

3. Can you or your organization support Project Censored Canada with a financial contribution?

This is a project which could have a far-reaching impact in expanding the scope of press coverage in Canada. The volunteer efforts of faculty and students allow this project to proceed but financial support for materials and other costs is vital. We are pursuing sources of funding from a variety of institutions. But for now we are reliant on individual contributions.

All donations are greatly appreciated. They are **tax-deductible** if your cheque is made payable to "Simon Fraser University (Project Censored Canada)."

Please send to:

PROJECT CENSORED CANADA
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The Canadian Association of Journalists (CAJ) and the Department of Communication at Simon Fraser University are launching

PROJECT CENSORED CANADA.

The Project aims to identify publicly significant stories which, for one reason or another, have received little or no coverage in Canada's mainstream news media.

Is there censorship in Canada?

Why may significant stories be overlooked by the media? Occasionally government censorship may indeed be a factor. But more commonly, it is a result of today's media climate and circumstances. Media companies are laying off staff and cutting editorial expenses to maintain profit margins. Media ownership is becoming increasingly concentrated. Commercial pressures result in trivialized news: "infotainment". CBC faces continual budget cutbacks. Mainstream reporting often favours bureaucratic over grassroots sources. The pressures of "pack journalism" may also lead to blindspots. These factors may be directing producers and editors away from serious public affairs journalism.

Since 1976, Project Censored America has been bringing to light significant but ignored stories — a cover-up of the savings & loan scandal prior to the 1988 election which cost US taxpayers \$250 billion, a US television network decision to spike footage of civilian damage in Iraq during the Gulf War, and hundreds of others. Though some of these stories were eventually covered

by the mainstream media, those media had failed to give the public a timely warning of major problems.

If you support the public's right to know here in Canada, there are three ways you can help Project Censored Canada, all of which are crucial to its success.

1. Do you know of a story which was ignored or under-reported by the mainstream media?

We are looking for news stories of national or international importance which the Canadian news media ought to have known about, yet which received little or no media attention. These are stories which are clear, easily understood, recent rather than historic, and can be substantiated with solid documentation and reliable sources. You may have come across such a story buried in the back pages of your newspaper, in a radio or television documentary which received no follow-up, or in the small "alternative" press.

Simply clip a copy of the story, noting the date and source. If the story was

broadcast on radio or television, please provide a transcript, if possible. Where possible, suitable stories will be forwarded to national organizations that offer awards for excellence in journalism.

Send your nomination by December 1, to:

Project Censored Canada Nominations
c/o Canadian Association of Journalists
St. Patrick's Building
Carleton University
Ottawa, ONT
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2. Do you know of any well-informed person who would be an appropriate judge for this year's "censored" stories?

We need a panel of judges to assess the nominated stories each year. We are looking for people with some public profile who are knowledgeable about public affairs and the media. People who are critical, inquisitive, and committed to the public's right to know. Send your nomination to the Canadian Association of Journalists (address above).