



At Integrity Media, our mission is to protect the right to free speech and create space for dissenting views by supporting independent media, journalists, publishers, and expert voices who seek the truth, free from corporate or partisan influences.

Integrity Media Group Projects

**free
speech
news**

A website of articles and resources highlighting underreported and misreported stories about free speech from leading independent journalists and platforms curated by Integrity Media.

**the
unfettered
speech
podcast** |||

Intriguing conversations with leading voices in independent journalism — from trailblazing free speech advocates to the boldest reporters challenging censorship and mainstream narratives.



An annual celebration and convening to honor independent journalists and platforms that demonstrate integrity, courage, and excellence.

Welcome

As George Orwell said, “in times of universal deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act.” Today, the leaders of Western nations serve the interests of plutocrats and the Epstein class while ignoring the cries of the people. The mainstream press mostly serves as propaganda agents for the State. Independent media keeps the light of journalism burning bright.

Integrity Media welcomes the true heroes of journalism to our second annual awards celebration of independent media.

Our mission is to support those truth seekers who refuse to sell out and instead work to expose the truths that powerful institutions demand to keep hidden. In doing this work, they face attacks on their personal reputations, their financial security, and far too often, threats to their personal safety.

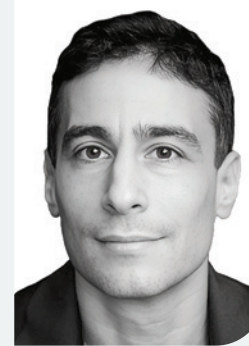
The people we support come from the left and from the right. They are guided by many different faiths and religions. What they all share is an uncompromising drive to seek out and expose the truth, and a belief in every human’s inherent right to speak truth to power.

Each year, we honor a few independent journalists who exhibit great courage. This year, we also recognize whistleblowers who refuse to remain silent in the face of official crimes. Whistleblowers provide a great service to all of us and routinely pay the highest price.

We congratulate our honorees. And we express gratitude to all the great independent voices in this room tonight. Your courage, integrity, and relentless pursuit of the truth are the reason this work matters.

Thank you.

Leonard Goodman,
Founder of Integrity Media Group



Master of Ceremonies

Aaron Maté is a journalist with *The Grayzone*, co-host of the podcast *Useful Idiots*, and a writer on Substack at aaronmate.net. His debut book, *Their Blood, Our Bullets*, on the Ukraine war, will be published later this year.

The Award

The award statuette is made from natural, sustainable materials and inspired by ancient American earthwork designs. The piece features a circle mounted upon a square base, each sharing the same area — symbolizing the importance of opposing viewpoints and the universality of truth in all its forms. Crafted by wood sculptor Alan Adler.

Keynote Speaker and Honoree



Judge Andrew P. Napolitano

Judge Andrew P. Napolitano is an internationally recognized American legal scholar, former New Jersey Superior Court judge, bestselling author, and one of America's most prominent commentators on

constitutional law, civil liberties, the limits of government power, and war and peace.

Judge Napolitano is a graduate of Princeton University and the University of Notre Dame Law School. When he served on the New Jersey Superior Court from 1987 to 1995 before returning to private practice and academia, he was the youngest life-tenured judge in New Jersey history. He taught constitutional law and jurisprudence for more than sixteen years at Delaware, Seton Hall, and Brooklyn Law Schools, and became widely known for his ability to translate complex constitutional and legal issues into clear, accessible analysis.

For more than thirty years, Judge Napolitano has been a familiar presence on national television, including over two decades as Fox News' Senior Judicial Analyst. Today, he is Senior Judicial Analyst for NewsMax, providing legal and constitutional analysis on some of the most consequential issues facing the country. His commentary has focused extensively on the Constitution, individual liberty, presidential power, surveillance, war powers, due process, and the limited role of government in a free society.

He is the author of ten books examining constitutional government and personal freedom, including *Constitutional Chaos*, *The Constitution in Exile*, *A Nation of Sheep*, *Lies the Government Told You*, *Suicide Pact*, and *Freedom's Anchor: An Introduction to Natural Law Jurisprudence in American Constitutional History*, two of which were *New York Times* best sellers.

Judge Napolitano is also the host of *Judging Freedom*, a widely viewed and internationally acclaimed daily podcast, where he conducts in-depth conversations with leading military officers, intelligence professionals, diplomats, academics, journalists, and foreign-policy experts. The program examines war, peace, diplomacy, civil liberties, and American foreign policy while challenging conventional political narratives and emphasizing the values of limited government, personal freedom, and peace.

Throughout his career, Judge Napolitano has remained a forceful advocate for the principles that the individual is sovereign, personal liberty is natural to humanity, and government may only morally do what the governed have authorized; all within the confines of the Natural Law and the Constitution, regardless of who holds political power.

Excellence in Journalism Honorees

The Grayzone

The Grayzone is an independent news website dedicated to original investigative journalism and analysis on politics and empire.



Max Blumenthal is an award-winning journalist who is the founder and editor of *The Grayzone*. He is the author of several books and documentary films. This August, three Republican members of Congress called for the DOJ and State Department to investigate him for his journalistic output, including his 2025 documentary, *Uncaptured: Jews in the Islamic Republic of Iran*.



Briahna Joy Gray

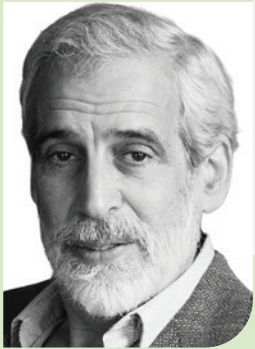
Briahna Joy Gray is the former National Press Secretary for the Bernie Sanders 2020 campaign, and the host of *Bad Faith* podcast — a biweekly show

providing analysis of left-politics and culture since 2020. Previously, she co-hosted *The Hill's* morning show, *Rising*, and served as a columnist and Senior Politics Editor at *The Intercept* focusing on progressive political messaging as well as issues relating to identity and culture.

Her work has appeared in *The Guardian*, *New York Magazine*, *Rolling Stone*, *Current Affairs*, and *The Week*, among others. Prior to joining *The Intercept*, Briahna practiced law at a boutique litigation firm in New York. She received a J.D. from Harvard Law in 2011, and a B.A. from Harvard College in 2007.

Invisible Institute

The **Invisible Institute** is an independent journalism production nonprofit on the South Side of Chicago that works to enhance the capacity of citizens to exercise co-responsibility with the government to maintain human rights and redress violations of constitutional rights.



Jamie Kalven is a writer and founder of the *Invisible Institute*. He is the author of *Working With Available Light: A Family's World After Violence* and the editor of *A Worthy Tradition: Freedom of Speech in America* by his father Harry Kalven, Jr. He has reported extensively on patterns of police abuse and impunity.

He was the plaintiff in *Kalven v. Chicago*, in which the Illinois appellate court ruled that documents bearing on allegations of police misconduct are public information. His reporting first brought the police shooting of Laquan McDonald to public attention; and he co-produced *16 Shots*, an Emmy Award winning documentary on the McDonald case.

His 2016 series “Code of Silence” in *The Intercept* exposed the criminal activities of a team of corrupt Chicago officers operating in public housing and has contributed to the exonerations of 183 individuals.

Among the national awards he has received are the 2015 George Polk Award for Local Reporting, the 2016 Ridenhour Courage Prize, the 2017 Hillman Prize for Web Journalism, and the 2022 I. F. Stone Medal for Journalistic Independence. The *Invisible Institute* received the 2021 Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting and 2024 Pulitzer Prizes for Local Reporting and Audio Reporting. *Incident*, a documentary short by director Bill Morrison based on Kalven’s reporting was a 2025 Academy Award nominee.



Glenn Greenwald

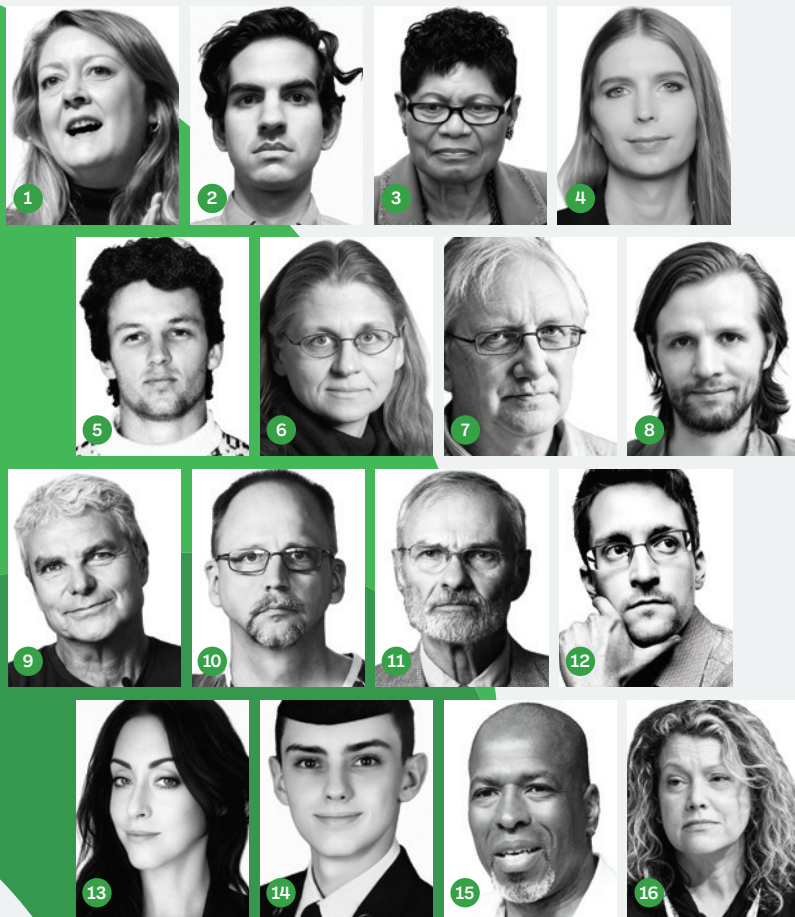
Glenn Greenwald is a constitutional lawyer, investigative journalist, and best-selling author. Acclaimed as one of the 25 most influential political commentators by

The Atlantic, one of America’s top 10 opinion writers by *Newsweek*, and one of the Top 100 Global Thinkers for 2013 by *Foreign Policy*, Greenwald’s fiercely adversarial reporting has won the highest awards in journalism around the world, including the 2014 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service for the NSA-Snowden revelations.

Leaving *The Intercept* — which he co-founded — in 2020, he is now an independent journalist and host of *System Update* on Substack, YouTube, and beyond.

Courage in Journalism Award

This year's Courage in Journalism Award is presented to the whistleblowers on this page and beyond it — the sources who risk their careers, their freedom, and often their safety so the public can know the truth. The 2026 Courage in Journalism Award is accepted on behalf of all Whistleblowers by Glenn Greenwald.



For the Whistleblowers



1. Annie Machon
2. Asif Rahman
3. Bunny Greenhouse
4. Chelsea Manning
5. Christopher Boyce
6. Coleen Rowley
7. Craig Murray
8. Daniel Hale
9. David McBride
10. Donald Sachtleben
11. Ed Loomis
12. Edward Snowden
13. Heather Linebaugh
14. Jack Teixeira
15. Jeffrey Sterling
16. Jesselyn Radack
17. John Kiriakou
18. John Tye
19. Joshua Schulte
20. Katharine Gun
21. Kirk Wiebe
22. Lisa Ling
23. Mark Klein
24. Matthew Hoh
25. Peter Van Buren
26. Ray McGovern
27. Reality Winner
28. Russ Tice
29. Sibel Edmonds
30. Stephen Kim
31. Terry Albury
32. Thomas Drake
33. Thomas Tamm
34. William Binney

Integrity Media Group proudly supports*

- Aaron Maté
- Alan MacLeod
- Anne Elizabeth Moore
- *Area 2* film (James Sorrels)
- Asa Winstanley
- Assange Defense Committee
- Based Politics
- Bay Area Video Coalition
- Big Brother Watch
- Breakthrough News
- Brownstone Institute
- Burning Spear Media
- Capitol Hill Citizen
- Center for Ethical Science
- Chicago Alliance for Animals
- Chicago Crusader
- Chris Hedges
- CJ Hopkins
- Common Dreams
- Consortium News
- CounterPunch
- Craig Murray
- David Talbot
- Democracy at Work
- Democracy Now!
- Dialogue Works
- Drilled Podcast
- Due Dissidence
- Electronic Intifada
- Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting
- *Forever Home* film (Allison Argo)
- Freedom of the Press Foundation
- Gabriel Shipton
- Glenn Diesen
- Glenn Greenwald
- In These Times
- Invisible Institute
- James Howard Kunstler
- Jimmy Dore
- John Kiriakou
- Judge Andrew Napolitano
- Katie Halper
- Kim Iversen Media
- Left Coast Forum
- Matt Taibbi: Racket News
- Mike Farris: Coffee and a Mike LLC
- Mintpress News
- Mohammed El-Kurd
- Mondoweiss
- Moon of Alabama
- Naked Capitalism
- News2Share
- Norman Finkelstein
- People Power Initiatives
- Project Censored
- Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft
- Raymond McGovern
- Real News Network
- Reclaim The Net
- Revolutionary Blackout Network
- Sam Husseini
- ScheerPost
- Scott Horton
- Stateville Speaks Newsletter
- *Tell Me No Lies: The Real John Pilger*
- The Bell Project
- The Canada Files
- The Dissenter via the Media Freedom Foundation
- The Duran
- The Food and Environment Reporting Network
- The Grayzone
- The Lens
- The Simple Heart Initiative
- Truthout
- Unchained TV
- WHISPer
- WhoWhatWhy

*as of August 31, 2026