

Guardian Reporter Timm: In The Wake Of Snowden, Obama Moves To Shut Down Channels Of Honest Reporting

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Reporter Trevor Timm, writing in the April 26 *Guardian*, rips the police state shutdown, under U.S. Director of National Intelligence James Clapper's new directive, that bars employees of all 17 U.S. intelligence agencies, from any "unauthorized contact" with any member of the press. Intelligence employees can lose their clearance or career for discussions with reporters merely about unclassified matters. The only news allowed will be "authorized news."

Timm zeros in on the *New York Times*, which is the embodiment of a lying mouthpiece of the British-Obama drive for war. Timm notes a recent JustSecurity.org paragraph-by-paragraph analysis of the April 21 *New York Times* article on the Barack Obama-John Brennan drone strike in Yemen the weekend of April 19-20, which killed dozens of people. "All we have," Timm avers, "are seemingly 'authorized' but anonymous sources spouting the government's party line, with absolutely no way to back up their claims."

On April 22, investigative reporter Robert Parry, who broke the Iran-Contra story, exposed the *New York Times* story purporting to show conclusive photographic evidence of the Russian military presence in popular uprisings in Ukraine, when the photographs were, in reality, not of Russian special forces, nor of Ukrainians receiving training in Russia, but of Ukrainians simply living in Slavyansk, Ukraine. Margaret Sullivan, the *New York Times* public editor, had to admit in an April 24 post in the *Times*, that "this article, with its reliance on an administration leak, was displayed too prominently and questioned too lightly."

Guardian reporter Timm concludes by reporting that the "Open Administration" of Britain's Barack Obama, denies almost all FOIA requests, using a "b(5)" exemption to not release documents, which exemption, he says, is commonly called by FOIA applicants, "withhold it because we want to." Timm states that a recent Associated Press study documents that the Obama administration has invoked that exemption an astounding 81,752 times.

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