

External whistleblowing enables public accountability



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The WikiLeaks whistleblowing of 391 832 documents about the Iraq War happened partially due to the United States of America's (USA) "secret" war (WikiLeaks, 2010) to further the objectives of the corporatocracy, meaning the alliances between powerful Multi-national Corporations (MNCs), the government and politicians.

Those MNCs have vested interests to control politicians, the military and the media. MNCs control the most influential media houses. For example, NBC is owned by General Electric, ABC by Disney, CBS by Viacom and CNN is part of the AOL Time Warner conglomerate (Perkins).

Corporations are funding the USA presidential elections, they have vested interests in the candidates, and the outcome of these elections, because once elected it is time to return favours for money donated during elections.

CONTROL

It is common for governments to control and block information that are not in their interests to be released. For example in Namibia, no Presidential Commission of Inquiry report into corruption related investigations have been released.

External whistleblowing is similar to public reporting and much needed for openness and transparency. Public reporting is critical to inform the uninformed and/or misinformed public, the voters and taxpayers.

Politicians, the military, public and private companies, in fact all institutions are directly and/or indirectly accountable to the public. Institutions that are legal entities can delegate their responsibilities to managers and boards, but not their accountability. In general, institutions try to prevent public accountability (for example, the Volkswagen emissions scandal during 2015) while external whistleblowers try to do the opposite.

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