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# Who are the following?

Julian Assange  
Daniel Domscheit-Berg  
Daniel Ellsberg  
Glenn Greenwald  
Ladar Levison  
Chelsea Manning  
David Miranda  
Laura Poitras  
Edward Snowden  
Aaron Swartz

# Julian Assange



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**1971** Born.

**2006** Founded WikiLeaks.

**2010** Released footage of Baghdad airstrike, 'Collateral Damage'.

**2010** Released 250,000 US Diplomatic Cables.

**2010** Accused of sexual misconduct with two Swedish women.

**2012** Granted asylum in Ecuadorian Embassy.

# Daniel Domscheit-Berg



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**1978** Born.

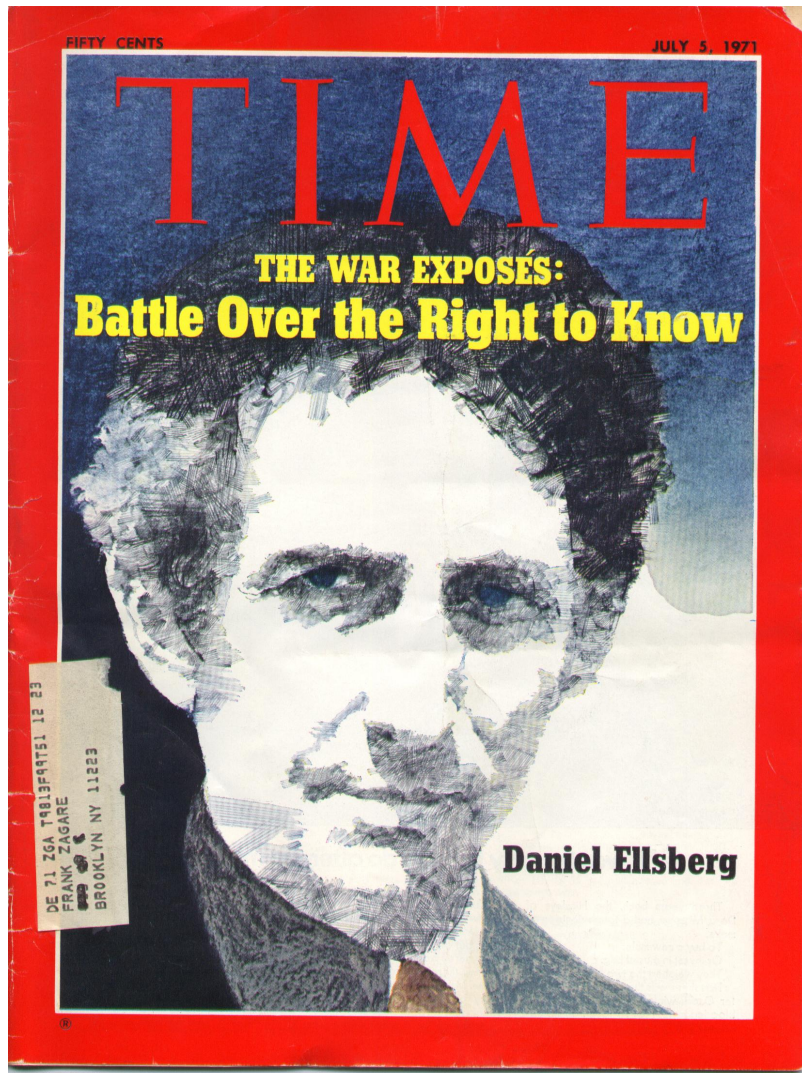
**2006** Co-founded WikiLeaks.

**2010** Announced OpenLeaks.

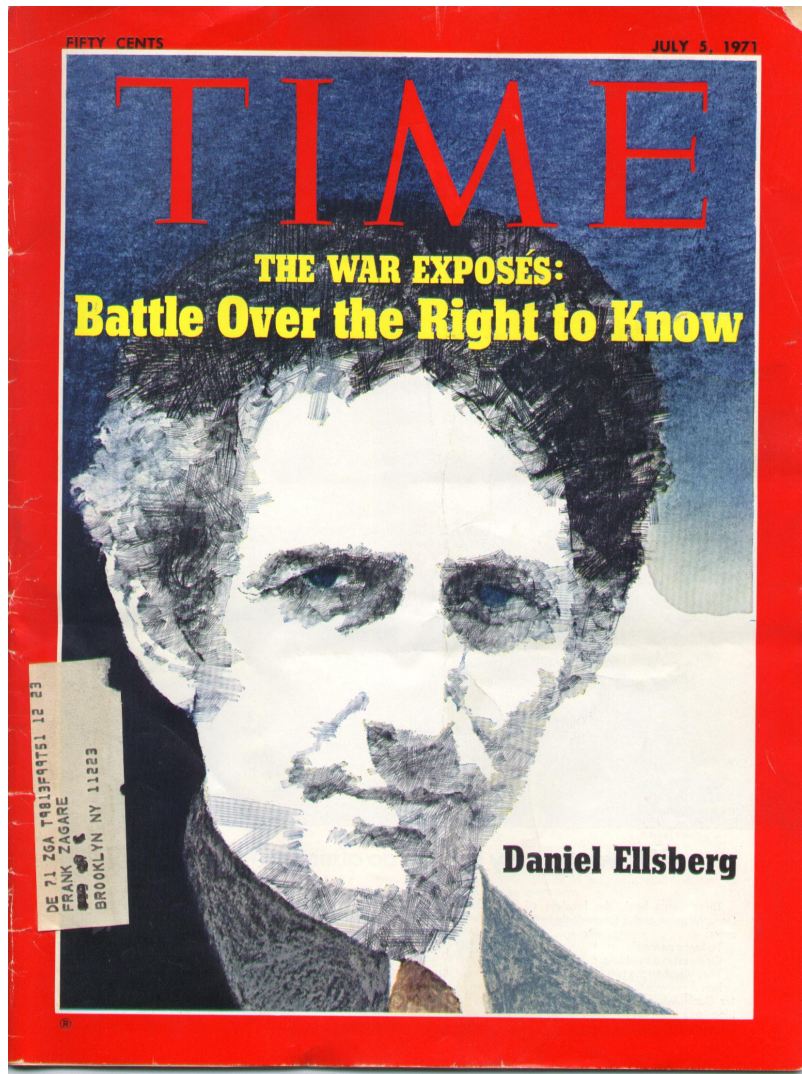
**2011** Published 'Inside WikiLeaks: My time with Julian Assange at the World's Most Dangerous Website'.

**2013** Film 'Fifth Estate' based on Domscheit-Berg's book.

# Daniel Ellsberg



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1931 Born.

1959 Joined RAND.

1964 Served in Pentagon and Vietnam.

1967 Re-joined RAND.

1971 Pentagon Papers published.

1971 'Plumbers' burgle office of Lewis Fielding, Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

1971 Tried under 1917 Espionage Act, facing sentence of 115 years. Mistrial declared.



Glenn Greenwald



# Glenn Greenwald



**1967** Born.

**2007** Journalist for Salon.

**2012** Journalist for Guardian.

**2013** One of two journalists to meet with Edward Snowden in Hong Kong, and receive copies of NSA documents.

**2013** Cofounder of *The Intercept*.

Ladar Levison



# Ladar Levison



**2004** Founded Lavabit, a secure e-mail service, in response to privacy concerns about Gmail.

**8 August 2013** Shut down Lavabit. Under gag order not to say why.

**2 October 2013** Court records unsealed. FBI sought Lavabit's SSL private key.

# Chelsea Manning



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**1987** Born Bradley Manning.

**September 2007** Enlists in US army.

**October 2009** Deployed near Baghdad.

**21 February 2010** Leaks 'Collateral Damage' video.

**10 April 2010** Leaks 250,000 US diplomatic cables.

**27 May 2010** Arrested, held in solitary confinement.

**21 August 2013** Sentenced to 35 years in prison.

**22 August 2013** Announced change of name to 'Chelsea'.

# David Miranda



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Partner of Glenn Greenwald.

**18 October 2013** Held for 9 hours at Heathrow under Section 7 of the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

**2 November 2013** Court documents reveal Miranda held for promoting “a political or ideological cause”.





Laura Poitras



# Laura Poitras



**1962** Born.

**2006** Documentary *My country, my country*, about Iraq war, nominated for academy award.

**2010** Documentary *The Oath*, about Guantanamo Bay, nominated for two Emmys.

**2013** One of two journalists to meet with Edward Snowden in Hong Kong, and receive copies of NSA documents.

**2013** Cofounder of *The Intercept*.

**10 October 2014** *Citizenfour*, documentary on Edward Snowden, released.

# Edward Snowden



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**1983** Born

**May 2013** Leaks about PRISM and Tempora published.

**September 2013** Leaks about Bullrun published.

**20 May 2013** Fleas to Hong Kong.

**23 June 2013** Arrives in Sheremetyevo airport.

“I understand that I will be made to suffer for my actions, and that the return of this information to the public marks my end.”

# Aaron Swartz



# Aaron Swartz



**1986** Born.

**2000** Co-authored RSS 1.0. (Age 14!)

**2005** Co-founded Infogami, merged with Reddit.

**2010** Co-founded Demand Progress.

**2012** Opposed SOPA.

**6 January 2013** Arrested by MIT police.

Federal prosecutors charge him with 11 violations of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, facing \$1 million in fines and 35 years in prison.

**11 January 2013** Suicide.