

Izzy Stone

Founded in 1953, *I.F. Stone's Weekly* stood bravely against Sen. Joe McCarthy and the deceit propelling the Vietnam War, including the Tonkin Gulf hoax – inspiring generations of journalists and activists. “In this age of corporation men, I am an independent capitalist, the owner of my own enterprise,” Izzy Stone wrote in 1963. “I am a wholly independent newspaperman, standing alone, without organizational or party backing, beholden to no one but my good readers.”

“All governments lie,” said Izzy, the ultimate un-embedded reporter. He launched his first independent publication at age 14. He went on to become a daily reporter, editor, columnist and powerful journalistic advocate for FDR’s New Deal at the then-liberal *New York Post*. As Washington D.C. editor of *The Nation*, he exposed U.S. corporations doing business with Hitler’s Germany. He was one of the first to sound the alarm about the Nazi holocaust. He battled the National Press Club over exclusion of African Americans.

A true independent, he wrote books that passionately supported the birth of Israel, but strongly criticized its mistreatment of Palestinians. He advocated peace and negotiations with Soviet Russia, while denouncing its rulers. He despised racists, but defended their civil liberties, and everyone’s – even during “the haunted Fifties.” His books include *Underground to Palestine*, *The Hidden History of the Korean War*, and *Killings at Kent State*. Collected writings appear in *The Best of I.F. Stone*. More information is at the official website supervised by Izzy’s son, Jeremy Stone: www.ifstone.org.

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The **Park Center or Independent Media**, launched in 2008, is a national center for the study of media outlets that create and distribute content outside traditional corporate systems and news organizations. Today, independent media are growing amidst crisis and conglomeration inside mainstream journalism, and the rise of the Internet and new forms of media production and distribution. The center’s mission is to engage media makers and students in conversation about career paths in independent media. www.ithaca.edu/indy

1st Annual Izzy Award

honoring Amy Goodman & Glenn Greenwald

The Izzy Award recognizes “special achievement in independent media” – journalism created outside traditional corporate structures. The Izzy is named after the legendary journalist who launched *I.F. Stone's Weekly* and exposed government deceit and assaults on civil rights and liberties. Glenn Greenwald and Amy Goodman were chosen for the inaugural award based on their “path-breaking journalistic courage and persistence in confronting conventional wisdom and official deception.”



I.F. “Izzy” Stone

“The only kinds of fights worth fighting are those you are going to lose, because somebody has to fight them and lose and lose and lose until someday, somebody who believes as you do wins ... Go right ahead and fight, knowing you’re going to lose. You mustn’t feel like a martyr. You’ve got to enjoy it.”

-- I.F. STONE



Glenn Greenwald

GLENN GREENWALD is a former constitutional lawyer who started blogging in 2005, acting as his own editor/publisher in the I.F. Stone tradition. In 2007 he moved his popular blog to Salon.com, retaining full editorial freedom. Week after week, in meticulously documented blog posts, he skewers hypocrisy, deception and revisionism on the part of the powers that be in government and the media. No one is quicker to dig up the past positions of politicians and pundits.

Greenwald has inveighed against torture and defended constitutional rights for all, whether they be “enemy combatants” or American protesters. He has toughly criticized both Republicans and Democrats, and his blogging frequently sparks debate in major media and on Capitol Hill.

His dogged reporting is credited with catapulting the issue of retroactive immunity for the telecom industry into public discussion, and his blog posts were cited during U.S. Senate floor debates on the legislation. His 2008 reporting on a false claim about 9/11 by then-U.S. Attorney General Michael Mukasey led to demands for answers from Congressional committees and ultimately a retraction. His work last year on the FBI’s anthrax investigation led members of Congress to call for a fresh inquiry into the case.

Greenwald wrote the first book exposing the Bush administration’s extreme theories of executive power, *How Would a Patriot Act?* (2006) – which became a *New York Times* best-seller thanks to promotion in the blogosphere. His other books are *A Tragic Legacy* (2007) and *Great American Hypocrites* (2008).

Last year, he was named one of the 40 most popular and widely-cited pundits in America by *New York* magazine – one of only a handful of bloggers named.

JUDGES of the inaugural Izzy Award were PCIM director JEFF COHEN; University of Illinois communications professor and author ROBERT W. McCHESNEY; and LINDA JUE, director and executive editor of the San Francisco-based G.W. Williams Center for Independent Journalism.



Amy Goodman

Over the past 12 years, AMY GOODMAN has built *Democracy Now!* into the country’s largest public media collaboration – on TV, radio and web. Independent of any party or sponsor in the I.F. Stone tradition, *Democracy Now!* offers a daily cutting-edge broadcast featuring issues and experts rarely heard in corporate media – including not just policy-makers, but those “who live at the target end of the policy.”

Through timely interviews with heads of state, opposition leaders, artists and organizers, Goodman in 2008 maintained an ongoing, tenacious focus on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, U.S. violations of the Geneva conventions, racial justice issues such as the still-displaced poor of New Orleans, and political repression overseas. Co-hosted by Juan Gonzalez, *Democracy Now!* has become a daily ritual for journalists, scholars and activists seeking to get behind the news and ahead of it.

As an investigative journalist, Goodman has bravely exposed human rights abuses from East Timor to Nigeria, and the complicity of U.S. corporations and government. She and Jeremy Scahill won the Polk Award for their 1998 radio documentary: *Drilling and Killing: Chevron and Nigeria’s Oil Dictatorship*. Her motto: “Go where the silence is and say something.”

During a 2000 interview on *Democracy Now!*, President Bill Clinton complained that Goodman’s questions were “hostile, combative and even disrespectful.” She was arrested last year at the Republican National Convention. She is the coauthor of three books with her brother David Goodman: *The Exception to the Rule* (2004), *Static* (2006) and the latest, *Standing Up to the Madness*. She writes a nationally-syndicated column for King Features that appears in mainstream dailies.

In 2008, Amy Goodman became the first daily journalist to win the Right Livelihood Award – known as the “Alternative Nobel” and awarded in the Swedish parliament – “for developing an innovative model of truly independent political journalism that brings to millions of people the alternative voices that are often excluded by mainstream media.”