The US taxpayers give $10 billion each year for the NSA to trawl the internet and defy the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution. The essays in this newsletter describe and call for Resistance: The US Surveillance State is exposed (secrecy, assassinations, agencies photographed, *The Intercept* magazine), resistance is planned and enacted (Congress seeks “black budgets,” the people support the USA Freedom Act, contact Pres. Obama), and stronger opposition is suggested (turn off NSA's lights). **Let’s all speak up with Michael Moore:** "I refuse to live in a country like this, and I'm not leaving." --Dick

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How did the government come to spy on millions of Americans?
Next Week: How Silicon Valley Feeds the NSA’s Global Dragnet
May 13, 2014, 8:47 pm ET · by Sarah Childress

On May 20, FRONTLINE investigates what the tech industry said when the NSA came knocking.

Live Chat: How Did the Government Come to Spy on Millions of Americans?
May 13, 2014, 8:45 pm ET · by Robert Collins

FRONTLINE’s Mike Wiser, Spencer Ackerman of The Guardian and NSA whistleblower Kirk Wiebe will answer this question — and take yours. Join us Wed. 5/20 at 2 pm EST.

What Does It Mean When the NSA Has Your Number?
May 13, 2014, 8:43 pm ET · by Jason M. Breslow

A study of what the NSA may be able to learn by analyzing telephone metadata may confirm the worst fears of privacy advocates.
Obama on Mass Government Surveillance, Then and Now
May 13, 2014, 8:42 pm ET · by Jason M. Breslow

Barack Obama campaigned for the White House promising “no more secrecy,” but as president he has embraced the same domestic surveillance programs he derided as a candidate.

NSA Reform: A Guide to the Options
May 13, 2014, 8:41 pm ET · by Jason M. Breslow

Lawmakers in Congress are jousting over how to reform the NSA’s domestic surveillance activities—will changes go far enough?

Readings & Links: NSA Secrets
May 13, 2014, 8:40 pm ET · by Moira Lavelle

A guide to the major leaks about the NSA’s domestic surveillance program.

How Edward Snowden Leaked “Thousands” of NSA Documents
“I’ve got some stuff you might be interested in.” With that simple message, the biggest leak of government secrets in history was set in motion.

Inside the NSA the Day After 9/11
May 12, 2014, 10:57 am ET · by Jason M. Breslow

Spying on the home front was the one rule that NSA analysts were constantly warned against before 9/11, but that all changed the morning after the attacks.

Press Release | “United States of Secrets”: How the Government Came to Spy on Millions of Americans
April 24, 2014, 2:20 pm ET

In “United States of Secrets,” a two-part series airing May 13 & 20, FRONTLINE reveals the dramatic inside story of how the U.S. government came to monitor and collect the communications of millions of people around the world—and the lengths they went to trying to hide the massive surveillance program from the public.
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**DRAGNET NATION:**
A Quest for Privacy, Security, and Freedom in a World of Relentless Surveillance by Julia Angwin
Times Books
An inside look at who’s watching you, what they know and why it matters. We are being watched.
We see online ads from websites we’ve visited, long after we’ve moved on to other interests. Our smartphones and cars transmit our location, enabling us to know what’s in the neighborhood but also enabling others to track us. And the federal government, we recently learned, has been conducting a massive data-gathering surveillance operation across the Internet and on our phone lines.

In *Dragnet Nation*, award-winning investigative journalist Julia Angwin reports from the front lines of America’s surveillance economy, offering a revelatory and unsettling look at how the government, private companies, and even criminals use technology to indiscriminately sweep up vast amounts of our personal data. In a world where we can be watched in our own homes, where we can no longer keep secrets, and where we can be impersonated, financially manipulated, or even placed in a police lineup, Angwin argues that the greatest long-term danger is that we start to internalize the surveillance and censor our words and thoughts, until we lose the very freedom that makes us unique individuals. Appalled at such a prospect, Angwin conducts a series of experiments to try to protect herself, ranging from quitting Google to carrying a “burner” phone, showing how difficult it is for an average citizen to resist the dragnets’ reach.

Her book is a cautionary tale for all of us, with profound implications for our values, our society, and our very selves.

SUSAN DOUGLAS, “INFORMATION HIGHWAY ROBBERY.” IN THESE TIMES (June 2014). Another review of *Dragnet Nation.* “...
Angwin documents the extent to which we are constantly being watched and offers advice to minimize our digital footprints. . . .” We must “demand more regulation of the ballooning stalking industry, and to grasp the corrosive costs of accepting, and participating in, our new surveillance culture.”  --Dick

RESISTANCE

GREENWALD

NO PLACE TO HIDE
Edward Snowden, the NSA, and the U.S. Surveillance State
Glenn Greenwald, Metropolitan Books, 2014

In May 2013, Glenn Greenwald set out for Hong Kong to meet an anonymous source who claimed to have astonishing evidence of pervasive government spying and insisted on communicating only through heavily encrypted channels. That source turned out to be the 29-year-old NSA contractor Edward Snowden, and his revelations about the agency’s widespread,
systemic overreach proved to be some of the most explosive and consequential news in recent history, triggering a fierce debate over national security and information privacy. As the arguments rage on and the government considers various proposals for reform, it is clear that we have yet to see the full impact of Snowden’s disclosures.

Now for the first time, Greenwald fits all the pieces together, recounting his high-intensity ten-day trip to Hong Kong, examining the broader implications of the surveillance detailed in his reporting for *The Guardian*, and revealing fresh information on the NSA’s unprecedented abuse of power with never-before-seen documents entrusted to him by Snowden himself. Going beyond NSA specifics, Greenwald also takes on the establishment media, excoriating their habitual avoidance of adversarial reporting on the government and their failure to serve the interests of the people. Finally, he asks what it means both for individuals and for a nation’s political health when a government pries so invasively into the private lives of its citizens—and considers what safeguards and forms of oversight are necessary to ... more

On December 1, 2012, I received my first communication from Edward Snowden, although I had no idea at the time that it was from him.
The contact came in the form of an email from someone calling himself Cincinnatus, a reference to Lucius Quinctius Cincinnatus, the Roman farmer who, in the fifth century BC, was appointed dictator of Rome to defend the city against attack. He is most remembered for what he did after vanquishing Rome’s enemies: he immediately and voluntarily gave up political power and returned to farming life.
In 2006, Charlie Savage won the Pulitzer Prize for his series of articles in The Boston Globe exposing the Bush administration's use of "signing statements" as a means of ignoring the law. In response to those revelations, Michael Kinsley—who has been kicking around Washington journalism for decades as the consummate establishment "liberal" insider—wrote a Washington Post op-ed defending the Bush practice ("nailing Bush simply for stating his views on a constitutional issue, without even asking whether those views are right or wrong, is wrong") and mocking concerns over it as overblown ("Sneaky! . . . The Globe does not report what it thinks a president ought to do when called upon to enforce or obey a law he or she believes to be unconstitutional. It’s not an easy question").

Far more notable was Kinsley’s suggestion that it was journalists themselves—not Bush—who might be the actual criminals, due both to their refusal to reveal their sources when ordered to do so and their willingness to publish information without the permission of the government:

It’s wrong especially when contrasted with another current fever running through the nation’s editorial pages: the ongoing issue of leaks and anonymous sources. Many in the media believe that the Constitution contains a “reporter’s privilege” to protect the identity of sources in circumstances, such as a criminal trial, in which citizens ordinarily can be compelled to produce information or go to jail. The Supreme Court and lower courts have ruled and ruled again that there is no such privilege. And it certainly is not obvious that the First Amendment, which seems to be about the right to speak, actually protects a right not to speak. . . . Why must the president obey constitutional interpretations he disagrees with if journalists don’t have to?

Last Sunday, same day as the Globe piece, The New York Times had a front-page article about the other shoe waiting to drop in these leak cases. The Bush administration may go beyond forcing journalists to testify about the sources of leaks. It may start to prosecute journalists themselves as recipients of illegal leaks. As with the Globe story, this turns out to be a matter of pugnacious noises by the Bush administration. Actual prosecutions of journalists for receiving or publishing leaks are “unknown,” the Times article concedes. But this could change at any moment.

Well, maybe. And maybe journalists are right in their sincere belief that the Constitution should protect them in such a case. But who wants to live in a society where every citizen and government official feels free to act according to his or her own personal interpretation of the Constitution, even after the Supreme Court has specifically said that this interpretation is wrong? President Bush would actually top my list of people I don’t want wandering through the text and getting fancy ideas. But why should he stay out of the “I say what’s constitutional around here” game if his tormentors in the media are playing it?

This is the person whom Pamela Paul, editor of The New York Times Book Review, chose to review my book, No Place to Hide, about the NSA reporting we’ve done and the leaks of Edward Snowden: someone who has expressly suggested that journalists should be treated as criminals for publishing information the government does not want published. And, in a totally unpredictable development, Kinsley then used the opportunity to announce his contempt for me, for the NSA reporting I’ve done, and, in passing, for the book he was ostensibly reviewing.

Kinsley has actually done the book a great favor by providing a vivid example of so many of its central claims. For instance, I describe in the book the process whereby the government and its media defenders reflexively demonize the personality of anyone who brings unwanted
disclosure so as to distract from and discredit the substance revelations; Kinsley dutifully
tells *Times* readers that I “come across as so unpleasant” and that I’m a “self-righteous
sourpuss” (yes, he actually wrote that). I also describe in the book how jingoistic media
courtiers attack anyone who voices any fundamental critiques of American political culture;
Kinsley spends much of his review deriding the notion that there could possibly be anything
anti-democratic or oppressive about the United States of America.

But by far the most remarkable part of the review is that Kinsley—in the very newspaper that
published Daniel Ellsberg’s Pentagon Papers and then fought to the Supreme Court for the
right to do so (and, though the review doesn’t mention it, also published some Snowden
documents)—expressly argues that journalists should only publish that which the government
permits them to, and that failure to obey these instructions should be a crime (emphasis
mine):

The question is who decides. It seems clear, at least to me, that the private companies that
own newspapers, and their employees, should not have the final say over the release of
government secrets, and a free pass to make them public with no legal consequences. In a
democracy (which, pace Greenwald, we still are), that decision must ultimately be made
by the government. No doubt the government will usually be overprotective of its secrets,
and so the process of decision-making — whatever it turns out to be — should openly tilt in
favor of publication with minimal delay. But ultimately you can’t square this circle. Someone
gets to decide, and that someone cannot be Glenn Greenwald.

Greenwald’s notion of what constitutes suppression of dissent by the established media is an
invitation to appear on “Meet the Press.” On the show, he is shocked to be asked by the host
David Gregory, “To the extent that you have aided and abetted Snowden…why shouldn’t you,
Mr. Greenwald, be charged with a crime?” Greenwald was so stunned that “it took a minute to
process that he had actually asked” such a patently outrageous question.

And what was so outrageous? . . . As the news media struggles to expose government
secrets and the government struggles to keep them secret, there is no invisible hand to
assure that the right balance is struck. So what do we do about leaks of government
information? Lock up the perpetrators or give them the Pulitzer Prize? (The Pulitzer people
chose the second option.) This is not a straightforward or easy question. But I can’t see how
we can have a policy that authorizes newspapers and reporters to chase down and publish
any national security leaks they can find. This isn’t Easter and these are not eggs.

Let’s repeat that: *The New York Times* just published a review of *No Place to Hide* that
expressly argues on the question of what should and should not get reported “that decision
must ultimately be made by the government.” Moreover, those who do that reporting
against the government’s wishes are not journalists but “perpetrators,” and whether they
should be imprisoned “is not a straightforward or easy question.”

*Barry Eisler, Erik Wemple, and Kevin Gosztola* all have excellent replies to all of that, laying
bear just how extremist it is. After reading Kinsley’s review, Ellsberg had a couple questions
for him:

But there’s a broader point illustrated by all of this. Reviews of *No Place to
Hide* internationally (the book has been published in more than two dozen countries, in nine
languages) have, almost unanimously, been extremely positive. By stark contrast, reviews
from American writers have been quite mixed, with some recent ones, including from George
Packer and now Kinsley, attempting to savage both the book and me personally. Much of that
is simply an expression of the rule that Larry Summers imparted to Elizabeth Warren upon her arrival in Washington, as recounted by *The New Yorker*:

Larry Summers took Warren out to dinner in Washington and, she recalls, told her that she had a choice to make. She could be an insider or an outsider, but if she was going to be an insider she needed to understand one unbreakable rule about insiders: “They don’t criticize other insiders.”

My book, and my writing and speaking more generally, usually criticizes insiders, and does so harshly and by name, so much of this reaction is simply a ritual of expulsion based on my chronic violation of Summers’ rule. I find that a relief.

But even the positive reviews of the book in the U.S. (such as from the *Times*’ book critic Michiko Kakutani) took grave offense to its last chapter, which argues that the U.S. media is too close and subservient to the U.S. government and its officials, over whom the press claims to exercise adversarial oversight. This condemnation of the U.S. media, argued even many of the positive reviewers, is unfair.


So let’s recap: *The New York Times* chose someone to review my book about the Snowden leaks who has a record of suggesting that journalists may be committing crimes when publishing information against the government’s wishes. That journalist then proceeded to strongly suggest that my prosecution could be warranted. Other prominent journalists — including the one who hosts *Meet the Press*—then heralded that review without noting the slightest objection to Kinsley’s argument.

Do I need to continue to participate in the debate over whether many U.S. journalists are pitifully obeisant to the U.S. government? Did they not just resolve that debate for me? What better evidence can that argument find than multiple influential American journalists standing up and cheering while a fellow journalist is given space in *The New York Times* to argue that those who publish information against the government’s wishes are not only acting immorally but criminally?

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Harding writes: "The US has spied on the staff of prominent human rights organisations, Edward Snowden has told the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, Europe’s top human rights body."

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**BILL OF RIGHTS DEFENSE COMMITTEE BORDC**

Dear Dick,
Nearly a year ago, Edward Snowden brought something to the American people that our
government wouldn’t: the truth. Despite revelations which continue to emerge, we the people
have yet to uncover the full scope of the American dragnet or the depth of the civil liberties
crises threatening the future of our nation.

With your support, however, BORDC remains hard at work building transpartisan, multiethnic
grassroots coalitions across the country to force long overdue change restoring constitutional
rights. Recently, our work on issues from dragnet surveillance to the infiltration of First
Amendment groups, and from torture to institutional corruption, has drawn greater
attention than ever before.

In January, when President Obama publicly addressed the NSA spying controversy,
the Boston Globe printed our concerns that his speech preempted a report by the Privacy and
Civil Liberties Oversight board that ultimately suggested far more fundamental changes than
the meager ones supported by the President. The same month, the Washington Post quoted
us in a story about the aggressive Off Now campaign, through which we’re working with
concerned activists to shut down NSA spying centers through the states, even while the
Washington spin cycle continues.

We did not stop there. In February, we were quoted by the Guardian—the paper which broke
the Snowden leaks—in a story responding to foolish suggestions that involving the FBI in
mass surveillance could help address NSA abuses. Shahid Buttar, BORDC’s executive
director, reminded readers that “The FBI’s history of abusing the civil liberties of Americans is
longer even than the NSA’s.”

Last month, we also spoke with Intercept—the new investigative journal launched by Pulitzer
Prize winning journalist Glenn Greenwald, who first exposed the Snowden revelations in the
Guardian—about the CIA spying on Senators to suppress public knowledge of
CIA torture programs documented in a 6,000 page report. We called for the CIA director to be
removed from his position for his complicity in human rights violations.

[LOCAL] Beyond challenging the crimes of intelligence agencies in the media, we’re also
doing it in a community near you. On April 10, we coordinated a national day of action with
coalitions across the country to protest surveillance by local police through a network of over
80 wasteful, duplicative, and constitutionally offensive fusion centers. In Washington DC, we
prompted applause from tourists at the White House for exhorting the President to
“#StopSpying.”

The movement to return our government to we the people is growing.

We’re working to restore your rights by challenging agencies whose budgets dwarf our own,
and need your support to pursue the numerous organizing opportunities beyond our current
reach. Only together can we preserve our rights— and the democracy they were
established to enable. Thank you for standing with BORDC and making a choice to invest
in building the movement.

Warm regards from the frontline,
Shahid Buttar
Executive Director

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THE FOLLOWING TWO ARTICLES BY SARAH BERLIN RELATE CLOSELY:

**to ILLEGAL SURVEILLANCE: STOPPING IT BY CUTTING OFF—OFF NOW—THE ELECTRICITY.**


Posts by Sarah Berlin:
Sarah is a former BORDC intern and a graduate of Carleton College, where she majored in American Studies. She wrote her senior thesis on the US government’s representation of immigrants following 9/11 and has worked on grassroots campaigns for immigrant rights and civil liberties.

**NSA surveillance violates attorney-client privilege**
February 10, 2014 at 9:00 am

In a recent *Nation* article, Nicholas Niarchos tells the story of Ron Kuby, a lawyer who was representing a man charged with providing material support to the plotters of the foiled 2009 New York subway bombing. Kuby was summoned to a Joint Terrorism Task Force office in New York City and led to a conference room where, accompanied by law enforcement agents, he listened to recordings of three
conversations between him and his client. Apparently, when the client called Kuby for legal advice, the government had been listening in.

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Sarah Berlin, “Cutting Power to the NSA.” In These Times (June 2014). “A new group of civil liberties advocates wants to turn the lights of on the National Security Agency (NSA)—literally OFFNow.”

March 15, 2014

Researchers Confirm: When NSA Watches Your Metadata, It Is Watching You
by Sarah Lazare
"Stanford University researchers have confirmed what civil liberties advocates have warned since the NSA scandal broke: metadata surveillance is a window to highly sensitive personal information."

The Feinstein Syndrome: “The Fourth Amendment for Me, But Not for Thee”
by Norman Solomon
"With few exceptions, what bonds those at peaks of power routinely trumps what divides them. It takes a massive and sustained uproar to really fracture the perversity of elite cohesion."
Web Inventor's Bold Call: Time for 'Online Magna Carta'
by Andrea Germanos
"Are we going to continue on the road and just allow the governments to do more and more and more control — more and more surveillance? Or are we going to set up a bunch of values? asks the Web's founder."

Surveillance-Defending Senator Slams Surveillance of Senate
by Andrea Germanos
"NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden called out the hypocrisy of Feinstein's outrage over senators being spied upon while supporting of NSA spying on ordinary citizens."

Jimmy Carter: 'I Believe if I Send an Email, it Will Be Monitored'

Stableford writes: "Former President Jimmy Carter believes U.S. intelligence agencies are spying on him — so much so, he eschews email to avoid government spies."

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NSA Spied on Chinese Telecom Giant

*Al Jazeera America*, Reader Supported News, March 24, 2014

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A Surveillance Bill That Falls Short


Excerpt: "A year ago, it would have been unimaginable for the House to pass a bill to curtail the government’s abusive surveillance practices. The documents leaked by Edward Snowden, however, finally shocked lawmakers from both parties into action, producing promises that they would stop the government from collecting the telephone data of ordinary Americans and would bring greater transparency to its domestic spying programs."

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A Response to Michael Kinsley

By *Glenn Greenwald* 23 May 2014

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The Bahamas Wants to Know Why the NSA is Recording Its Phone Calls

By Ryan Devereaux 20 May 2014

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Government officials in the Bahamas want their U.S. counterparts to explain why the National Security Agency has been intercepting and recording every cell phone call taking place on the island nation. Responding to a report published by The Intercept on Monday, which revealed that the NSA has been targeting the Bahamas’ entire mobile network and storing Read more

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Data Pirates of the Caribbean: The NSA Is Recording Every Cell Phone Call in the Bahamas
The National Security Agency is secretly intercepting, recording, and archiving the audio of virtually every cell phone conversation on the island nation of the Bahamas. According to documents provided by NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden, the surveillance is part of a top-secret system – code-named SOMALGET – that was implemented without the knowledge or consent of the Bahamian citizen.
The United Kingdom’s top spy agency is facing legal action following revelations published by The Intercept about its involvement in secret efforts to hack into computers on a massive scale. Government Communications Headquarters, or GCHQ, has been accused of acting unlawfully by helping to develop National Security Agency surveillance systems capable of covertly breaking into Read more

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The just-retired long-time NSA chief, Gen. Keith Alexander, recently traveled to Australia to give a remarkably long and wide-ranging interview with an extremely sycophantic “interviewer” with The Australian Financial Review. The resulting 17,000-word transcript and accompanying article form a model of uncritical stenography journalism, but Alexander clearly chose to do this because he is angry, resentful, and Read more

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Watch Live: Glenn Greenwald Debates Former NSA Director Michael Hayden

By The Intercept 02 May 2014

Live from Toronto, Canada, watch The Intercept's Glenn Greenwald team up with Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian to debate state surveillance with former NSA and CIA chief Michael Hayden and Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz. Greenwald and Ohanian will argue against the motion “be it resolved state surveillance is a legitimate defense of our freedoms.” The Read more

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British Spy Chiefs Secretly Begged to Play in NSA’s Data Pools

By Ryan Gallagher 30 Apr 2014

British Spy Chiefs Secretly Begged to Play in NSA’s Data Pools
British surveillance agency GCHQ secretly coveted the NSA’s vast troves of private communications and sought “unsupervised access” to its data as recently as last year, cla

The Intercept is Hiring

By John Cook 13 May 2014

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As I’ve mentioned before, if it seems as though things are a little slow around here, it’s only because we’ve been busy planning for the long-term future of the site while continuing to work through the Snowden materials. We’ve completed some of that planning and are ready to start staffing up The Intercept with editors and Read more

NSA Spied on Chinese Telecom Giant

Al Jazeera America, Reader Supported News, March 24, 2014
Chinese and US Commercial Espionage

On May 25, 2014, the Arkansas-Democrat-Gazette reprinted an editorial from “Bloomberg View,” titled “Maybe, Finally, Justice,” in which the writer denounced the Chinese government for spying on US corporations and rejoiced that at last culprits have been indicted. Surveillance by one nation against another is normal national security operation, but against a commercial company it is theft.

Well, the NSA has also spied on Chinese companies, as the preceding report reveals. Instead of such provocative behavior, which can only escalate tensions already inflamed by military expansion in the Pacific and E. Asia, end commercial espionage and find ways of sharing information. See the newsletters on US Westward Imperialism, which trace the increasing encirclement of China. --Dick

REPORTS ON SURVEILLANCE/NSA IN ARKANSAS

DEMOCRAT/GAZETTE, 6-12-13 to 12-18-13 (ADG stands for Arkansas Democrat-Gazette)

[The Editorials and several of the news reports are hostile to Snowden. Of the 23 items, two are favorable: Bolivia offers asylum, one Letter to the Editor welcomes the truth. Several seem straight event reporting. Close analysis of this and other controversial political crises would make excellent classroom research. –Dick]

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