

“He that increaseth knowledge
increaseth sorrow.”

- Ecclesiastes i.18

“Knowledge is power.”

-Francis Bacon, 1561-1626
English polymorph & pioneer of the Scientific Method

“Knowledge is only potential power.”

-Napoleon Bonaparte, 1769 – 5 May 1821
French Emperor & cynic

The Power of Information: Three Themes

**There is a universal need
to receive and share**

**Why do people kill
– or risk death –
over information?**

**The battle to control information
is also universal**

State of the Union



The News Blackout is Over - Change Your Homepage



Classroom Etiquette



- No Cellphones
- No Smartphones
- No Texting
- No Talking
- No Sleeping
- Be on Time

Violators will be asked to leave class

"My Life As..."

Ilana Ozernoy
Foreign correspondent
7:30 p.m. February 14th



"My Life As..."

March 5th

David Carr

New York Times Journalist



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The Power of Information: Today's Themes

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Approximately three times every month,
a journalist is killed.

Seven out of ten are murdered, many
on the orders of government officials.

Few cases are ever solved.

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Attacked During Tahrir Square
Victory Celebration

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CPJ documented 46 Journalists killed in 2011

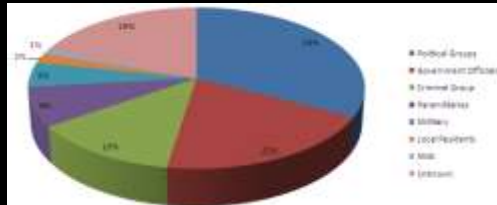


CPJ has documented 3 Journalists killed already in 2012 (as of 1/25)



Who is Doing the Killing?

Suspected Perpetrators In Murder Cases



88% are carried out with complete impunity
 35% are threatened before being murdered
 19% are taken captive before being murdered

Source: The Committee to Protect Journalists

Journalists Targeted: One Story

Sri Lankan journalist predicted own execution



'I hope my murder will be seen not as a defeat of freedom but an inspiration'

This extraordinary article by the editor of the Sri Lankan Sunday Leader was published three days after he was shot dead in Colombo.

Sonali Wickrematunge



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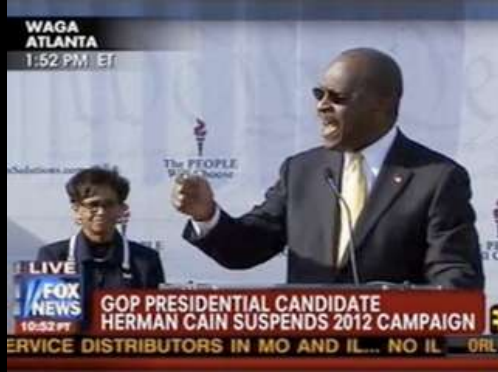


During five and a half years as a prisoner of war... *"The thing I missed most was information...free uncensored, undistorted, abundant information."*

I've Got a Secret...
But Can't Keep It



Secrets are Powerful Stuff



Information in the Hands of the Less Powerful

Exclusive: Gingrich Lacks Moral Character to Be President, Ex-Wife Says



Gingrich Ex: Husband 'Open Barage'

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News is Part of Our "DNA"



It Alerts Us...



Even a Caveman Needs to Know...

Caveman.wmv



Who had juice today?



It Alerts Us...



Dirty Meat.wmv

It Diverts Us...



Khloe Kardashian



Beyonce's Baby



It Connects Us...



Homeless Intel Semi-finalist

News that connects us



Millions Raised for Homeless Florida Teens

Homeless.wmv

The death of a "girl tribe"



The Badger Family fire Christmas Day

And It's Nothing New...



A lot of "Tittle-tattle...Gladiator pairs...trials...burglary"

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Real Blood



Why do Journalists risk their lives?

Information Can Be a Weapon of Mass Murder



The Power of Information to Topple Oppressors



1989: The Berlin Wall Comes Down

Wall.wmv

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**From The Beginning
Information Was Power**

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Even (especially) Emperors Need to Control Information



"I fear three newspapers more than
a hundred thousand bayonets."

Victor Hugo's Symbol of Change



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North America's First Newspaper



1690: Public Occurrences Both Forreign and Domestick

The most famous photo of the Tiananmen Square Rebellion?
Not in China



Cultural Differences:
 Whose Business is a Bridge Failure?



Does informing the public help or hinder solutions?

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The Battle Isn't Ancient History



**Who Are the Front-Line Casualties
of The Battle to Control Information?**



**Drug Cartels Decide What Is News
...and What Is Not**

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The Battle Rages Here, Too



Dying for Journalism in the US



Oakland Post Editor
Chauncey Bailey Killed Aug. 2, 2007

Journalists Under Attack- A Happy Ending



Newsday's Matthew McAllester and Moises Saman
Freed After 15 Days of Captivity in Iraq



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Seven minutes with Kim Dozier: <http://youtu.be/STBbQGmoZ7I>

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Dozier.wmv

Your Assignments...

1. Read the Google vs. China articles in the Virtual Course Reader on Blackboard. In a short essay, you will play the role of CEO of Google, deciding whether to follow China's censorship policies, or withdraw from one of the largest markets in the world.
Due at your next recitation.
2. Videos: Using links posted on Blackboard, watch three short videos of journalists talking about the relationship between secrecy and power and why they challenge power with information. Be ready to discuss in recitation.
3. Watch "60 Minutes" segment on Sunday, September 11. (It's about first responders studied by Stony Brook scientists) See Blackboard for the assignment prompt.

1 minute quiz:

1. What day is the 1st "My Life As" lecture of the semester?
2. Who said *"I fear three newspapers more than a hundred thousand bayonets."*
3. Comments & suggestions. For example
What material in today's lecture needs more/better explanation? What Works or does not work about this lecture?