

About the Open Society Foundations

The Open Society Foundations work on many of the surveillance, privacy, and human rights issues that are addressed in the *Moving Walls 22 / Watching You, Watching Me* exhibition. Following is a summary of the major Open Society programs and initiatives that are supporting this work.

INFORMATION PROGRAM

The Information Program confronts the potential of digital technologies—both the opportunities they present for civic participation, inclusive education, and accountable governance, and the new threats they pose to open society values. The Information Program's terrain is the new—networked—public sphere, the space fusing participatory online networks with traditional institutions and media. We support the development of a strong civil society movement advocating for the protection of free expression, privacy, and due process in the online environment.

The following examples are just a few of our grantees who are working to challenge our pervasive surveillance societies and reinforce the rule of law:

- **Privacy International** works to expose the trade in surveillance technology and is holding companies and governments to account in court for this practice.
- **Digital Rights Ireland** successfully challenged the European Data Retention Directive, a European mass surveillance law copied by other countries.
- Several of our grantees are working to set privacy friendly standards both nationally (through efforts like the Brazilian **Marco Civil** campaign) and at the UN level.

OPEN SOCIETY JUSTICE INITIATIVE

The Open Society Justice Initiative uses law to protect and empower people around the world. Through litigation, advocacy, research, and technical assistance, we strive to secure legal remedies for human rights abuses, and promote effective enforcement of the rule of law. The Justice initiative is seeking to document mass surveillance practices in Europe.

U.S. PROGRAMS

The U.S. Programs National Security and Human Rights Campaign supports litigation, research, and advocacy to challenge overbroad government surveillance authorities and related secrecy and oversight issues, in order to protect civil liberties, human rights, and the rule of law. The U.S. Programs Democracy Fund supports work on internet freedom, federal transparency policy, privacy and big data, and related whistleblower protection.

Current U.S. Programs grantees working on surveillance, privacy, and related secrecy issues include:

- **American Civil Liberties Union**
- **William J. Brennan Center for Justice**
- **Center for Democracy and Technology**
- **Center for Investigative Reporting**
- **Center for Public Integrity**
- **The Constitution Project**
- **Demand Progress**
- **Electronic Frontier Foundation**
- **Federation of American Scientists, Project on Government Secrecy**
- **Fight for the Future**
- **Foundation for Criminal Justice**

- **Free Press**
- **Government Accountability Project**
- **Media Democracy Fund**
- **The National Security Archive and its Center for National Security Studies**
- **New America Foundation, Open Technology Institute**
- **Pro Publica**
- **Project on Government Oversight**
- **Stiftung Neue Verantwortung**

PROGRAM ON INDEPENDENT JOURNALISM

The Program on Independent Journalism has supported its core partners—in the context of its work on ensuring the safety and protection of journalists— to undertake several initiatives aimed at documenting and addressing the implications of surveillance on journalists and the practice of journalism.

Partners include:

- **Committee to Protect Journalists**, who are working to monitor the impacts of surveillance on journalists.
- **Rory Peck Trust**, which provides practical tools and resources to journalists to mitigate the effects of surveillance.
- **Article 19** and former UN Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression Frank La Rue, who have focused on broader policy reform efforts.
- Working with the Information Program, we have supported the UK anti-surveillance coalition **Don't Spy On Us**, which includes the key UK freedom of expression and digital rights organizations.

The Program on Independent Journalism also aims to support improved investigative and general reporting on surveillance and national security by sponsoring exchanges between journalists and experts in these fields.

About Moving Walls

Moving Walls is a documentary photography exhibition produced by the Open Society Documentary Photography Project. Since 1998, Moving Walls has featured over 200 photographers whose works address a variety of social justice and human rights issues that coincide with the Open Society Foundations' mission.

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Open Society Foundations, New York, USA
 Open Society Archives, Budapest, Hungary
 Museum für Fotografie, Berlin, Germany