks?

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[–] [BreeZee76](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Can you clear something up that's been puzzling me. I see that articles about the NSA programs are starting to come out in countries other than US, UK, Brazil and Germany - in Mexico and India, for eg - but it's still your - Glenn Greenwald and Laura Poitras' - names on the byline for these articles. Does this mean that you and Laura are controlling what readers in India, Mexico, etc get to know about what is going on in their own country? Or are you passing those kind of editorial decisions over to a local Mexican or Indian journalist?

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[–] [james_maloney](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Hey Glenn and Janine,

Thank you for all your work on recent spying scandals and additionally taking the time to answer some questions in this forum. I was personally wondering, if you could elaborate, in any way, on the allegations of a "U.S. Assassination Program" ? I am deeply disturbed by the death of Michael Hastings, as I am sure you and many on this forum are, and would also like to question if there is any connection between the two stories? And finally, I must ask you if you fear for your own safety? I greatly appreciate your reporting and search for truth and would love to hear your thoughts on my questions.

Thanks, James Maloney

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[–] [oliversachgau](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Can you share how you developed your journalism skills since you started? How do you stay informed? What kind of methods do you use when researching a story? When writing a story?

A lot of journalism students like myself are hungry for this kind of knowledge.

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[–] [tristan06](#) 1 point 2 days ago

I usually use pgp for security. Recent leaks have revealed that the nsa has backdoors in a lot of security software. Is it likely that they have one in pgp such as the key creator?

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[–] [Dino7813](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Thanks for coming on Reddit to speak to us. So far we've seen articles concerning documents that describe the NSA's capabilities. Will there ever be stories about what knowledge they have gained that the public is unaware of? Criminal enterprises that have gone unpunished. Perhaps confirmation that a wild conspiracy theory is really true.

Stay safe!

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[–] [peppermint25](#) 1 point 2 days ago

What determines when/if you leak a document? Will all documents one day be leaked, or will you choose to keep some out of the public view?

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[–] [heusedsarcasm](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Whatever happened to Wikileaks and all of the startling revelations that supposedly lay in store?

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[–] [_zog](#) 2 points 2 days ago

You mention the tension between personal privacy and national security, and you and Snowden mentioned starting a discussion about privacy rights on online security, but I haven't seen a single article asking about Russian or Chinese practices either within their own countries, or more troublesome, outside. Practices which seem to be escalating unchecked by most of the media, yourselves and your news organization included.

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[–] [ebrand26](#) 1 point 2 days ago*

Mr. Greenwald, I was hoping you could give a brief overview of your vetting process to determine which documents can be released and which are too sensitive.

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[–] [Mezzo](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Mr. Greenwald, I'm really impressed by your courage and persistence. Keep up the good work.

My question is related to a recent meeting ten scholars had at the NSA. Their reports are [here](#) and [here](#). Their major takeaway was "the dramatic disparity that separates the perception on the outside of what this agency does and NSA's self-perception." Obviously, you weren't invited. Would you consider meeting them (I assume that's a yes) and what would your main discussion points be?

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[–] [Qivo](#) 2 points 2 days ago

You described some of the discretion you use in deciding *what* to release and *what not* to release.

How do you decide *when* to release information? Is there any particular reason things have been released in the order they have?

Have you gone through all the documents to create a "timeline" of sorts for when each piece will be released?

Thanks!

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[–] [Victor_Serges_Ghost](#) 1 point 2 days ago

I met you at Socialism 2011 and got to see your video feed from Socialism 2013, both were pretty amazing <http://wearemany.org/v/2013/06/glenn-greenwald-speaks-out> Just wanted to say hi and that you are the greatest, you are what all journalists should be Glenn

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[–] [reshp1](#) 1 point 2 days ago

How much independent verification do you do on the information you are provided by your source? Is it even possible given the nature of the information?

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[–] [Mr_Bro_Jangles](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Ultimately, do you think the only way to get rid of the NSA's abuses is to totally defund the department via legislation like Justin Amash was proposing or do you believe that true change is possible from reform?

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[–] [fx6893](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Does the phone metadata collected and stored by the NSA typically include geolocation information (that is, do NSA analysts have access to all the cellphone towers your phone has been in contact with and the corresponding time stamps)?

Media reports have gone both ways in this, and when Rep. Jason Chaffetz asked FBI Director Mueller specifically in an open hearing, he stalled at first, then claimed he did not know.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvYScJ0_8V0

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[–] [fooiz](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Sweden has been accused of being one of the NSA large partner how involved is Sweden?

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[–] [SixthGrader](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Do you fear for your lives/safety?

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[\[-\] Chiefwalkwithaids](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Thank you so much for doing this AMA, I can't wait till my kids are reading about you guys in their history books. My question is over the past four months, what has been the most shocking thing that you have discovered?

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[\[-\] fuckyouputos](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Do you see yourselves ever traveling back to the United States? Or do you fear getting arrested?

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[\[-\] VladthePimpaler](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Hi friends! Since so many media outlets can't be trusted to provide accurate and unbiased information, from which outlets/publications would you recommend for the general public to trust to learn about world affairs?

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[\[-\] SkylarThomas](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Thanks for everything Glenn and Janine... Can never pay you back for what you've done for me personally and civilization in general.

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[\[-\] jabbaciv](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Thanks to you, and for everything you do. Been a Glenn Greenwald fan for years.

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[\[-\] GenerallySpecific](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Hi Glen/Janine,

What do you think the future holds for whistleblowing? Given the treatment and persecution of both Mr Snowden and Mr Manning, do you believe we'll see more leakers emerging or has the both the government and media's treatment of those cases done enough damage to scare people in to staying quiet?

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[\[-\] fredrikrab](#) 1 point 2 days ago

What measures has the government taken to intimidate you from further reporting? There's obviously the detention of Miranda and the GCHQ visit in London, but are there any less public actions you could tell about? Any dirty tricks?

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[\[-\] cheezbrgr](#) 1 point 2 days ago

What can we, as a country, do to get the word out and take back our country? Updating a Facebook status, and changing a profile picture only does so much.

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[\[-\] Pumpeho](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Hello Glenn and Janine!

I suppose you can't speak of articles not yet published. Sp, instead: I hope you will publish more articles that gives us more knowledge about Swedens involvement in this affair. Right now the debate over here is nearly non-existent.

Which is funny since the debate about the law that legalized the surveillance was passed after a heavy debate that peaked with the parlaments website going down from the emails being sent to our representatives.

Thank you for your articles! I also wish for Mr. Snowden to be able to return to the USA as a free man with his head held high.

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[\[-\] Hrodrik](#) 1 point 2 days ago

No questions, I'd just like to thank you for your work. Keep fighting for truth.

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[\[-\] Luvod](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Thank you for doing this and keep up the excellent work! My question is: What is one of the most memorable moments from your careers?

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[\[-\] Buck-Nasty](#) 1 point 2 days ago

What do you make of the Brazilian reaction to the revelations? Do you think there is a real rift between the Obama and Rouseff governments or has she played up her objections for domestic purposes?

Thanks for all your work.

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[\[-\] jdawgeleven11](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Hey Glenn, Thanks so much for all that you are doing to keep us informed and fight against the ever increasing scope of government surveillance. I was wondering if anyone in your camp has ever considered bringing forward the notion that citizens in the United States should use jury nullification to ensure that whistle blowers in our country are never subject to statements like "if Snowden comes back to the US, we will not seek the death penalty" for fulfilling a necessary function of our democracy in helping to ensure we have a knowledgeable citizenry and consent of the governed?

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[\[-\] CaineBK](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Can you imagine a better person to have been the leaker, than Edward Snowden? Is there anything about his actions that you would criticize?

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[\[-\] limitnz](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Keep up the fantastic work and stay safe!

Can you speak more to New Zealand's involvement with XKeyScore and PRISM? Are these programmes bring used here and do they surveill on a large scale? My understanding was 'yes' to both, however our PM went on National TV and said this wasn't the case and he'd resign if it was. Have I misunderstood how these programmes function?

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[\[-\] flibbly](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Has the biggest news been released, or is that yet to come?

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[\[-\] wonboodoo](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Hello Glenn & Janine,

A concern that the internet community has now is which encryption algorithms are compromised by the NSA. Do you have access to that info and will you release it?

Cheers.

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[\[-\] Revolutionary2012](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Do you fear for your own safety at all?

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[\[-\] Nu2van](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Thank you for all of your hard work. Looking forward to what's to come.

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[\[-\] it_is_a_butt](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Thanks for sharing your time with us, Mr. Greenwald.

Have you been threatened by the US government, its agents, or affiliates? There's obviously the story of David Miranda being detained and harassed in Britain but what about you personally?

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[\[-\] FalseGDP](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Glenn - I already know that one of the principal reasons for the establishment of the national security agency was not only for economic espionage to maintain the socio-economic order of our planet, but also to suppress & subvert any information that would indicate a direct or indirect relationship between the government(s) of our world & that of negatively oriented extraterrestrial races. Have you uncovered anything or seen anything which alludes to this fact?

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[–] [downvotesattractor](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Mr Greenwald,

I have two questions for you.

1. As a legal immigrant worker in the United states, without a permanent residency status or a U S citizenship, I don't belong to either of the categories: "Americans" and "People outside America", the two most frequently used categories described by the US government while describing its policies on whom NSA targets. Can you tell us what I should expect while I am present on American soil, in terms of protecting my privacy?
2. What operating system do you use in your personal computer, mobile phones and other personal "smart" devices? What encryption software do you use?

Thanks [/u/downvotesattractor](#)

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[–] [Occupier_9000](#) 2 points 1 day ago

He answered #2 [above](#):

use GPG, Pidgen/OTR, Silent Circle, Tails, Tor, and other anonymity/encryption tools that experts recommend, but realize, too, that securing one's personal computer and connection is also vital.

More info [here](#) (particularly check out [TAILS](#)).

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[–] [Militant_Penguin](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Mr. Greenwald, I just wanted to thank you and your team for all your hard work in exposing these egregious crimes against millions of citizens both home and abroad. Your refusal to back down and standing up for truth, justice, and liberty has been inspirational to many people.

Please, keep up the great and honourable work you are doing and stay safe.

Also, as a British citizen I want you to know that I along with many others are disgusted with how our government treated you, David Miranda and the Guardian newspaper. It is entirely unacceptable and know that you have the full support and backing of millions of people.

Please, keep revealing the truth and force the complicit governments of this world to choke on their lies.

Keep fighting for us and we'll fight for you.

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[–] [FriedMackerel](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Great reporting! Keep on. Do you feel that there is not enough 'uprising' among the American people to all of this?

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[–] [thedrug](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Should you meet an unexpected and untimely demise, what do you think would be the end result of the upheaval the current system will endure consequently?

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[–] [alphagardenflamingo](#) 1 point 2 days ago

So far the Canadian government has managed to dodge any serious allegations against them. Is there anything coming out in the future that might implicate Canada in the NSA activities ?. (obviously I do not expect you to provide details at this stage). Thanks.

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[–] [NotOverHisEX](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Hi Glen and Janine,

Law School Student here writing a piece for a journal. Essentially what I'm trying to argue is that the corporations who have been

cooperating with the NSA through providing software backdoors, have essentially breached numerous agreements with other contracting parties due to a boilerplate warranty clause usually included in any type of software hosting agreements. I have hit a wall however, in that most companies accused of providing these backdoors are denying it (cough, Microsoft). Essentially, I'm asking you for a bit of help or direction for digging up evidence to use that these companies, especially companies that offer SaaS, have engaged in allowing the NSA access to data that was contractually warranted to be free of monitoring. Any ideas?

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[–] [maltman1856](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Mr. Greenwald,

1) As you had stated in an interview, if The Guardian went to the government with the documents that were received from Mr. Snowden and were approved to publish said documents, why is the government making such a fiasco about the situation? Additionally, why hold onto some of the information instead of releasing it all at once?

2) What are your thoughts on a Snowden prosecution, considering that the Manning sentence has been handed down?

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[–] [SpecialRX](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Dear Glenn and Janine,

If we put the terrorist narrative to one side and acknowledge that this (wholesale spying) is not about protecting the populace (of anywhere), and is therefore of little benefit to us, the masses.

Who then, in your well-informed opinions, serves to profit the most from it and in what specific ways. I appreciate you can't name names directly but any response would be gratefully received.

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[–] [CannedMango](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Hey Glenn, I'm curious about your opinion of the data center built in Utah and what that means going forward.

When there has been such a deliberate dedication of funds, hiring of staff and building such a massive operation, is there any chance for us to stop the NSA's intention to spy on everyone? How do we undo so much effort towards such a targeted goal?

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[–] [no_potato_for_latvia](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Keep up the good work! Don't let the crooks and liars in US government slow you down!

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[–] [bbchaz23](#) 1 point 2 days ago

With corporations, government, and media all vying to suppress and eliminate freedom and privacy in the name of security and patriotism, it seems hopeless. With today's outlook looking more and more like Orwell's "1984", the government fundamentally changing and altering the very words we speak, massive violations of human and privacy rights, what can a someone, who has little political, economic, or social influence do?

There's no recourse or ramification for those violating our rights, what's to stop them from just changing their names and puppet head and continuing their regime?

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[–] [Caminsky](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Do you believe NSA backdoored the Advanced Encryption Standard ?

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[–] [Naberivs](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Hi Glenn, I've read that you and Jeremy Scahill are investigating a U.S. assassination program involving the NSA. Can you tell us a little more about that and where or when you will be publishing any articles? Is Michael Hastings a part of this investigation?

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[–] [funnygenius314](#) 0 points 2 days ago

We all know the NSA sucks, but how much?

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[–] [fuckswithfire](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Glenn,

I marvel at how much your actions have shifted the course of history. There is an alternate universe where you and Poitras were ordinary sellout journalists, Snowden got thrown in jail and the NSA was able to continue all this crap in secret for who knows how long. I am very happy we don't live in that world.

Was there an actual moment of truth along the way where you had to decide whether you were going to go through with this, despite all the risks, or did it all just move too fast for that?

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[–] [Blalubb](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Hi. How have you coped with what happened to your boyfriend? When i saw your face i could see the rage in it. How has that influenced you what you reported and how the hell can you hold back on anything after all this? Do you think they wanted to tempt you into giving information that would make your look bad in the eyes of the public? Why don't you just get it all out and then let the NSA stew in their shit?

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[–] [winfly](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Glenn and Janine, I am a 25 year old Junior Sysadmin in the USA. What can I do to help the cause? I want to do something, but I find our political system too constraining to actually achieve any kind of progress through simply voting. This injustice was embedded in our government by elected officials so how do we go about correcting this wrong when the people put in place to represent our best interests are violating our rights??

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[–] [SHITLORDHERE](#) 1 point 2 days ago

As an investigative journalist, how do you view Seymour Hersh and his work (both past and present)?

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[–] [auriem](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Thank you.

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[–] [ClearlySituational](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Are there any files you won't be releasing that isn't due to them being mundane, but rather have a possibility of causing bodily harm?

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[–] [charlimonster](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Just came to say thanks for shining light onto this whole situation.

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[–] [osamabinposting](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Aren't you worried that the USG might try to silence you guys? Also what can Americans do to stop this illegal spying?

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[–] [Marylandman101](#) 1 point 2 days ago

who are your 10 favorite American politicians in congress right now?

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[–] [Marylandman101](#) 1 point 2 days ago

If you could have a conversation with 5 people that are alive right now, who would they be?

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[–] [Marylandman101](#) 1 point 2 days ago

If you were President how would you fight the war on terror?

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[–] [MurpH_H](#) 1 point 2 days ago

What kind of digital security hygiene are you practicing when it comes to analyse/store Snowden's documents?

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[–] [The_Dipster](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Have you ever felt threatened by big brother since you started this?

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[–] [MFCrow](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Did he try to sell this stuff?

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[–] [YamiHarrison](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Do you have interest in reporting on more severe government surveillance in other countries?

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[–] [marktventy](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Is your enemy overreaching domestic spying or spying in general?

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[–] [cspruce89](#) 1 point 2 days ago

What is a "red-line", for you, on what you would not disclose.

E.g. documents that would risk the lives of citizens were the to be released/ reported on.

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[–] [jgistheman](#) 1 point 2 days ago

1000 internets to both of you!

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[–] [jimbobillybobjustice](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Just a quick question: We know about Glenn's S/O being detained by the police in England. Other than that has any other member of either of your families or close friends been detained/harassed/threatened by Law Enforcement/Intel Services in any country?

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[–] [norsurfit](#) 2 points 2 days ago

What are the odds that your emails are being intercepted?

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[–] [alanX](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Thank you for your efforts.

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[–] [MaxTheLiberalSlayer](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Hey Glenn,

Why do so many of your colleagues not like with you with such a sincere intensity?

If you were to find out the leaks your so proud to have fostered, cost American lives how would you feel? Would you be your normal smug self?

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[–] [kcg5](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Ah, I'm late to ask-did you ever really think Snowden was in any real danger, as a large amount of people did? That we would send Jason Bourne after him? That the US government would, in actual reality, kill him?

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[–] [promethean93](#) 1 point 1 day ago

I wanted to say I greatly appreciate your willingness to take on this task. With our news media being severely compromised we

really need people like you.

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[–] [Ohdmj](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Do you think Obama's administration has, at least in some aspects, being worse than George W. Bush's?

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[–] [Sabu113](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Any chance you can spare some time for Dan Carlin? Would love to hear him interview you.

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[–] [backyardlion](#) 1 point 1 day ago*

Do you find Michael Hastings death to be suspicious in any way?

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[–] [Aqua_lung](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Keep on fighting the good fight, truth in journalism is rarely sort these days.

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[–] [orpheus12](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Just wanted to thank you for watching out for the people and reminding us that we need to look out for each other

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[–] [Qu3tzal](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Thanks for doing this. In your opinion what is the number one thing people can do to keep their privacy intact online?

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[–] [bellyfoldexplorers](#) 1 point 1 day ago

So many questions and so few answers..... anyway here it goes, how do you prioritize the data that was leaked?

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[–] [Bendersass](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Just waiting for the NSA to shut this down..

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[–] [Baren_the_Baron](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Do you think that the United States ought to prioritize the pursuit of national security objectives above the digital privacy of its citizens.

Do the pros outweigh the cons?

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[–] [poidsperdus](#) 1 point 1 day ago

CR Maniac here. I don't have a question, I just really love you guys.

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[–] [Kylebeast420](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Keep up the good fight!

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[–] [t_ran_asuarus_rex](#) 1 point 1 day ago

how do you know your sources are legit? has anyone given you anything that was obviously made up?

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[–] [triumph0flife](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Did you really believe information you put on the internet was private?

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[–] [thestonedkoala](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Since many of this information was known back in 2004-2005, why wasn't there more of a push back then to release this information?

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[–] [netsec_burn](#) 1 point 1 day ago

No wait! What are Skidrowe systems? Man why do I always miss the good AMAs?

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[–] [noni321](#) 1 point 1 day ago

yes

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[–] [Raphae1](#) 2 points 1 day ago

I just wonder, when the Guardian will leak the NSA white-list. Nothing shows corruption like power excluding itself from its own surveillance.

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[–] [doubtme](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Are you going to keep fighting once all the leaks are done? Your in a perfect position to get support from all types of journalists and media types that would join you in basically keeping what's left of journalism alive.

What's your next fight? (Please say Congress)

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[–] [carb0nbasedlifeforms](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Is the spying by the NSA really about financial gain / control?

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[–] [TacoToucher](#) 1 point 1 day ago

So what files your archives is just links...

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[–] [HodorForKing](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Have you ever received any death threats or something similar because of what you're doing? Has the government or NSA tried to silence you in some way?

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[–] [sugarboat](#) 2 points 1 day ago

I know this is kind of late and all, but discussion of the leaks of the leaks have been primarily centered around American political sphere.

What concerns me is the lack of international discussion of these leaks, which have been minimal.

What is your take on it?

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[–] [notsoregularjoe](#) 0 points 1 day ago

What's the best way to make tomato soup from scratch?

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[–] [BigVirginia](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Watch out for black panel vans and SUVs with dark tinted Windows.

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[–] [turbozed](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Thank you for your work. The world is a better place for it.

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[–] [Finalpotato](#) 1 point 1 day ago

With the Snowden leaks, what would you say is the best case ending for this situation? i.e NSA surveillance dissolving, accountability ect

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[–] [thirdrail69](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Thanks! When I read the news on the morning of June 6th on the BBC about the NSA gathering millions of phone records from Verizon (the first published revelation) I sat back and wondered if this was really big news or if I just thought it was. It was in the back of my mind until later on that day when news of PRISM broke. There was no more wondering.

Stay safe.

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[–] [IhaveSomeQuestions56](#) 0 points 2 days ago

As a liberty activist with [The Free State Project](#) I would like to thank you for your remarkable work and sacrifice.

- 1) What are some practical steps that activists can do to support you and Edward Snowden?
- 2) Do you think you and Mr. Snowden will every live to see the day that you do not have to constantly look over your shoulder?
- 3) Does Mr. Snowden reddit?
- 4) Would you consider skypeing in to [Liberty Forum](#)?

Thank you for any time you wish to take answering some or all of my questions. In Liberty....

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[–] [Real_Name_Withheld](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Glenn, I appreciate lots of your work, but I don't appreciate the way you've called people opposed to Islam racists, or Islamophobes... you even accused Bill Maher of contriving a hatred of Islam so that he could feel comfortable about Christianity (despite his opposition to it). I feel you should stay out the business of calling people racist without just cause; I would appreciate it.

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[–] [theworldgotme](#) 0 points 2 days ago

"If you have nothing to hide, then you have nothing to fear"

How would you respond to that statement?

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[–] [Vogeltanz](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Do you worry that you have become too close to this story? That, while acting as both gatekeepers and media proponents of the leaks, you have become substantively involved in the mechanics of the ongoing NSA scandal? Do you ever think of simply handing all the documents en masse to several newspapers simultaneously and allowing others to report the story?

Finally, who would report the remaining stories (or what would become of the documents) if you and Ms. Poitras were arrested and held?

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[–] [ren1999](#) 0 points 1 day ago*

As a computer hobbist and professional, I can confidently say that Snowden is just pretending. He completed a basic 3 week course at Fort Meade and sat in front of a computer for 3 months. Everything he knows, he learned from Ars Technica. He has no certifications. He has no completed computer courses other than the 3 week one. As a security guard, he does have a list of names of people he was guarding. That list is very critical. All the data he smuggled, is data that already existed in the wild. Glenn Greenwald, who didn't even know what Oath Keepers was, is exageratting all of this just to try to sell a book in the future. The NSA does not care about any of you and will not waste the money or effort on you. Snowden himself bragged about not having a high school diploma and manipulating his superiors into getting him better jobs. Not one single school official has confirmed he completed any computer classes. I caught Glenn Greenwald lying on two seperate occasions on Twitter. Glenn and Edward are about as credible as John McAfee and his wonderous encryption box. Oh wait. Are there some here on Reddit who actually think this thing would work?

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[–] [Diasparo](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Would you consider Britain or the US to be worse for surveillance.

Also, did your partner have a knowledge of Jean Charles De Menezes when detained?

Thank you for everything.

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[–] [facereplacer](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Do you give any credence to people who suggest Snowden was allowed to leak documents to you by way of clandestine CIA agents in an effort to discredit NSA, in an ongoing, intra-agency battle akin to the FBI and CIA in the 20th century?

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[–] [lighthaze](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Should we be afraid of asking you questions on reddit? Is there any chance that could put us on some kind of list?

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[–] [Pups_the_Jew](#) 0 points 2 days ago

1) What is your reaction to the US public's response (or lack of response) to your revelations?

2) If 100% of the US population knew and believed 100% of what the NSA (or other agencies) is doing, what do you believe their reaction would be?

3) Do you believe that international pressure can have any impact on the programs you've reported on?

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[–] [senatormoops](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Is there a certain finesse to releasing the documents? I.e. do you plan ahead which docs to release in order to counteract what's going on, or certain laws, etc.?

What's the endgame? I mean you release a bunch of information that's great but is the point to educate and hope for reform, to attempt to add another check/balance to the system, or is that giving too much credit?

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[–] [takethederivative](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Hey Glenn, Big fan of your work. I've seen your bill maher debates regarding the assassination of [Anwar al-Awlaki](#) and [the effect of US interventionism in Muslim countries](#). Do you think that the American Left will remain divergent on this issue, or do you believe that the progressive wing's views on these issues will become the majority viewpoint of the party?

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[–] [CamelWoreANightie](#) 0 points 2 days ago

What tips do you have for more efficiently protecting one's computer data from being surveilled? I feel that this should be a top priority for investigative journalists.

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[–] [torfnuds](#) 1 point 2 days ago*

Have you ever been worried that The Guardian wouldn't let you publish some of what you've been given by Snowden?

Are there things that you possess that are simply too damaging to be released?

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[–] [MrEveryman76](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Hi Glenn and Janine,

Thank you for all you have done.

What criteria do you use in determining how to release information? Also, what is the end-game for the release of this information? What would you like to see and what do you think will happen after all is said and done?

Keep up the great work.

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[\[-\] AmericanDerp](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Will there be any reporting on compromised manufactured infrastructure, such as the rumors that have periodically floated around that both AMD and Intel had the random number functions on their chipsets manipulated to benefit the NSA?

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[\[-\] jtdc](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Glenn, Janine, what do you believe are the most effective ways that U.S. citizens can act to help put a stop to the abuses of power that your stories have revealed?

How can we as citizens work to protect whistleblowers such as Snowden from retribution?

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[\[-\] urmotherismylover](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Hello and thanks so much for doing this AMA. Your work, Mr. Greenwald, has been a source of inspiration to me for quite some time - it gives me tremendous hope for the future of journalism.

How do you feel about the impact of the NSA story thus far? Are you satisfied by the "national conversation" about domestic surveillance that was spurred by your reports (in the USA and around the world)? Are you optimistic that meaningful change will occur as a result?

Thanks again to both of you!

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[\[-\] sandprickle](#) 1 point 2 days ago

For those of us who haven't been able to keep up with all the coverage, what would you recommend as the best way to get up to speed? How about the timeline on Aljazeera America?

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[\[-\] isecdude](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Does the documents show any sign of the NSA doing paranormal research or extra terrestrial life ? Thanks for this AMA !

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[\[-\] 86d](#) 1 point 2 days ago

What sort of survival gear/plans do you think Chris Hedges has?

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[\[-\] aenemic](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Mr Greenwald, what do you think of Mesh Networking, ala cjdns/hyperboria [/r/darknetplan](#) as a measure against surveillance?

Your doing an amazing job by the way, all of you!

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[\[-\] torfnuds](#) 1 point 2 days ago

This is an excellent question!

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[\[-\] JimmyOConnell](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Since the UK confiscated David's laptop, you have presumably not received the documents that Laura Poitras was trying to send you - will this significantly hamper your work or are there other ways for her to send you the documents?

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[\[-\] tldr_bullet_points](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Laura Poitras; how bad-ass is she?

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[\[-\] mister_geaux](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Glenn, you have repeatedly responded to claims that Edward Snowden is a narcissist by noting that he has done virtually no media since your stories broke. At the same time, Snowden has maintained that he wants to stay engaged with the global surveillance debate, and that this is part of the reason he fled to countries that cannot extradite him (so he can't be muzzled in a US prison). Do you see any tension between these two observations? Can you speak to when and how he will participate in this debate in the future?

Keep up the important work.

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[–] [Onionhair](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Did Mr. Miranda actually have encrypted files and the encryption key written down on a piece of paper when he was illegally detained at Heathrow or was that a fabrication ?

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[–] [someBrad](#) 1 point 2 days ago

I would have preferred the verifications to come in an UPDATE and UPDATE II.

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[–] [Shakespearhead](#) 0 points 2 days ago

i dont have a question but, i just think youre the coolest and we need more people like you two here in the states. thanks for fighting the good fight

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[–] [bobby6787](#) 1 point 2 days ago

HEY GLENN THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT PLEASE READ MY FIRST paragraph

I think the reason why no else besides Snowden blew the whistle, was because his position allowed him to see the bigger picture in what was happening as compared to other workers in the NSA . I believe that the NSA/GCHQ etc have compartmentalized their institution so they have specific teams of the analysts and technicians, who are focused on doing one aspect of working on the surveillance machine thus they are not able to see the bigger picture. Its sort of like how the MANHATTAN PROJECT worked, no one working on the project knew what exactly was being built.

Also i would like to request to you please do not "dump" or put the elephant in the room bcuz it will be so much easier for the USG and mainstream media to ignore the and muzzle the stories. the drip drip of leaks is so much better as it allows everyone to really digest the implication of the stories and causes a better and informed debate.

Also i remember you were going to testify before congress via webcam but then the meeting got canceled, is there any plans for you to rearrange another meeting to testify?

When will you be releasing part 3 of the SNOWDEN interview?

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[–] [fozius](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Not a question, but I just need to say your journalism has had the most profound effect on my life; You have honestly shaped the person I am today. You guys are my role models.

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[–] [regularfella](#) 1 point 2 days ago

My question is simple:

What can we do to reign in our government? This and the Patriot Act terrify me

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[–] [teefour](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Why did David Miranda have a layover at Heathrow? Not only did you guys have to have a pretty good idea he would be given trouble, but if you look at the available flights for the day (or most days in general), it would have been FAR cheaper (and quicker) to fly a myriad of other routs to get to Brazil.

So, was it all a publicity stunt on your part to promote the Glen Greenwald brand in an age of 24 hour media and consistent 6 week massive story cycles that could steal your thunder, or are you just a shill for one of the many different international and government groups competing in this clusterfuck of infighting that is the modern surveillance state?

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[–] [ben1204](#) 1 point 2 days ago

A common criticism made by opponents of Snowden is that he ought to face the music and that he should have faced the courts in America. I couldn't disagree more with the criticism more, but how would you retort?

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[\[-\] munificent](#) 1 point 2 days ago

How do you hope to deal with reader fatigue about this issue?

As a technology worker, this story is right up my alley, but even so I often find myself not wanting to hear more about it because I find it overwhelming without any clear avenues that I can take to actually *do* something about it.

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[\[-\] Snowden2016](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Hello. Thank you both for the vitally important work you are doing. I feel confident in saying that no government agency in the world is a greater threat to liberty than the NSA.

I am attempting to start a nonpartisan PAC to support candidates who are completely against warrantless domestic surveillance. Do have any advice on the best ways to promote my effort and build support? Below is the description from my website.

Mission Statement: The mission of 4th Amendment PAC is the restoration and preservation of the protections provided by the 4th amendment against unreasonable searches and seizures. Our primary focus is ending warrantless domestic surveillance, especially the extremely universal programs of the NSA. We plan to accomplish this by publicizing the positions of candidates who agree with our mission, and publicizing the pro-NSA positions and other unpopular positions of their opponents. This is a nonpartisan PAC, whose sole concern is 4th amendment protection. As such, we are willing to support any candidate who meets the standard of 4th amendment loyalty, regardless of their party or how strongly we disagree with their other positions.

Plans and Ideas: We will allow anyone who donates to specify the party of the pro-4th amendment candidates they would like their donations to support and abide by that desire. We will even allow them to list specific candidates they want their donations to support and will put it towards supporting those candidates if there is enough money to make a significant investment promoting those candidates. We will, however, avoid supporting candidates who do not significantly differ on domestic spying issues from their opponents.

We will initially fund the PAC entirely through a crowd-funding website. We plan on eventually running crowd-funding campaigns for specific candidates because they ensure that the donors will only have to pay if a significant goal is reached and therefore will promote more donations;

We are open to ideas about how to promote the pro-4th candidates. We will strongly consider donor recommendations for what media to use, the message strategy, and how much to promote unpopular opinions of the candidates' opponents.

I haven't spent much time on it and have no website building experience so it's nothing fancy yet.

4thpac.org

And the Facebook group I started originally to support the idea: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EdwardSnowden2016/>

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[\[-\] Marylandman101](#) 1 point 2 days ago

what are your views on gun control?

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[\[-\] player_manager](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Greenwald Snowden in '16

Feel it.

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[\[-\] HugeSaladFork](#) 1 point 2 days ago

What can an average working American like myself do for Snowden? Thanks aren't enough for what he did, I want to help him somehow. How can I do this?

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[\[-\] achilles](#) 3 points 1 day ago

Tell people about the info he leaked.

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[\[-\] Scramming_Oscar](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Glenn and whoever else is involved in these stories, I have the utmost respect for your work and your view of journalism. I'm filled with hope to see you taking a stand against the system, not just through publishing articles and by giving Snowden a platform, but by highlighting the weaknesses of our political system and media functioning.

I guess your life has become much harder because of you voicing your opinion, and I just wanted to let you know it is greatly appreciated and that your stories find their audience world wide.

Thanks

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[–] [Just_A_Guy_Eh](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Thank you

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[–] [hectorlca](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Hi Glen and Janine! Thank you so much for the work that you are doing.

My question: Will the Snowden leaks and the accompanying reporting at some branch out from reporting on the Security Super State?

i.e.: Will we see stuff about Government knowledge of extraterrestrial intelligence?

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[–] [harorld](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Hi Glenn, do you train jiu jitsu in Brazil?

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[–] [RobertPaulsonEpsilon](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Thank you for your service to humanity. How can the regular layperson/reader help?

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[–] [miss_rin](#) 1 point 1 day ago

No question, but I just want to say your writings, Mr. Greenwald, are what got me interested in current affairs and politics again. I used to be politically active when I was younger, but my interest fizzled along with my hope in fellow citizens and the garbage of today's media.

You are by far my favorite current journalist, and I respect you immensely. It's people like you that give me hope. Keep fighting the good fight.

Thank you.

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[–] [darkangelx](#) 1 point 1 day ago

I love you guys, keep them coming!

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[–] [achilles](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Do you fear for your safety?

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[–] [dreadmook](#) 1 point 1 day ago

What are some good ways for us to remove Obama from office?

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[–] [brubaker](#) 1 point 1 day ago

German here: Just want to say Thank You to all of you, especially Edward Snowden! ♥

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[–] [Thefeature](#) 1 point 1 day ago

You guys may never see this, but thank you for having journalistic integrity. We dearly need more like you.

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[–] [odxzmn](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Just want to say thank you for what you do & have done on our behalf.

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[–] [jkarlson](#) -3 points 2 days ago

Why do you hate America?

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[–] [GODS_FAVORITE](#) -1 points 2 days ago

Have you ever felt threatened or unsafe after publishing information related to the NSA? What kind of pressures have you experienced thus far?

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[–] [torfnuds](#) 1 point 2 days ago*

Hi Glen thanks for stopping by and I'd like to give a heartfelt thank you for what you've done for all of us.

My question is how has all of this effected you on a personal level? Are you holding up okay?

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[–] [drbarber](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Are you frustrated by the lack of reaction from the American public and what will I take to get people to start taking action against the NSA?

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[–] [andrewk529](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Only the NSA Trolls would down vote this thread.

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[–] [makonen](#) -1 points 2 days ago

Is there a fun way we can mess with NSA? I've seen people sharing lists of flagged words, for example. Is there any value in people sending those emails around. Is there any point in doing that stuff or is it a waste of time or are you just asking for trouble by putting yourself on their radar? As mentioned by many others; thanks for your efforts.

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[–] [kidpremier](#) -1 points 2 days ago

Glenn, Janine.. Thank you for the great work you doing for the good of the people. Is there a link or evidence that the NSA is sharing information with Corporations? And if so, which corporations and for what purpose?

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[–] [Rocolannacchino](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Glenn Greenwald, My name is Rocco Michael Iannacchino. What do you suggest for the person such as myself, whom believes he is being targeted, to do? I've posted numerous articles, but they have been removed. I also posted on Gaurdian on the subject, posting as Rocco Pagliacci. I've contacted human rights groups, ACLU, to no avail. By the way, my wife is a FB friend, Tori Ianna. Thank you for all you do!

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[–] [skullcandy90](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Every news organization in the world right now trying to see this AMA. Shows the power of good journalism. Well done Mr Greenwald.

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[–] [KayInMaine](#) -1 points 1 day ago

You two are a couple of boobs.

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[–] [gamerandy](#) [Let's Talk Bitcoin](#) -2 points 2 days ago

What's it like destroying the credibility of some of the most powerful organizations by drip-feeding stories as you are. If you released all the data at once, it would have been largely overlooked with just a few key pieces being identified to dominate the conversation.

By releasing little bits at a time you've let the response make the situation worse as you release, they deny, then you release more showing that their denial is a lie.

Not so much a question as a pat on the back, anything unexpected come of this?

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[\[-\] lostalex7](#) -2 points 2 days ago

Glenn, When are you going to start a new porn site? we miss your old website of fat hairy men fucking guys, when are you going to get back to what you're really good at: making cheap porn?

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[\[-\] shrubstopper](#) -3 points 1 day ago

Fuck you, media whores.

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[\[-\] TacoToucher](#) -5 points 1 day ago

You're a tool

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[\[-\] Headlessness](#) 1 point 2 days ago*

Thanks for your time. In your research, have you found any connections with intelligence services from The Netherlands, AIVD or MIVD? And if so, could you explain what they are?

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[\[-\] shma_](#) 1 point 2 days ago

How long do you think it will take to work through all of the leaked documents? Have you considered expanding the amount of resources you are currently dedicating to the story?

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[\[-\] eblumrich](#) 0 points 1 day ago

I am wondering: so- you guys were actually SURPRISED that the NSA and the US government were spying on American citizens, along with foreign nations...

From all that I have gathered, that seems to be the upshot of all of this.

Keeping that in mind, my question is:

When did you emerge from the closets you had spent your entire lives in- and did the sun hurt your eyes, the first time you saw it?

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[\[-\] bloodypitchfork](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Spoken like a true NSA/Military propaganda sociopath. Don't you schmucks get tired of looking like complete certifiable buffoons?

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[\[-\] eblumrich](#) 1 point 1 day ago

I note that your reply to my (perfectly legitimate) question contains nothing that could be considered an answer, and instead is nothing but a torrent of insults.

While I do find your lack of decorum quite amusing, I am left to ponder why someone such as yourself feels themselves to have no rhetorical recourse in discussions such as these but profanity and insult. I daresay that it is, perhaps, because you lack any coherent understanding of your own professed position on the matter.

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[\[-\] mjay42](#) -5 points 2 days ago

Thank you from Germany. Thank you for your courage to show the world what the US has become. Especially the US-Citizens have to wake up. They're the only one who could stop this madness.

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[\[-\] vnonymous](#) 0 points 2 days ago

The former PM of Australia recently hosted an AMA on Reddit and completely ignored every question to do with the NSA spying. Our government is building a massive datacentre, and I've seen AU on several of the documents released so far. Is there any more information about Australia's role coming out, or anything specific to Australia that's worth mentioning?

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[\[-\] jsq](#) -1 points 2 days ago

Thanks for this. How much damage would you say is still to come from the documents that you intend to release? What can Redditors do to help?

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[\[-\] Malizulu](#) -1 points 2 days ago

Hey Glenn, first of all I want to say thank you so much for your work and for conducting this AMA.

I know it's difficult because there are so many, but if you had to choose one -- what is the most egregious violation that has come from the Snowden revelations, in your opinion.

What can we realistically do to change it, or can we not?

Keep up the good work!

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[\[-\] ZwyC](#) -1 points 1 day ago

Does being a Jew make it harder or easier for you to get people to believe your bullshit?

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[\[-\] snowcrash911](#) -1 points 2 days ago

Glenn, have you considered writing a FAQ to address all the common propaganda soundbites, such as: "Snowden gave secrets to Russia and China". "Marketing firms know more about you than the NSA does" and "Greenwald has published nothing new"?

And can you tell us more about your upcoming piece about social media infiltration? (You alluded to it in the Guardian comment section)

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[\[-\] lastresort09](#) -3 points 2 days ago

Are you going to cover what happened to Mr. Hastings in your US Assassination program?

Also what do you think will happen once all the leaks are over? I am afraid that the majority of Americans will go back to business as usual and forget about it for the most part i.e. since there would be no more leaks to remind us.

Secondly, are all the main stories from this leak out or do you not release these documents according to importance?

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[\[-\] valleyshrew](#) -3 points 2 days ago

Why do you use false accusations of racism to silence critics of Islam like Sam Harris?

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[\[-\] Ronald_E_Paul](#) -4 points 1 day ago

What motivates you more, Glenn? Your narcissism, or your delusional dreams of creating an anarchist state?

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[\[-\] FreneticAmnesic](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Glenn,

What will it take to actually spur action? NSA officials can freely lie to congress, the executive branch clearly has no interest in changing anything, and the oversight committees and courts save for a few people are either complicit or in the dark about the true scope. I've been a long time fan and an avid reader of your reporting but when we've got the foxes guarding the hen house, can we really hope anything will change?

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[\[-\] AlexS101](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Thank you.

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[\[-\] psychic](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Are you genuinely concerned with your own well being in general, considering the US's anger over the leaks?

...it sickens me that I even have to ask a journalist that question.

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[–] [sidthecoolkid](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Why do you do it?

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[–] [Waterrat](#) 0 points 1 day ago

No questions, but as an American, I just wanted to say THANK YOU!

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[–] [dzendian](#) 0 points 1 day ago

Hi Glenn and Janine,

I think it's incredibly smart how you're releasing new leaks after big events happen that are distracting to most of the populous ("North" West, Royal Baby, etc.).

Keep up the good work.

My question: What scares you the most in all of this?

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[–] [Fiacre54](#) 0 points 1 day ago

Glenn thank you so very much for your incredible work. Along with Mr. Snowden, you have changed the world for the better. Please stay safe and continue to shout the truth from the highest rooftops.

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[–] [takopachiboy](#) 0 points 1 day ago

What can we do as an average American to curb the extensive spying operations conducted by NSA?

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[–] [Paveea](#) 0 points 1 day ago

Glenn and Janine,

I just want to thank you for continuing to keep the pressure on and keeping the rest of us informed.

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[–] [crackediphoneglass](#) 0 points 1 day ago

Thank you for all that you are doing. You have my support and my gratitude.

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[–] [tasty_sandwich_here](#) 0 points 1 day ago

You guys are heroes. Thank you.

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[–] [TDMorty](#) -2 points 2 days ago

With every release it seems that the conspiracy folks have been gaining more credibility. Its obvious that the government has been lying to us about nearly everything.. How can I ask this without sounding like an absolute nutter..

Are there any documents in your possession that make any reference to extra-terrestrial entities?

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[–] [Brickus](#) 0 points 2 days ago

I read a few days ago that you and Jeremy Scahill are working on a story or stories together.

Is there anything about this that you can reveal to us? Scahill's book, Dirty Wars, goes into quite a bit of detail about the CIA, JSOC, etc, but the NSA seem to be minor players in that area, at least given their relative absence in the book. Have Snowden's leaks shown otherwise?

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[–] [nonviolence6](#) -2 points 2 days ago

I, and many others on Reddit, are very concerned with protecting our private communications and internet activity from government surveillance. What measures or methods would you recommend to protect yourself? (I recognize stopping the NSA

as a citizen would be the most effective, but sometimes we also have to take a personal approach).

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[–] [gnovos](#) -2 points 2 days ago*

Are you unkillable?? WHY WON'T YOU DIE??

I mean, whereabouts are you guys living these days? And could you turn the GPS on your phone on?

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[–] [MLNYC](#) 2 points 2 days ago

You support murder as a justifiable response to journalism, even though freedom of speech and of the press is a core right codified in our Constitution and murder is illegal?

Why's that?

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[–] [havingmadfun](#) 1 point 2 days ago

nice try Obama

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[–] [Covicide](#) 0 points 1 day ago

I wonder who were the near 7,000 pieces of crap that downvoted this AMA? God forbid an American patriot like Glenn Greenwald better informs us of what our own government is doing against us.

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[–] [achilles](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Pretty incredible eh? Makes me suspicious the proportion of downvotes being so high.

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[–] [destinedkid17](#) -3 points 2 days ago

Do you have any proof that aliens exist?

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[–] [ericsmiff](#) -5 points 2 days ago

Who pays for Greenwald's Brazilian rentboy. The Guardian or the NSA ?

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[–] [MindAsWell](#) -3 points 2 days ago

What is, in your opinion, the best thing that people can do to avoid the kind of spying that has been done to us.

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[–] [laborinvain](#) -3 points 2 days ago

Have you found a connection to the NSA's PRISM program and Palantir's Prism software?

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[–] [kevins_mom](#) -2 points 2 days ago

What were the worst forms of pressure or attempted coercion to stop publishing on the NSA that you experienced?

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[–] [Sarah_Connor](#) -4 points 2 days ago

- do you feel your life is in danger?
- have you also talked with William Binney?
- what suggestions do you have about how to stop the NSA?
- what do you think of restore the fourth and stopwatching.us

You and your team as well as Snowden are absolute heroes. I cannot thank you enough for way at you're doing. These activities

need to stop and real change must happen.

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[–] [ba_dumtshhh](#) -2 points 2 days ago

German journalist here. Thanks for the great work! We recently had elections in Germany - and polls showed, that the NSA-Scandal had just a little to no effect on the peoples choice, regardless of ongoing media coverage. Do you have an idea to change the peoples view on this critical theme? (I was shocked to see that the scandal wasn't discussed out of that filter bubble)

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[–] [nemptyr](#) -4 points 2 days ago

Wow could you sound more desperate for attention? Could have simply stated who you are and what you do.

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[–] [Leisureguy](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Giving context is a good idea for those who have not been following the news---and there are more of those than you might suspect.

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[–] [ericsmiff](#) -6 points 2 days ago

The Guardian is the dirtiest little intelligence whorehouse on earth.

Edward Snowden said Leakers should be "shot in the balls". People that dumb don't change.

<http://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2013/06/exclusive-in-2009-ed-snowden-said-leakers-should-be-shot-then-he-became-one/3/>

There are many signs TheTrueHOOHA is Snowden, some of them already noted by Buzzfeed. Posts made by that username indicate the user is male and the same age as Snowden (22 in 2006), has the same educational background (no high school degree), and has worked for the government in an IT capacity. TheTrueHOOHA mentions his old workplace, Ryuhana Press. He mentions being in Geneva in 2007, a time when the Swiss embassy has confirmed he was an attaché with the United States Mission to the UN in that city. Finally, there are photos of a young Edward Snowden posted in an Ars forum back in 2006.

<http://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2013/06/nsa-leaker-ed-snowdens-life-on-ars-technica/>

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[–] [RoseWeaver12](#) 1 point 1 day ago

So, you've worked for the NSA how long now?

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[–] [Gradeskee](#) -2 points 2 days ago

Hi Glenn, longtime reader, thanks for this AMA and all your work since the "Unclaimed Territory" days. You're really a personal hero of mine.

Do you think that Rand Paul's filibuster against the John Brennan nomination, coupled with Farea al-Muslimi's testimony before Congress, signal a shift in the American public's perception of the administration's "dirty wars?"

Speaking of "dirty wars," can you give us any hints about your upcoming work with Jeremy Scahill?

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[–] [Manny12](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Have you personally been intimidated or harassed by government officials or security?

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[–] [Toxic-Avenger](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Is the NSA collecting election information from Political Parties and sharing it with the opposing Parties?

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[–] [lorenzofb](#) -2 points 2 days ago

Hi Glenn and Janine. Great work on the NSA leaks. This is a question you probably both get a lot but are you going to publish more details/new stories clarifying how much the NSA is really able to break Internet encryption and what algorithms are compromised? Glenn, I know you said you are not holding any info, but I wonder if you have obtained new info since then. Both the NSA and the FBI ([as I reported here (<http://on.mash.to/14Lon4N>)] seem to have been asking for backdoors for a long time. What has been compromised?

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[–] [ffwiffo](#) -1 points 2 days ago

Hi Glenn,

The meme in the western world is that whenever a government or corporate computer network gets infiltrated the blame, while not easy to assign, usually falls on China as state sponsored espionage.

Are there numerous examples of state sponsored hacking in Snowden's documents, such as the revelation that GCHQ hacked into Danish telecom? I can't help but think that China may not always be to blame. Or perhaps do any of the documents confirm that China is responsible for frequent high level hacks?

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[–] [Surrealpolichick](#) -1 points 2 days ago

Do you now fear traveling to the USSA?

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[–] [gooberLI](#) -2 points 1 day ago

You're not my hero

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[–] [clams_casino_](#) -1 points 1 day ago

Do you ever get tired of pretending to be a legitimate, unbiased and objective journalist? Or does your massive ego and willingness to promote yourself at all costs just keep you pushing forward?

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[–] [lostinthestar](#) -5 points 2 days ago

| we've been breaking stories on the NSA Files since June

Snowden has been breaking stories. Guardian has been releasing them on a delayed schedule to extract the maximum revenue from this windfall. YOU are a glorified one-note blogger (USA is the ultimate source of all badness on the planet), who writes opinion pieces only with zero regard to any journalistic standards and ethics.

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[–] [DPhilIOX](#) -1 points 2 days ago

Thank you for taking the time. A question about the UK: How do you account for the relatively modest reaction within the UK?

Also: is there enough material to keep the momentum of the discussion going to have some real change of the system of surveillance?

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[–] [jartek](#) -1 points 2 days ago

What would make you feel that you've succeeded with publishing these disclosures? I mean to the point at which you can comfortably stop yet leave you satisfied.

Thanks.

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[–] [jimbobray](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Glenn, do you expect to be detained/apprehended if you ever return to the US or even to GB?

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[–] [ageisp0lis](#) -1 points 2 days ago*

Dear Glenn,

It's been said that your forthcoming book will contain "new revelations exposing the extraordinary cooperation of private industry." In my opinion, the role of private companies and their lack of ethical responsibility or meaningful oversight is one of the main issues here. Are you planning to expose these government contractors through your reporting with the Guardian as well?

And also— have you read/what did you think of my article on this subject, which summarizes all of the scandals and shady things that private intel firms have been caught in, and connects it to the legacy of the imprisoned journalist Barrett Brown?

<http://www.dailydot.com/opinion/barrett-brown-private-intelligence-industry/>

Thank you my friend. -K

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[–] [Maximus_](#) -1 points 2 days ago

Why don't you release the information immediately? Why hold back such valuable stories?

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[–] [lksjwww](#) -1 points 2 days ago

Given the technological advances that make mass surveillance extremely cheap, do you think that the fight for privacy is becoming a lost cause and would it be smarter to focus more energy on demands for reciprocity instead, i.e. demand that governments become radically more open?

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[–] [dontWUSHme](#) -1 points 2 days ago

It was in one of your past columns that I first learned that the Constitution sets no specific guidelines for impeachment, and that this is by design, to make this powerful tool of the people as flexible as possible. But in recent years/decades it seems to have been marginalized as an extreme and unrealistic option. How important do you think it is to fight to restore the legitimacy and power of impeachment? Or would you say it is an impractical tool that should be abandoned?

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[–] [smaurizi](#) 0 points 2 days ago

We would like to learn about NSA mass surveillance programs on countries all around the world, as it happened with Wikileaks' Cablegate. could you please explain why are you partnering with only a few partners?

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[–] [Divolinon](#) -1 points 2 days ago

How do you feel about the lack of response from foreign governments or from most people in general really?

I mean most people I come in contact with don't seem to care at all.

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[–] [DeadlyInArms](#) -1 points 2 days ago

What evidence could be provided by the NSA that potentially backs up their claims that they stop terrorist attacks on the United States?

Also, I get the impression that Americans are primarily concerned with the tools of the NSA because it involves domestic spying on US citizens. In other words, they couldn't care less if the NSA were spying on innocent foreign citizens living across the world. Do you agree with this, and, if yes, what do you think this means for the legitimacy of the operation?

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[–] [Monkey_Scrotum_Fever](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Do you fear for your lives ever? (As we all know the capabilities of certain government spy agencies that shall remain nameless)

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[–] [sparkdatdutch](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Are you ever scared of retaliation by a certain group/government?

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[–] [jonwho](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Hello, I've got simple questions. More related to the impact in comparison with Wikileaks.

Since you've got so many unreleased documents, and if I recall correctly, The Guardian was one of the five major newspaper that published Wikipedias leaks... what case is worst? I mean, the Snowden leaks carry more *dangerous* information than the Wikileaks ones?

Do they overlap? Or the NSA ones are more privacy and security oriented?

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[–] [Mad_Gouki](#) 0 points 2 days ago

What are your thoughts on how passive and unconcerned the public seems to be at the recent Snowden revelations?

What impact do you think these revelations will have made within a decade or two?

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[–] [ShivaRaye](#) 0 points 2 days ago

In your opinion, could our NSA spying apparatus be effective in monitoring our leadership, in effect to lead them to representing the people rather than the dollar? To turn their own spying back onto them?

What are your thoughts on using an Article 5 Amendment to get money out of politics?

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[–] [SCUM03](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Glenn, what's your take on the government shutdown?

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[–] [elegantjihad](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Do you think the overall public reaction to this should be a more nuanced look at what we want our government to do for/to us, or do you believe we should be up in arms trying to dismantle most of the Big Brother aspects of this whole scenario?

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[–] [fgnewton](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Glenn, You can mostly tell where a politician stands on an issue by their political party, but that doesn't apply to issues such as NSA Spying, etc. How they voted on the Amash Amendment helps, but what about the Senate and new candidates? Is there a good litmus test? How do you know where they stand?

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[–] [the_dude42](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Mr. Greenwald,

Thank you so much for your reporting. It seems that you are one of the few actual journalists still doing real reporting. I do have a question as well. There is a rumor that you did policy debate at Georgetown when you were in college. Is this true? Also, if you did, would you mind commenting on switch-side debate and whether it is something you are/were opposed to, or if it was a portable skill that helped you become who you are today?

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[–] [jacdan](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Hey Glen,

Can you elaborate how you communicate with Snowden? As he seems as capable as anyone to protect his communications, I would like to know what sort of encryption/systems are required in order to keep message private. Keep up the good work!

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[–] [SeptimusHodge](#) 0 points 2 days ago

As a private citizen, how can I most effectively protest against government surveillance?

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[–] [galaktos](#) 0 points 2 days ago

First off, many thanks for doing this AMA. I'm expecting many better questions than mine, but here goes:

There have been reports of the NSA "breaking" several cryptographic protocols - SSL, RSA, AES are what google wants to autocomplete for "rsa break". As far as you know, have they actually cracked the cryptography in these protocols, or have they circumvented it through stuff like trapdoors in proprietary software, man-in-the-middle attacks and the like?

I. e., if I RSA-encrypt a message by hand, send it to my friend over the internet, and he decrypts it by hand (assuming that we've shared the our public keys on a physical meeting): can the NSA or the GCHQ read this message?

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[–] [volt41](#) 2 points 2 days ago

Re your RSA w/ your friend: I think it depends on the key length that you use. Snowden used a 4096bit key. After Bruce Schneier saw the documents, he generated a 4096bit key. 1024bit semi-primes (where RSA gets its strength from) are thought to be factorable by higher educational institutions/large companies. Many people believe that 2048bit is secure. Most internet encryption systems that use RSA default to 2048bit. However, many web sites are still using 1024bit keys for their SSL. It's likely that NSA can easily break 1024bit keys. And, I believe that they can break 2048bit keys as well. If you want to communicate with your friend in private, I would use a 4096bit key.

Like Greenwald said, you have to have good end point security (the computer that you generate the key on can't be compromised by the NSA. One thing the NSA did was weaken a pseudo random number generator. If you generate your key on a system with a weak pseudo random number generator, the NSA should be able to either quickly guess your key or find it much faster than they would have if you had good random input.

Finally, SSL is an encryption protocol. RSA and AES are encryption systems. SSL can use RSA and AES as well as other algorithms/systems. I personally believe that RSA is not badly broken (nearly everyone is just using keys that are too small). However, I believe that AES is much more broken than people think.

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[–] [gauchie](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Do you think we have to take the bad with the good when it comes to press freedom? Or is there an opportunity to get a regulatory structure which balances the need for protection of the press without letting the press behave in reprehensible ways. I'm thinking mostly of tabloid behaviour such as the Daily Mail's smear of Ed Miliband this week. Does such behaviour need to be regulated or should it be dealt with through public opinion and discussion rather than law and regulation?

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[–] [EcommerceThomas](#) 0 points 2 days ago

The government might be shut down today, but I guarantee there's plenty of them watching this AUA.

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[–] [Marginally_Relevant](#) -1 points 2 days ago

Hello Mr. Greenwald,

Have you ever feared for your life since the revelations began?

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[–] [liza](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Hey Glenn, Liza Sabater here (@blogdiva).

I was wondering, have y'all been able to start geolocating & mapping the leaks, meaning, breaking them down by countries that are either in on the #NSA's conspiracy or affected by it? am particularly intrigued by the whole Latin America angle to this equation.

Am still holding to the theory TELEFONICA is the anchor to the NSA's surveillance in the region. And explaining why Spain was such a bad actor during the whole Evo Morales no-fly-zone fiasco.

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[–] [AndrewKemendo](#) 0 points 2 days ago

It would seem from your stances that the mere idea of state-to-state espionage and intelligence gathering activities should be eliminated. Yet such state actions are ubiquitous globally.

Given the political landscape of the world and the reality of the global competitiveness, do you think there is any legitimate role for Intelligence activities?

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[–] [Ra__](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Glenn, does David ever get mad because you're such a Twitter addict?

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[–] [SuperJackpot](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Have you and The Guardian seen a sustained uptick in the number of US visitors to your website? I permanently switched getting my news from the usual suspects based in the USA to The Guardian and the news is a million times better. You can tell its written by a firm with no bias or vested interest. I'm curious to know if others are doing the same thing.

P.S. Amazing job on the NSA files both on the web and Twitter!

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[–] [furmanjr](#) 0 points 2 days ago

What should we do about this surveillance?

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[–] [BR0STRADAMUS](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Would you consider yourself to be an Advocacy Journalist as opposed to a 'traditional' journalist?

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[–] [allenahansen](#) -1 points 2 days ago

How do you soothe your soul when unfolding events make you feel like sticking forks in your ears?

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[–] [MegaDom](#) 0 points 2 days ago

What's your favorite cereal?

Also, you, Edward, Lauren, and David are awesome and I deeply appreciate everything you are all doing to make literally the entire world a much better place.

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[–] [KarmishMafia](#) -1 points 2 days ago

Hey Glenn!

HK'er here, I've got a friend staying in the Mira hotel - do you remember what room number you did the interview in? Also did you anticipate people finding his location so quickly from the photos the guardian ran with on the June 9th piece?

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[–] [droosien](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Glenn, were you surprised at the mainstream media's focus on inconsequential personal details rather than asking the important substantive questions: like did Snowden ever 'infiltrate' Wikileaks' Sarah Harrison?

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[–] [clonebo](#) 0 points 2 days ago

What are either of your thoughts on the larger and more important debate on what privacy means in the internet era? The NSA and its affiliates implemented these programs because, in their eyes, they would further secure America and its allies from terrorists, etc. and not to destroy the constitution or some of the other accusations that have been flying around.

This leads us to the truly important question: How do you think that we can best balance privacy with security (especially pertaining to the internet) in this day and age? A lot of the rhetoric implies that it is an all-or-nothing question, that there is no way to effectively pursue privacy without neutering security and vice versa. Given your considerable contribution in bringing this debate to the forefront, what are your thoughts?

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[–] [Acid_Affairs](#) 0 points 2 days ago

What are your thoughts on the new movie coming out *The Fifth Estate*?

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[–] [kylelibra](#) -1 points 2 days ago

Can we make quoting the question being answered mandatory for future AMAs? Makes reading this so much easier, you can just click on the username and see everything.

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[–] [TheDoomerang](#) 0 points 2 days ago

1. Have the NSA and GCHQ tried to contact you?
2. Did they change their behaviour in any way?

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[–] [Le_Deek](#) 1 point 2 days ago

After having gone full circle in jerking off the NSA stories, will you allow me my turn to be jerked off as well? DAE???

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[–] [olsonnic](#) 1 point 2 days ago

So Mr. Greenwald, what do you say to those people calling you a hypocrite for staying silent as you live in a country with a far more invasive and oppressive domestic spying program (Brazil) while simultaneously being outraged at the United States programs?

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[\[-\] deadrebel](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Do you feel the efforts of Julian Assange to involve himself so deeply in these leaks is going exactly against what Snowden had hoped? (Personalising the story to a distracting degree)

What role, if any, has he taken/been given to these leaks?

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[\[-\] \[deleted\]](#) 0 points 2 days ago

How comes you guys aren't called traitor and harassed by the feds the way Snowden is? Aren't you just basically re-broadcasting the info he has leaked?

I get it that you are the press but how can they censor and censure the whistleblower but countenance the people who repeat the whistles call?

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[\[-\] Leisureguy](#) 4 points 2 days ago

re-broadcasting leaks is called "journalism" and in the US freedom of the press is a basic right. Look back at the Pentagon Papers for something less current (less emotional involvement). The actual job of reporters is to do exactly that: rebroadcast what they learn.

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[\[-\] \[deleted\]](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Naw I understand. But the point I am trying to get it is that the whole, "basic rights" thing is being eroded dramatically. And so in this era characterized as it is by governmental arrogance and lack of restraint, it strikes me that increased censorship of the press must follow.

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[\[-\] Leisureguy](#) 2 points 2 days ago

The freedom of the press certainly does not exist in the UK (the Official Secrets Act) but we don't have that sort of thing here, which is how the stories are published. So, no, that particular freedom still stands--well, except when you cross the border Customs will seize computer, cellphone, and all other electronic devices and compel you to divulge any passwords because that's important if you're fighting terrorism.

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[\[-\] Somban](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Prometheus stole the fire from the Greek gods and thereby enlightened humanity. Snowdon did it in the same fashion in 2013 enlightening us. And you impress with your capacity to be in this. Do you ever get to sleep?

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[\[-\] beseriousplease](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Don't stop, this is the most important issue for the USA at the moment imo.

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[\[-\] Christoph000](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Is citizenship in the U.S., for the lack of a better way to put it, not worth it? (Simple concern as a U.S. citizen)

I'm looking forward to reading about the undisclosed information you are working hard on to get out to the public, and thank you all for your bravery.

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[\[-\] lululiya](#) 0 points 1 day ago

I'm a journalist and you're my hero. I don't have a question.

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[\[-\] Lumice](#) -1 points 1 day ago

Did your partner who got his console taken away from him during an interrogation lose any saves on any video games he was playing? What games was he playing and if he lost any data how far into the game was he?

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[–] [SFarcas](#) 0 points 1 day ago

Do you receive life threats? Is there any security scheme made for you in Rio, even though if something happened to you we all would know who made it?

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[–] [HardShadow](#) 0 points 1 day ago

The two of you have done tremendous, unprecedented work on these leaks and subsequent stories, and as an American citizen, I would like to extend to the both of you my thanks and gratitude.

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[–] [cp5184](#) -1 points 1 day ago

What did happen when "technicians" from GCHQ went to the guardian to oversee a senior editor destroy laptop motherboards with an angle grinder? Why were no pictures of hard drives published with the story saying that hard drives were destroyed, or pictures of destroyed ram with the story saying ram was destroyed? Were hard drives with NSA information destroyed? Were they the only copies in the building? Presumably any nsa information that was destroyed was either stored in other places in the building or the world, was any nsa information that wasn't stored in other locations lost?

Also, while there are parts of this where you don't have specifics to report and so are unable to report in a specific way, why is the rest of the coverage so poorly presented that it's almost a nightmare to piece apart what you're reporting as going on? Articles on the hard drive destruction are a good example. That's something any high school journalist could cover in a way that would clearly inform the readers what happened. And even if for whatever reason a story is published that's vague, but maybe later details about the subject are released or something, why isn't there some page on the guardian website where I can find a clear presentation about any of this?

Also, to what extent is the media, for whatever reasons, playing up the overdramatizing or exaggerating it?

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[–] [coalitionofilling](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Sorry for not reading your entire book but just weighing in on the first couple of questions you asked. Photos were published as well as answers to every one of these questions. Time for you to learn how to google.

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[–] [cp5184](#) 1 point 1 day ago

The photos that were supposed to show evidence of hard drives and ram destroyed didn't show any hard drives or system ram destroyed.

And the articles almost do more to obfuscate their very subject than to explain them.

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[–] [Unkn0wnn](#) -1 points 1 day ago

Glenn, what is your snapchat?

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[–] [Feuhorbe](#) 0 points 1 day ago

How long do you figure until you'll "commit suicide"?

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[–] [DominusFL](#) 0 points 1 day ago

Why not release the source documents?

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[–] [5QU1DC4K3](#) 1 point 1 day ago

I know it's too late but if this is answered i would many grateful.

Did you ever feel in physical danger after breaking the NSA story?

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[–] [My_fifth_account](#) 0 points 1 day ago

What do you think of the movie 'Enemy of The State'?

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[–] [demosthenocke](#) 0 points 1 day ago

Have you ever bent down to retrieve a fallen napkin only to hear a "fwip, thud" and find a wobbling dagger stuck in the wall behind you?

My apologies to the Onion for possibly botching this wordplay gag

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[–] [animusvoxx](#) 0 points 1 day ago

Thank you, Glenn, Janine and everyone else involvd. It really reaffirms my faith in people.

If the goons at the datacenter are reading this: fuck you. I'm sure the money is great, but fuck you. You're making things worse.

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[–] [iwishyouweredead](#) 0 points 1 day ago

how many people have resigned since the leaks? (don't mind the username i hate everyone.)

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[–] [McDudeston](#) 0 points 1 day ago

How much of you incrementally releasing the documents is based on "protection and safety" and not "milking it for all it's worth"?

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[–] [Wisdom_from_the_Ages](#) 0 points 1 day ago

I know there's no chance you'll answer this so late in the game, so no question, just a thank-you. Thank you.

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[–] [Bonejunky](#) 0 points 1 day ago

Do you believe, if all peaceful options to affirm America's freedom and privacy are unsuccessful, that war is acceptable?

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[–] [markybhoyFL](#) 0 points 1 day ago

What's the role of the Bertha Foundation in this supposed Snowden hullabaloo?

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[–] [ren1999](#) 0 points 1 day ago

For those of you who think the NSA consists of a bunch suave Zero Cool hacker geniuses that keep tabs on the world's most powerful people -- Just picture Bradley Manning when you make these statements.

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[–] [BrundleBee](#) -6 points 2 days ago

The Guardian is a rag, and you're not journalists, you're propaganda merchants.

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[–] [RodeoRadio](#) 1 point 1 day ago

Truth, but don't expect that to be agreed upon

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[–] [meenat](#) -3 points 2 days ago

Love it - 13 comments to 89 in half a minute.

Hi GLenn, Hi Janine,

How do you know regard the position of 'journalist' following the attacks on your ethics, your partners and your organisation?

And following the #Guardianchat event in US recently, do you believe what Stuart says about data being available because we made it so, likening it to Facebook profiles?

What are Snowden's latest challenges?

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[\[-\] janine_gibson](#) [Janine Gibson](#) 6 points 2 days ago

I think it's all about levels of consent. Stewart Baker also said that metadata was 'billing records'. I fundamentally disagree, and so does the New York Times which at the weekend described metadata storage as your entire social map.

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[\[-\] deadowl](#) -3 points 2 days ago

If someone has a hunch that they've been spied on, is there anything they can do?

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[\[-\] Mikeaz123](#) -1 points 2 days ago

Is there a chance that Snowden is actually an agent of the US? I know it sounds like it's right out of a spy novel. Most of what has been released has not been extremely damaging and has been covered by James Banford for years but no one expressed outrage until now.

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[\[-\] reputable_opinion](#) -3 points 2 days ago

The media has lost all credibility along with authorities. Why should I trust that these leaks aren't simply a modified limited hangout?

If it's a limited hangout then I expect you can't/won't answer this honestly. I just wanted you to know that some people don't give much credibility to this information being released or its source.

please give us something from Snowden on Sept. 2001, or the COG?

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[\[-\] BrittainTheCommie](#) -2 points 2 days ago

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[\[-\] dmasterdyne](#) -3 points 2 days ago

Just want to say hi to all the government shills watching! Glen, I've been following your work since you were writing for Salon, you are a true patriot and in my eyes a true hero risking it all for truth and liberty. There are many of us doing all we can to spread information to create a free and open society, you are a leader.

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[\[-\] FAP-FOR-BRAINS](#) -3 points 2 days ago

hey Janine-just want to say you have nice boobs.

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[\[-\] ntebis](#) -4 points 2 days ago

Hello and thanks for helping Edward. My question is, do you feel in any ways threatened by the US government or their allies?

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[\[-\] skizztle](#) -3 points 2 days ago

I just wanted to say thank you! And apologize for the apathetic response these issues are getting in the U.S.

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[\[-\] ObamasAlienMaster](#) -4 points 2 days ago

Why are you such alarmist little anarchist twits?

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[\[-\] notrance](#) -2 points 2 days ago

Is James Kirchick the actual reincarnation of Joseph McCarthy, or does he just channel him?

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[\[-\] FacebookScavenger](#) -2 points 2 days ago

What advice would you have for someone who aspires to be a journalist or an active member of media? What is a good way to get started in such a career?

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[\[-\] americandreamsicle](#) -2 points 2 days ago

Hi G & J-

First, thank you for telling us what some of us had known or suspected for years. You've brought many of us in from the cold, so to speak.

Do you plan on releasing any information on the role of the banking sector in the intelligence world?

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[\[-\] JimmyOConnell](#) -2 points 2 days ago

If you had to choose just one story to publish, which would it be? Which of the stories do you feel is the most significant and the most important for the public to know about - hard as it may be to choose just one?

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[\[-\] greenwald_fan](#) -2 points 2 days ago

Glenn, The revelations about the NSA's spying on Brazilian government officials and Petrobras were explosive in that country. Do the documents contain any evidence of internal spying on US government or US based corporations? If so, why have you not revealed this?

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[\[-\] The_King_of_Pants](#) -2 points 2 days ago

Hi Glenn! In the process of researching and organizing the Snowden documents, have you found yourself in the position of educating an individual or group (and editor or fellow investigator) as to the gravity of these revelations? For example the collection of "Metadata" vs content intercepts.

What arguments have you used that were successful in delivering that "ah-ha" moment when dealing with parties that were skeptical or simply ignorant?

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[\[-\] jameslosey](#) -2 points 2 days ago

Has the opportunity to report on these leaks changed how your view on your role as a journalist and what you plan to work on in the coming years?

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[\[-\] YorjYefferson](#) -1 points 2 days ago

Is David doing OK? It seemed to me that he kind of got caught in the middle of all the drama, and although I don't know all the details about what happened, he certainly looked pretty upset after he was finally released in London. I can understand why, that would have to have been a very harrowing experience, for both of you.

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[\[-\] 2013palmtreepam](#) -1 points 2 days ago

Do you have any way of estimating how much longer you'll be releasing information? Are we talking years? Are you trying to prioritize the most important stories first?

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[\[-\] SpecialRX](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Glenn,

The NSA surely has files on all persons of interest (to them at least). I can't imagine under what circumstances it would have happened - but have you ever had the opportunity to see your file, or any of the information contained within it?

Ps. Well done on your diligent work.

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[\[-\] KeejayOV](#) -1 points 2 days ago

Thanks so much for all this work and this AMA, Glenn and Janine. My question is:

Do you have any big revelations upcoming regarding surveillance on, or relating to, Iran?

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[\[-\] bobthegiantahole](#) 0 points 2 days ago

I agree with your opinions but I feel too many people here are just rahrah cheerleaders and not enough ask tough questions.

How do you maintain objectivity, especially with how personal this has gotten? At what point does advocacy blur with journalism?

In all the documents you've read, have you found any evidence that any NSA program has helped people in anyway?

When your boyfriend was initially arrested(or held or whatever the hell they did), in initial reports, you and the Guardian failed to mention that your boyfriend held encrypted classified info and implied that he had no involvement in your project whatsoever and he was just an "innocent" significant other. Do you think you guys were being dishonest and do you regret it?

Hypothetical: If any info ever accidentally leaked that caused someone harm, would you hold yourselves accountable?

I'm curious as to why there was leaked info on the spying in Brazil and other countries. Many Americans don't care if the NSA spies on foreign countries and actually support it. Also, Brazil has announced plans about a state supported internet services, which seems like it could be worse for Brazilians' privacy (let's put our internet and email in the hands of the completely competent and totally not corrupt hands of the Brazilian gov.) What are your thoughts on this?

How do you vet the people who vet the leaks?

What is your political philosophy?

Lastly, did you watch the finale Breaking Bad?

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[\[-\] 12xo](#) -1 points 2 days ago

Do you sleep?

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[\[-\] porlov](#) -1 points 2 days ago

Don't you feel disappointed that the majority of people seem to be totally clueless about state surveillance and don't mind being spied upon at all?

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[\[-\] Millers_Tale](#) -1 points 2 days ago

When does a journalist stop being a journalist and becomes an advocate? Does that serve the public well?

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[\[-\] BeSsen](#) -1 points 1 day ago

Not a question but a suggestion, install a master electric killswitch on your cars.

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[\[-\] brmj](#) -1 points 1 day ago

Thursday next week I am giving a talk for a local International Socialist Organization branch on the NSA leaks and the surveillance state. Do you have anything you'd like to say to us for me to pass on? It would mean a lot. You were great at the conference these last couple of years, by the way. This year's keynote was amazing.

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[\[-\] Tonyinferno](#) -1 points 1 day ago

Do you believe you are now on the U.S. Government hit list alongside Snowden and Assad?

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[\[-\] AlbertHuenza](#) -1 points 1 day ago

My brain mistaking my led here on account of reading "Breaking Bad" accidentally and instinct just clicked in :(

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[\[-\] CoinStarBudget](#) -3 points 2 days ago

Thanks for doing this! It makes me happy to know that there are courageous people like you and Mr. Snowden out there. My question is: What are the biggest legal challenges you face?

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[\[-\] hzx](#) -3 points 2 days ago

"Figure out what your available resources and talents are and devote them to stopping the parts of NSA surveillance that you think are wrong."

Do you believe that parts of NSA surveillance are right, Glenn?

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[\[-\] BitchinTechnology](#) -3 points 2 days ago

Do you fear for your life?

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[\[-\] plantsbromasn](#) -3 points 2 days ago

Are you aware that you live in a country where corruption is rampant and the CIA could easily pay the police who are protecting you a fee to kill you?

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[\[-\] bigboi2316](#) -3 points 2 days ago

My friends still don't get why how wrong it is for the NSA to be spying on us. Can you name a couple of reasons to help them understand the severeness of the issue.

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[\[-\] Top_Chef](#) -2 points 2 days ago

As an ordinary person, why should I care? How does this effect me?

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[\[-\] CalOD](#) -3 points 1 day ago

This should be in the conspiracy section!

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[\[-\] aSuicidalTenYearOld](#) -2 points 1 day ago

Are the NSA tracking Australia?

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[\[-\] ithunk](#) -2 points 1 day ago

Marry me, Glenn!

Edit: I'm gay.

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[\[-\] guan](#) -18 points 2 days ago

What did you think about the Breaking Bad finale?

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[\[-\] Frajer](#) -5 points 2 days ago

If it isn't too personal did you ever figure out why your partner was detained Glenn?

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[\[-\] lophyte](#) -3 points 2 days ago

Would you rather fight 100 NSA agent-sized Americas, or 1 America-sized NSA agent?

Kidding aside, I really don't have any questions, I just wanted to thank you for all of the reporting you've done thus far on this topic.

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[\[-\] fourmajor](#) -3 points 2 days ago

Your revelations have made clear that there was some law breaking going on, from lying to Congress to spying on Americans without even FISC approval. What can we do to make sure these criminals get sent to prison?

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[\[-\] enath](#) -3 points 2 days ago

Glenn, what is your favorite Brazilian food?

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[\[-\] Icarus_Schwings](#) -4 points 2 days ago

One question, do you have any files of me fapping?

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[\[-\] ThefamousDrScanlon](#) -3 points 2 days ago

Hey Glenn - When exactly did you make the decision to give up actual journalism and become just another lying, attention whoring douchebag?

Serious question.

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[\[-\] wasabo_waci](#) -3 points 2 days ago

Do you work for the govt?

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[\[-\] bachelorpartydude](#) -3 points 2 days ago

What's Putin like in bed?

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[\[-\] crowecreek](#) -3 points 2 days ago

Do you think you'll enjoy prison?

(for clarification I don't personally think you should be put on trial or incarcerated, but with the way this country is going, I'm pretty sure they'll try)

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[\[-\] dubloon7](#) -3 points 2 days ago

Where are the new breaking stories? It appears you guys have stopped revealing new breakthrough stories.

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[\[-\] FashionableZebra](#) -5 points 2 days ago

Hi Glenn Greenwald,

Just for fun, I'd like to ask you:

1) What's your favorite exercise? 2) If you were to be executed, what would be your last meal?

Thank you for your brave journalism.

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[\[-\] Enki12](#) -5 points 2 days ago

I don't have anything to ask you. But my opinion about you is that your leftist progressive agenda is far more destructive than the conservative fundamentalists agenda. There are sheep at the left and right, and you are one good shepherd for the idiots of the far left just like a christian fundamentalist pastor who is a good shepherd for the religious wackos of the right. For me, you don't have any credibility to take you seriously when you talk about NSA. I need more unbiased sources with no hidden agenda.

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[\[-\] Leisureguy](#) 1 point 2 days ago

Well, the conservatives today have achieved one of their major goals: shutting down the government. Grover Norquist always said that he wanted to get the government small enough so that he could drown it in a bathtub, and today his wish is fulfilled. I don't think it was a good thing to do, though: to try to force out laws already passed by extortion simply because they do not want poor people able to get healthcare. It's not a noble goal.

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[\[-\] Enki12](#) 1 point 2 days ago

If one side is doing bad things that does not ever mean the other side is right and that is my argument against the far left. If you look to things from the center your views to both sides will be different than looking to things from one extreme side to another. From the center I view the stupidity and "sheepness" of the far left to be the same as far right.

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[\[-\] Leisureguy](#) 1 point 2 days ago

I don't quite understand your sentence, but it seems heartfelt. At least we agree that the shutdown meets the stated goals of the GOP.

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[\[-\] BrittainTheCommie](#) 1 point 2 days ago

It's interesting you have this warped view of Left v Right considering the only congressional/government populace supporting Greenwald and his reporting is the Libertarian/Republican parties.

So, who has the bias here? Uneducated bias at that.

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[\[-\] Enki12](#) 1 point 2 days ago

I don't care who support him in this matter, yeah well the Libertarian/Republican will support him in this case because the NSA things were exposed to public during Obama presidency not because they like him. On the other hand, look at his opinions when it comes to criticizing Islam. He don't have a problem bashing all religions which is fine, but when it come to Islam no you can't, you are Islamophobic. Look for this guy and what he wrote about Sam Harris. He is stupid progressive idiot in my dictionary.

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[\[-\] RichardDawkinsBible](#) -22 points 2 days ago*

you promised to release the Edward Snowden files but have not so have a downvote lol

edit: why am I getting downvoted? the heck?

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[\[-\] RodeoRadio](#) 1 point 1 day ago

This guy is their folkhero for some reason

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[\[-\] carrjc66](#) -8 points 1 day ago

Here's a question: Why don't you go fuck yourselves?

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[\[-\] greenwald_fan](#) -2 points 2 days ago

I think you would agree on the importance of informing the world about the NSA's spying. Yet you have shared the leaks with very few journalists in other countries, on the grounds that to do so makes you a source and not a journalist. Can you cite your legal basis for that? Also, if there are legal restrictions on the sharing of leaks, why have you been able to share them with The New York Times and ProPublica?

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[\[-\] MSDOS_evangelist](#) -1 points 2 days ago

any chance you can save a story or two for the next US election season?

I fear that too many of my fellow americans will slip back to apathy before the next opportune time to remind candidates that their stance on State Security is extremely relevant to their electability?

Obviously I can remind my friends of this issue too. I just think you have a bigger audience than I do, and could do more good with a well timed story.

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[\[-\] lebronelly](#) 0 points 2 days ago

Mr. Greenwald, first off thank you for your outstanding courage in publishing these NSA stories. My question is do you think that the lack of other ground breaking stories from other journalists is due to censorship from publishers or rather from self-censorship by journalists themselves? Thanks for your time.

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