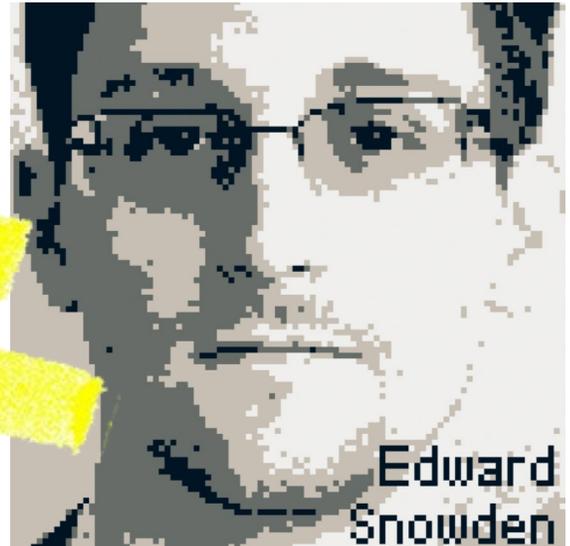


# USA: His courage changed the world

When Edward Snowden shared USA intelligence documents with journalists in June 2013, he revealed the shocking extent of global mass surveillance. He's a hero, not a traitor. Yet he's forced to live in exile and faces decades in prison.



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What Edward Snowden revealed when he shared US intelligence documents was how governments were hoovering up our personal data. The data includes phone calls and phone locations, private emails, and web histories. All without our consent.

He claimed that his only motive for leaking the documents he obtained was "to inform the public as to that which is done in their name and that which is done against them."

His actions sparked a global debate which changed laws and protected our privacy. For the first time in 40 years, the USA passed laws to control government surveillance. Globally, technology companies including Apple and WhatsApp are now doing more to protect our personal information.

None of this would have happened without Edward Snowden. Former US Attorney General admitted that Snowden's revelations "performed a public service". Even President Obama affirmed that this debate about surveillance "will make us stronger".

Edward Snowden should never have been charged with offences that relate to human rights disclosures. Yet he faces decades in prison, accused of selling secrets to enemies of the USA. With no guarantee of a fair trial in his home country, he is living in limbo in Russia. His current status also puts at risk his rights to liberty, to freedom of movement, and to seek asylum.

**Ask President Obama to pardon Edward Snowden, a whistleblower who acted solely in the public interest, before he leaves office in January 2017.**

Everyone has the right to freedom of expression and opinion.

This right includes freedom to seek, receive and impart information through any media and regardless of frontiers.

Article 19, UN  
Declaration of Human  
Rights

**WRITE  
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# Unleash your pens and keyboards!

## Please write to President Obama.

- ◆ Start with Dear President.
- ◆ Describe who you are and what concerns you about how the USA is jeopardizing Edward Snowden's basic human rights.
- ◆ Ask him to grant a Presidential Pardon to Edward Snowden as a whistleblower who spoke out to defend our human rights.

## Send your message to

President Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500  
USA

Postage: \$1.20  
Via website: [www.whitehouse.gov/submit-questions-and-comments](http://www.whitehouse.gov/submit-questions-and-comments)  
Twitter: @POTUS

## Please send a copy to

His Excellency Bruce Alan Heyman  
Ambassador for the USA  
PO Box 866, Station B  
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Postage: \$.85  
Fax: (613) 688-3088  
Twitter: @BruceAHeyman  
Mail, fax or tweets are best, otherwise email: [ottawareference@state.gov](mailto:ottawareference@state.gov)

### Sample Tweet

I'm writing for @snowden to say  
#ThankYouEd for exposing global mass  
surveillance - @POTUS #PardonSnowden  
#W4R16 #Write4Rights



Edward Snowden in 2014  
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## Tell Edward he's a human rights hero.

Write a message or draw a picture to show that the world is with him. Post it with \$2.50 postage to

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