

Independent Media Tugging the Curtain Hiding the Wizard of Mainstream Corporate Press: The Most Censored Stories of 2023

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"And when will writers stand up, as they did against the rise of fascism in the 1930s? When will film-makers stand up, as they did against the Cold War in the 1940s? When will satirists stand up, as they did a generation ago?"

Having soaked for 82 years in a deep bath of righteousness that is the official version of the last world war, isn't it time those who are meant to keep the record straight declared their independence and decoded the propaganda? The urgency is greater than ever."

John Pilger (September 2022)[1]

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With each passing year, censorship of major stories in the public interest appears to get worse.

Think about unspoken truths at the heart of [Russia's invasion of Ukraine](#). The missing information demonstrating [the COVID-19 situation](#) was anything but "Safe and Effective." Or the evidence that ["Russia-gate"](#) tying President Trump to Vladimir Putin was not so much a "big catch" as a "red herring."

And at the same time, people who articulate such statements are denounced as [writers of](#)

[“dis-information,”](#) probably conceived inside the Kremlin to mislead people. These sorts of counter-attacks represent a new tactic for confronting the “Ministry of Truth.” [TheGrayzone](#), [Mint Press News](#), and [ConsortiumNews](#) among others have faced attacks on their journalism by the powerful in this regard.

Global Research and the Global Research News Hour endeavours continually to get [access to the stories](#) the powers that be do not want you to see! As long as we keep going, we will strive to speak the unspeakable, especially in times of War when the Truth is the first target.

We begin this new year, 2024, with a look at the truths of 2023 which have been considered vital to understanding items very much in the public interest that have been trodden over by the military-state-corporate machinery with plans to build expressways of compliance into the brains of the multitudes. This is necessary activity for those wanting to maintain democracy as safe for corporate greed and elite ambition.

Global Research News Hour intends to emulate the dog Toto from The Wizard of Oz, unmasking the villains in charge in this broadcast.

In our first half hour, we are joined once again by [Project Censored’s](#) associate director Andy Lee Roth who gives us a run down of some of what his team considers the most censored stories of 2023, and also highlights some of the other components of the book [Censored 2024](#). In our second half hour, activist and author Yves Engler will highlight what he thinks are the most censored stories from a Canadian foreign policy perspective. Finally, we will hear from Ryan Cristian of the Serena Shim Award winning [TheLastAmericanVagabond.com](#) about what important story he feels the mainstream media left out of discussion.

Andy Lee Roth is the Associate Director of [Project Censored](#), a media research program which fosters student development of media literacy and critical thinking skills as applied to news media censorship in the United States.

Yves Engler has been dubbed “one of the most important voices on the Canadian Left today” (Briarpatch), “in the mould of I.F. Stone” and “part of that rare but growing group of social critics unafraid to confront Canada’s self-satisfied myths” (Quill & Quire). He has published twelve books with a thirteenth coming out in February.

Ryan Cristian is the Founder and Editor of [The Last American Vagabond](#), an independent media critic, and recipient of the [Serena Shim Award For Uncompromising Integrity In Journalism](#).

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