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Chelsea E. Manning Edward J. Snowden



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## "No one has the right to obey." Hannah Arendt

The video *Collateral Murder* has become a symbol of the brutalization of thought, speech and action of soldiers in time of war, as well as of the breach of international law. The video has been shown or cited countless times in the international mass media. Millions of people were able to watch it because one private serving in the US Army in Iraq had the courage to defy the blind obligation of secrecy and make the material public with the help of Wiki-Leaks: Chelsea (Bradley) Manning. For this, Manning has been awarded the German Whistleblower Prize 2011.

# "Courage is contagious."

The unprecedented crackdown on Chelsea E. Manning was supposed to silence whistleblowers in the United States, but the expectations of the American government were not fulfilled. No sooner had the military trial against Manning begun than the greatest global spying scandal of all time was made public. Edward J. Snowden had leaked digital documents proving that the USA and the UK are operating suspicionless mass surveillance and communication monitoring systems, and thus are violating both the integrity of sovereign states and international law. For this, Snowden has been awarded the German Whistleblower Prize 2013.

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