

# Behind the Scenes at Freedom of the Press Foundation

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In the beginning... there was an  
extra-legal financial blockade  
against Wikileaks

- Wikileaks has not broken any laws and has not been charged with any crimes
- Because of pressure from US politicians, **Visa**, **MasterCard**, and **PayPal** decided to stop processing donations to Wikileaks
- This, combined with fear of donating, crippled their ability to raise money

# Humble Bundle + 1st Amendment + Internet Activism

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[Freedom of the Press Foundation](#)



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# Building the Team



# Daniel Ellsberg



First whistleblower charged under Espionage Act; leaked the Pentagon Papers to the New York Times in 1971; lifelong anti-war activist

# Glenn Greenwald



Journalist for *The Guardian*; broke NSA/GCHQ mass surveillance stories; lawyer, author of 3 NYTimes best selling books; long-time critic of Bush's and Obama's unconstitutional surveillance



# John Cusack



Accomplished actor, director, producer, and screenwriter in over 60 films; long-time anti-war, human rights, transparency activist and blogger for Huffington Post

# John Perry Barlow



Co-founder of  
Electronic Frontier  
Foundation; former  
lyricist for the Grateful  
Dead; author of 1996  
*Declaration of  
Independence of  
Cyberspace*;  
outspoken Wikileaks  
supporter



Josh Stearns



Journalist who's been published in *Mother Jones*, *Orion Magazine*, *Yes Magazine* and the *Columbia Journalism Review*; Journalism and Public Media Campaign Director for advocacy organization Free Press

# Laura Poitras



Filmed and edited Ed Snowden interview; helped break PRISM story; accomplished documentary filmmaker; detained and interrogated about her work at the US border over 40 times

# Rainey Reitman



Chief Operating Officer  
at FPF; co-founder of  
Bradley Manning  
Support Network; board  
member of Bill of Rights  
Defense Committee  
and Internet Defense  
League; Activism  
Director at EFF



# Trevor Timm



Executive Director of FPF; writer, activist, lawyer; published in *The Atlantic*, *Al Jazeera*, *Foreign Policy*, *The Guardian*, *Harvard Law and Policy Review* and *PBS MediaShift*; Activist at EFF

# Xeni Jardin



Founder and co-editor of *Boing Boing*; producer and host of *Boing Boing Video*; published in *NPR*, *Wired*, *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The Guardian*

# Building the Website



# Powered by Free Software

- Debian GNU/Linux
- LAMP stack
- Drupal
- CiviCRM
- Piwik

# All our donors are "anonymous"

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# The First Bundle

Wikileaks, Muckrock News,  
National Security Archive, The Uptake





# Twitter "Censorship"

- We launched FPF on December 16, 2012
- We sent 12 tweets from our Twitter account, @FreedomofPress before it got suspended
- Account suspended for about 2 hours
- In that time we got about 2,000 new followers

# Twitter “Censorship”



**Freedom of the Press**

@FreedomofPress



Following

We only sent 12 (normal) tweets but triggered a spam filter. Was a mistake, not censorship. We're still confident Twitter loves free speech.

Reply Retweet Favorite More

95

RETWEETS

21

FAVORITES



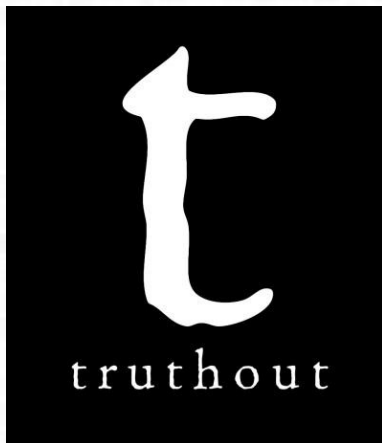
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# Distributed Denial of Service



# National Security Journalism

Bureau of Investigative Journalism, Center  
for Public Integrity, Truthout, Wikileaks



Leaked audio from Bradley  
Manning's pre-trial hearing

- Turns out CloudFlare doesn't cache mp3s

We 're journalists too

- Leaked Bradley Manning audio and coverage
- Jason Leopold's Gitmo stories

Bradley Manning's crowd-funded  
stenographers for the people



Glenn Greenwald, Laura Poitras,  
Edward Snowden, and conspiracy  
theories

# Encryption Works

How to Protect Your Privacy in  
the Age of NSA Surveillance

*“Encryption works. Properly implemented strong crypto systems are one of the few things that you can rely on. Unfortunately, endpoint security is so terrifically weak that NSA can frequently find ways around it.”*

- Edward Snowden, June 17, 2013

"The universe believes in encryption." - Julian Assange  
<https://pressfreedomfoundation.org/encryption-works>

# Encryption Works

## How to Protect Your Privacy in the Age of NSA Surveillance

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**FOUNDATION**

*Dedicated to cypherpunks who write code.  
Your skills are needed now more than ever.*

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# The Future of Freedom of the Press Foundation



# Encrypting the distribution?

- Possibly for the future
- Right now we all work part-time on FPF, and have other full-time jobs

# Thank You!

## Want to get involved?

- **Subscribe to our newsletter**
- **Donate to our current bundle**
- **Write blog posts and articles about actual issues, such as NSA surveillance**

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