

Alternative Sources of News and Information

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This is in no way a comprehensive listing of alternative news and information sources, but it is a starter list compiled by myself with input from a few others, for those who have not ventured past the MSM (Main Stream Media, also known as “corporate media”). The ownership of newspapers, television, and radio stations has consolidated in recent years to just a few large corporate news conglomerates, and this consolidation severely limits the diversity of coverage and determines the framing of issues. Alternative sources on the Internet, often with limited or no corporate backing, open up social and political discussions to a much broader range of content and opinion. Many of these sources align well with progressive values. For instance, you are not often going to find MSM sources that oppose war, because war is extremely profitable to the military-industrial complex.

Using the Internet as a source of news requires intelligence and discernment, because the Internet is wide open to all kinds of opinions and worldviews. The question is whether it is better to be exposed to a broad range of opinion and trust your own judgment, in the context of dialogue with people you know and whose values you share, or have your news restricted and filtered to serve a possibly hidden agenda determined by the corporate owners of media companies.

Alternative News, Commentary, and Discussion on YouTube

The “channel” link takes you to the home page of the provider on YouTube. Once on the channel page, you can get a more complete listing of available videos by clicking the “Videos” link in the header.

Empire Files -- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG29FnXZm4F5U8xpqs1cs1Q>

"An independent documentary & interview series hosted by Abby Martin - reporting on war & inequality from the heart of Empire."

Sample video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HxvNZisaB8E> (Life in Palestine)

Sample video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lFoxL3sOAio> (Interviews in Israel)

Consortium News -- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDZuNFwJ4BIRV_Z5IxFXVrA

Founded by the late Robert Parry; high end, intelligent interviews and commentary on important US and world issues.

Sample video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nerFdcQhiE4> (Status of Julian Assange)

The Grayzone -- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEXR8pRTkE2vFeJePNe9UcQ>

"The Grayzone is a news and politics website dedicated to original investigative journalism and analysis on war and empire." This site features Max Blumenthal, Aaron Maté, and Anya Parampil. Max Blumenthal is currently one of our best investigative journalists.

Sample video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_2QQml9S52g (Chemical weapons, Syria)

The Intercept -- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv002AUCZaPNwiADqwchijg>

"The Intercept is an investigative nonprofit news organization dedicated to producing fearless, adversarial journalism. We believe journalism should bring transparency and accountability to powerful governmental and corporate institutions." The organization was originally founded as a platform to publish the documents released by Edward Snowden. It is edited by Betsy Reed, Glenn Greenwald, and Jeremy Scahill. Glenn Greenwald is currently one of our best investigative journalists.

Sample video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-hEwE64-kUQ> (US Coup in Bolivia)

Democracy Now! -- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzuqE7-t13O4NIDYJfakrhW>

"Democracy Now! is an independent, global weekday news hour anchored by award-winning journalists Amy Goodman and Juan González. The show is broadcast on nearly 1,400 TV, radio and Internet stations. Stream the show live Monday through Friday at 8AM ET at <http://www.democracynow.org>."

Sample video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IARezGmhWr0> (Green New Deal)

Chris Hedges -- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTt-7gUGehD5s7aYjd9FPPA>

"Latin American, the Middle East, Africa and the Balkans. He was a member of the team that won the 2002 Pulitzer Prize for Explanatory Reporting for *The New York Times* coverage of global terrorism, and he received the 2002 Amnesty International Global Award for Human Rights Journalism. Hedges, who holds a Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School, is the author of the bestsellers *American Fascists: The Christian Right and the War on America*, *Empire of Illusion: The End of Literacy and the Triumph of Spectacle* and was a National Book Critics Circle finalist for his book *War Is a Force That Gives Us Meaning*. He is a Senior Fellow at The Nation Institute and writes an online column for the website Truthdig. He has taught at Columbia University, New York University, Princeton University and the University of Toronto."

Sample video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=38r7sflMvEs> (Drug Addiction Epidemic)

Corbett Report -- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7TvL4GIQyMBLIUsTrN_C4Q

"The Corbett Report is an independent, listener-supported alternative news source. It operates on the principle of open source intelligence and provides podcasts, interviews, articles and videos about breaking news and important issues from 9/11 Truth and false flag terror to the Big Brother police state, eugenics, geopolitics, the central banking fraud, and more." James Corbett is excellent and well-researched on many topics. Some may find some of his positions objectionable.

Sample video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Y9P47MBctY> (Propaganda Watch)

Thom Hartmann Program -- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbjBOso0vpWgDht9dPIVwhQ>

"Thom is a four-time Project Censored-award-winning, *The New York Times* best-selling author. More people listen daily to the Thom Hartmann Program than any other progressive talk show in the nation."

Sample video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7x1R4sA7oS8> (Child Labor)

Moderate Rebels -- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNiXhsI4QtmQaeICpT-k7BQ>

"Moderate Rebels is a political podcast and video show hosted by journalists Max Blumenthal and Ben Norton. We regularly report on America's bellicose foreign policy and the deceptions deployed to sell it to the public. We also connect the dots to show how the state of perpetual war fuels dangerous right-wing politics back home."

Sample video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XSUIUF0JoLo> (US Coup in Honduras)

The Hill / [in particular, the news commentary program: **Rising**] -- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPWXiRWZ29zrxPFIQT7eHSA>

Rising is a commentary and interview program on The Hill's network, featuring Krystal Ball (progressive) and Saagar Enjeti (generally conservative), but with an amazing amount of common ground between the two.

Sample video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hVBowbMjTz4> (Glenn Greenwald under attack)

The Rational National -- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo9oQdIk1MfcnzypG3UnURA>

"Fed up with the misinformation spread through mainstream corporate media, [Canadian] David Doel comes from a background working in broadcast news, and ran for political office as a Green Party

politician in 2015. Through The Rational National he aims to expose this misinformation while also lending his commentary on politics, news, and entertainment."

Sample video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DFaeF2W8D7k> (Suleimani Assassination / Iran)

Secular Talk -- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCldfgbzNILYZA4dmDt4Cd6A>

"Home of news & politics commentary from the libertarian-left; populist; social democratic; agnostic-atheist perspective." Secular Talk features reporting and commentary by Kyle Kulinski, co-founder of Justice Democrats.

Sample video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UDaOCGkKY-c> (Australian Wildfires)

The Michael Brooks Show -- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh2UY1hxlMr4_7Az_iQ82HQ

This show has independent, generally progressive, political commentary.

Sample video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j0I1kw00ccqw> (Housing Crisis)

Kim Iversen -- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoJTOwZxbvq8Al8Qat2zgTA>

"I don't 'fall in line' when the line leads to bullshit." [Kim is an independent commentator with a unique mix of perspectives.]

Sample video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Od2DEVt7q0> (Wahhabism)

The Young Turks -- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1yBKRuGpC1tSM73A0ZjYjQ>

"The Largest Online News Show in the World. Hosted by Cenk Uygur [co-founder of Justice Democrats, and now running for Congress in California] & Ana Kasparian." The show is oriented generally toward the Millennial generation in style, content, and language. Some may find it a bit too raucous for their taste, but it may be seen as a refreshing break from MSM (the Main Stream Media.)

Sample video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t8H2z8BNgl8> (Demonstrations in Iraq)

TYT Investigates -- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwNJt9PYyN1uyw2XhNIQMMA>

"Breaking news and commentary from the original-reporting arm of The Young Turks."

Sample video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sGRnUEKroZU> (Democrats Supporting War)

The Damage Report -- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI9roQQwv4o4OuBj3FhQdDQ>

"Every week John Iadarola recaps some of the most interesting news stories covering politics, world events, entertainment, tech, and more!"

Sample video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fq8AfEwnpsA> (Immigration Policy Targeting Pregnant Women)

Christo Aivalis -- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs9-XIXPfaf465u3OVdMILg>

"Commentator, writer, and PhD in History Christo Aivalis discussing all matters that interest him in regards to left politics, history, and culture. There will be a focus on Canadian content, but not to an extent that ignores events happening around the globe, especially in places like the United States and United Kingdom."

Sample video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VINNemBwLqs> (Labor Organizing at Google)

mmflint -- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU_nLzIVPFLJxB_iEwtwBw

Michael Moore audio podcast.

Sample video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZ_3n-pYlLg (Wide-ranging Discussion)

The Jimmy Dore Show -- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3M718ved_rYQ45AVzS0RGA

Comedian-turned-commentator, Jimmy Dore; no holds barred, frequently on-target exposés. Some will find the language and style off-putting; others will find the level of authenticity refreshing.
Sample video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tzh9_DfRaHg (Legalizing All Drugs)

MCSC Network With Niko House

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFAQyZq0NqfCwVkrQoXpx0A>

"This is the youtube channel of political talk and network Mi Casa Es Su Casa hosted and created by Niko House. Niko House was the very first person to expose the truth of the rigged [2016] Democratic primary. He eventually moved on to become an analyst and political personality. Now he has expanded his political talk-show into multiple platforms covering sports, music, and life in general."

Sample video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dwmPuTVXXSk> (Ilhan Omar / AIPAC)

The Convo Couch -- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnESeKWQPmL85jLaZU6Babg>

"The Convo Couch is not only the name of the show, but the spot where the magic of independent alternative media takes place. Rooted in progressivism, we will continue to provide a voice for all types of candidates willing to fight for the little guy, and stand up against the machine. With your help, we can continue to grow as a live streaming political outlet."

Sample video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2X_erPWGX9c (Congressional Candidate Interview)

Primo Nutmeg -- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUSKRpYJY5kmKEY83VZrXNw>

"Media for Free Minds: Interviews on politics and culture with Noam Chomsky, Tulsi Gabbard, Jesse Ventura, Mike Gravel, Richard Wolff, Ralph Nader, Jill Stein, Matt Taibbi, Abby Martin, Aaron Maté, Lee Camp, Medea Benjamin, Donovan, Ken Shamrock, Royce Gracie, Jake 'The Snake' Roberts, Glenn 'Kane' Jacobs, & many more!"

Sample video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4vl38DIqznQ> (Jeffrey Epstein & Intelligence Agencies)

Matt Orfalea -- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6xM7GvKd85duq5fw8qKBOQ>

Artistically done short independent videos; many supportive of socially significant causes.

Sample video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44m2LHT5DLc> (Bernie Sanders: Five Notable Accomplishments)

JRE Clips -- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnxGkOGNMqQEUMvroOWps6Q>

Clips from Joe Rogan interviews. Many are excellent, in depth discussions; some will object to some of the content and language.

Sample video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MBBha-y3-B0> (Corruption in the Democratic Party)

Race Forward -- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPnh2GdtHWcWrhpdLGxAWQg>

"Race Forward united with Center for Social Inclusion in 2017 to become the new Race Forward.

Founded in 1981, Race Forward brings systemic analysis and an innovative approach to complex race issues to help people take effective action toward racial equity. Founded in 2002, CSI catalyzes community, government, and other institutions to dismantle structural racial inequity and create equitable outcomes for all."

Sample video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GPVXdjJcCA> (Systemic Racism)

ProPublica -- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtCL58_DaVdVRmev3yHK7pg

“ProPublica is an independent, non-profit newsroom that produces investigative journalism in the public interest. ProPublica has partnered with more than 90 different news organizations, and it has won five Pulitzer Prizes.”

Sample video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w327H5VNT9A> (Purdue Pharma & Opioid Addiction)

Reveal -- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdmqkUIfXt2cMBOLQsijMFg>

"The latest investigations from The Center for Investigative Reporting. We engage and empower the public through investigative journalism and groundbreaking storytelling that sparks action."

Sample video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rgDUxebJS9U> (Right to Vote)

Beau of the Fifth Column -- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0YvoAYGgdOfySQLcxtu1w>

"The discussions of a southern journalist who is tired of a lack of common sense." Beau is progressive leaning on most issues.

Sample video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WD8mWq0Hdcw> (Being Black in the US)

Some Text-Based Alternative News and Information Resources:

The Advocate (LGBTQ) – <https://www.advocate.com/>

Alternet – <https://www.alternet.org/>

American Prospect – <https://prospect.org/>

Antiwar.com – <http://www.antiwar.com/>

Common Dreams – <https://www.commondreams.org/>

Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting (FAIR) – <https://fair.org/>

Foreign Policy Journal – <https://www.jeremyrhammond.com/>: Jeremy R. Hammond, “My writings empower readers with the knowledge they need to see through state propaganda intended to manufacture their consent for criminal government policies.”

Global Research – <https://www.globalresearch.ca/> One of the few outlets that address 9/11.

Institute for Policy Studies – <https://ips-dc.org/>

Jacobin – <https://jacobinmag.com/>

The Intercept – <https://theintercept.com/>

In These Times – <http://inthesetimes.com/>

The Nation – <https://www.thenation.com/>

Op Ed News – <https://www.opednews.com/>

Open Secrets – <http://www.opensecrets.org/>

PEERS Want to Know – <https://www.wanttoknow.info/subscribe>: “...Information-packed emails filled with reliable news and information that is underreported or hidden from the public.... We search, select, and summarize for you key media articles and other vital information which should have made headline news.”

The Progressive – <https://progressive.org/>

Public Citizen – <https://www.citizen.org/>

Quaker Libertarians – <https://quakerlibertarians.weebly.com/>

Truthdig – <https://www.truthdig.com/>

Truthout – <https://truthout.org/>

Utne Reader – <https://www.utne.com/>

World Socialist Website – <https://www.wsws.org/>

Znet – <https://zcomm.org/znet/>

International Perspectives:

Aljazeera (Mideast) – <https://www.aljazeera.com/>

Asia Times (Asia) – <https://www.asiatimes.com/>

The Guardian (UK) – <https://www.theguardian.com/us>

Haaretz (Israel) – <https://www.haaretz.com/>

Electronic Intifada (Palestine) – <https://electronicintifada.net/>

The Independent (UK) – <https://www.independent.co.uk/us>

The Iranian (Iran) – <https://iranian.com/>

Le Monde (France) – <https://mondediplo.com/>

Telesur (Latin America) – <https://www.telesurenglish.net/>

Venezuela Analysis (Venezuela) – <https://venezuelanalysis.com/>