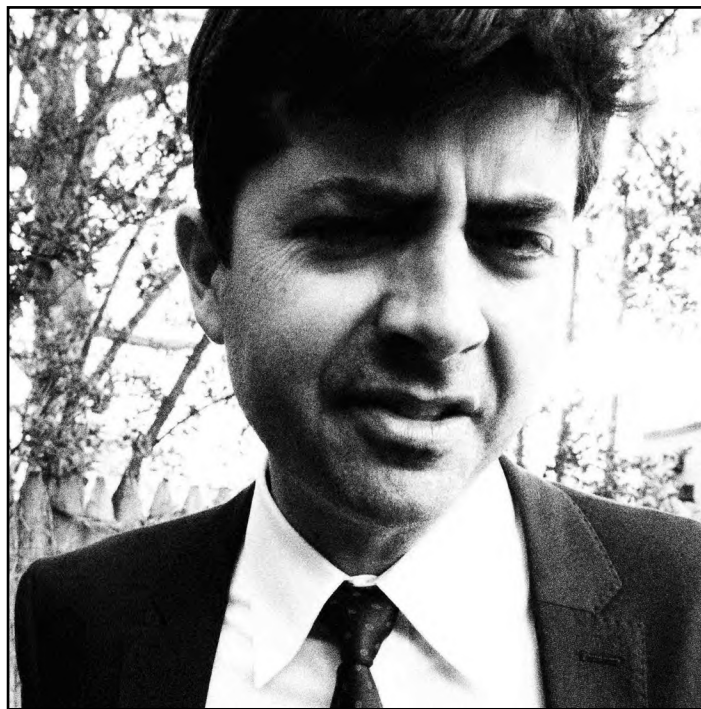


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Chelsea Manning, National Security Whistleblowing, and the Duties of Imperial Ignorance



The largest leak of classified documents in US history—by Iraq soldier Private Chelsea Manning through Wikileaks to every major media outlet—demands a searching audit of the costs and liabilities of state secrecy. Does runaway overclassification bring greater security or merely the dangers of ignorance? What was the role of government secrecy in the decision to invade Iraq in 2003, or in the invasion of South Vietnam a generation earlier? When 1.4 million people hold top-secret security clearances, what does secrecy even mean? Is ignorance of foreign wars a privilege, a duty, a vice, or a security risk?

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