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our mission

Truthout works to spark action by revealing systemic injustice and providing a platform for transformative ideas, through in-depth investigative reporting and critical analysis. With a powerful, independent voice, we will spur the evolution in consciousness and inspire the direct action that is necessary to save the planet and humanity.

our values

In organizational structure and practice, Truthout walks its talk. Since we do not accept advertising, we're able to provide a growing, thriving alternative to mainstream, corporate news organizations. We are committed to integrity, transparency and accountability in our workplace and editorial practices, valuing truth over the mythical construct of "balance." We empower highly trained investigative journalists and analysts, giving voice to the principles of old-fashioned muckraking in a technologically advanced environment. We intend to inform policy, inspire reform and spur direct action, enabling a true revolution in political consciousness.

our organization

Truthout is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to providing independent news and commentary on a daily basis. In order to remain free of bias and adhere to high editorial standards, we accept no advertising or commercial backing. Instead, we depend on our readers to support our work.

Photo: Anti-NATO protesters in Chicago on May 20, 2012
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Image paired with the story: It Is Enough: An Open Letter to the Sick at Heart

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“Truthout is important to a healthy and vibrant democracy.

With integrity in news and fearlessness in the face of adversity,
The Truth is never a bad way to go.”

- Mark Ruffalo, Actor, Producer, Director & Activist

letter from the executive director

In August 2011, eight members of Truthout's staff gathered together in Sedona, Arizona, at the home of an editor's sister-in-law (the only available free space big enough to house all of us for three days - and, luckily, also stunningly beautiful). Our foremost mission: to define our mission. It had been a couple of years since Truthout's last mission statement makeover, and the time had come for a revision that would express the organization's current objectives and guide our future work.

We sat around the dining room table, our laptops glowing before us, our phones at the ready by our sides. Since Truthout's employees are scattered across the country and we work in a virtual newsroom - connected through Skype, email and phone - this in-person gathering was ultra-rare. As we talked aloud, sent each other chat messages, emailed and redrafted each incarnation of the new statement, we hemmed and hawed around the edges of the reason we do the work we do.

Finally, after several hours of minor tweaks, we lowered our computer screens, looked blurrily into each other's eyes, and admitted it: We wanted to save the world.

A progressive sea change was on its way. Five months earlier, Madison had roused the labor movement into a new wave of action, and less than two months later, Occupy Wall Street would take root. We wanted our

journalism to not only educate and inform, but to fuel that revolution.

Thus, our new mission statement culminates in, "With a powerful, independent voice, we will spur the revolution in consciousness and inspire the direct action that is necessary to save the planet and humanity."

True to our promise, we covered the Occupy movement on site, from its earliest days forward. We not only zoomed in on ground-level action, but we also reported on the important unseen developments that would shape the movement's future, including the Department of Homeland Security's efforts to monitor and surveil it. (Truthout filed the first requests for DHS documents on Occupy.)

Our slate of forward-thinking economist contributors wrote presciently of the significance of the movement, explicating the deep systemic injustices that prompted its rise and suggesting potential new paths forward. Beyond Occupy, our reporters and editors across North America sought to bring attention to important grassroots movements for change, on the environmental, economic and civil liberties fronts.



Meanwhile, our investigative reporting work exposed new injustices and brought important untold stories to light. Our up-close coverage of the gas industry - featured in our special section, "Gas Rush: Fracking in Depth," launched this spring - tells the stories of individuals, families and communities whose lives have been dramatically altered by the industry's practices. "Truthout on the Mexican Border," our on-site series exploring border politics, broke a range of stories on destructive policy, racism, violence and poverty - as well as the stories of grassroots community advocates who are working tirelessly to change those realities. Our exposé on the Air Force's Nuclear Ethics and Nuclear Warfare training presentation for young missile officers - a presentation that cited both the New Testament and a former member of the Nazi Party - led to the Air Force pulling the training from its curriculum.

Combining investigations with an eye to real-world strategies for repairing broken systems, Truthout's unique "Solutions: Making Government Work" column focused in this year on the prison-industrial complex, the problems afflicting the Pentagon, the inner workings of FEMA and more. In at least one instance, a Solutions column directly set the wheels in motion for a large-scale change in federal budgeting.

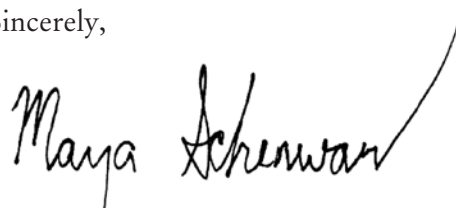
Truthout also had a banner year for commentary and analysis work, with innovative economists like Richard Wolff, Ellen Brown, Dean Baker, Gar Alperovitz and Salvatore Babones offering much-needed context to make

sense of the economic justice issues that had suddenly reached the forefront of the national conversation. Pushing the dialogue forward, our "Public Intellectual Project," headed by Truthout board member and renowned author Henry A. Giroux, provides progressive academics with a platform to share their creative ideas for societal change with the public, encouraging broader civic engagement and participation.

In order to spur change more effectively, we've engaged in a number of high-impact collaborations with organizations like the ACLU of Massachusetts, The Media Consortium, The Thom Hartmann Show, the National Radio Project, Chicago Public Media and more. And our "Progressive Picks" program has raised the profiles of dozens of independent authors, filmmakers and publishing houses.

So, it's true: we aim to help save the planet and humanity, and we're working toward that goal through every journalistic vehicle available to us. At Truthout, we are incurable idealists, because we know that a more just, compassionate, livable world is achievable - and that all of our actions can contribute to hastening that transformation. We're so honored that you, our community members, have joined us on this journey!

Sincerely,



Maya Schenwar
Executive Director, Truthout

editorial highlights

In fiscal year 2011, we published roughly 14 stories per day, so can only list a sliver of Truthout's best work in this small space. Take a look at some of the past year's standout features.



Photo: 500 people from across New England march in Burlington, Vermont against plans for a tar sands pipeline. Michael Levitin / Truthout

editorial highlights

exclusive investigative reporting

■ In fall 2011, we published a series of reports from Gareth Porter revealing the lies beneath the justification for military escalation in Afghanistan, as well as the Special Operations Forces raids that resulted in thousands of civilian deaths and incarcerations. The pieces garnered Porter the 2012 Martha Gellhorn Prize for Journalism, a top UK award for reporting that tells “an unpalatable truth, validated by powerful facts.”

■ We were the first news organization to request and report on the Department of Homeland Security’s documents on the Occupy movement, revealing DHS’s efforts to monitor and surveil the protests – as well as concerns on the agency’s part that its actions may have been unconstitutional. Spearheaded by lead investigative reporter Jason Leopold, Truthout’s reporting on the documents was circulated widely and cited by mainstream sources, including the Associated Press.

■ In summer 2011, Truthout environmental reporter Mike Ludwig broke the story of a battle in Washington State between small organic farmers and government agencies that are spraying vast quantities of pesticides,

declaring war on so-called “invasive species” and hiding under the guise of “conservation.” This story, the result of a six-month investigation, depicts a conflict that is symptomatic of a larger contagion: the mingling of the biotech industry, corporate greed, government pressure and “conservationism.” The story was a 2012 finalist for the prestigious Molly Prize for national investigative journalism.

■ In March 2012, we introduced a groundbreaking, on-site reporting series addressing issues on the US-Mexico border. Editor Mark Karlin traveled to the lower Rio Grande Valley for a firsthand look at the motivations, objectives and destructive results of the United States’ actions in relation to its southern neighbor, and the reverberations that are felt throughout Central and South America. Through interviews with the people directly affected by destructive border policy, this series shines new light on gun politics, the drug war, deportation, border militarization - and the grassroots activists who are combating these policies in their home communities.

“Truthout is one of my favorite sites. Alive, alert, Truthout’s virtual finger is on the latest pulse and it always makes me think. A cherished, essential voice.”

- Laura Flanders, Journalist & Broadcaster

■ Days before September 11, 2011, Leopold and co-reporter Jeffrey Kaye published an explosive report showing how a top-secret military intelligence unit tracking Osama Bin Laden was ordered to stop tracking him in the months leading up to the 9/11 attacks. The report was based on documents obtained from a highly placed intelligence source.

■ In a year when the dangerous influence of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) became clear in many different arenas, Truthout's Yana Kunichoff tracked ALEC's role in determining the nature of several controversial bills in the Arizona state legislature, as well as the ways in which activists have targeted ALEC and identified successful strategies (such as divestment campaigns).

■ Our lead investigative reporter, Jason Leopold, has long led the charge in exposing civil liberties violations within the military. In July 2011, Leopold uncovered how the United States Air Force cited both the New Testament and a former member of the Nazi Party in a training presentation for young missile officers about the morals and ethics of launching nuclear weapons. In a triumph

for Truthout, the Air Force pulled the Nuclear Ethics and Nuclear Warfare training from its curriculum after Leopold's story was published, deciding "we needed to have a good hard look at it and make sure it reflected views of modern society."



■ Truthout became one of the only outlets to address the effects of the past decade's civil liberties crackdown on transgender and gender-non-conforming people, with a groundbreaking investigative report in April 2012 by staff reporter Alissa Bohling. Bohling chronicled the ways in which the war on terror's focus on biometrics (with new x-ray technology and emphasis on body-based data) has impacted trans and gender-non-conforming people.

editorial highlights

crucial analysis

■ In September 2011, Truthout published an explosive first-person account of the recklessness of the ultra-right and the meekness of its opponents. “Goodbye to All That: Reflections of a GOP Operative Who Left the Cult,” by former Republican staffer Mike Lofgren, exploded across the Internet, quickly becoming Truthout’s most-read story of the year. It helped shift the national debate by revealing the apocalyptic extent of the right-wing madness that currently dominates Washington, DC. Lofgren’s Truthout story reverberated across the media: it was referenced in *The Atlantic*, *Countdown With Keith Olbermann*, *Rolling Stone*, the *Washington Monthly* and many more. Lofgren has expanded on the ideas in his piece to write a book, “The Party Is Over: How Republicans Went Crazy, Democrats Became Useless and the Middle Class Got Shafted,” and he continues to contribute independent, deep-cutting commentary to Truthout.

■ At Truthout, we’re proud to provide a link between the innovative new thinking taking place within academia and the readers, activists and citizens who are hungry for transformative ideas. Early in the fiscal year, we formally launched Henry Giroux’s “Public Intellectual Project,” providing a space for socially conscious thinkers to address urgent public issues in an accessible, wide-reaching format. “Got Class Warfare? Occupy Wall Street Now!”, an essay by Giroux written near the start of the Occupy Wall Street movement, spread quickly across academia and the media, including an extended interview about the piece on Al Jazeera.

■ Dina Rasor’s Solutions column delved into the deep problems plaguing the Pentagon, and proposed innovative and practical fixes for each of them. One of the columns caught the eye of Defense Department Director of Weapons Pricing, Shay Assad. In an interview with Rasor, he described how he planned to implement a revolutionary pricing reform, along the lines of her recommendations. Rasor followed up with a memo that outlined specific suggestions for implementation. This reform could save the government billions of dollars.



■ In a year when economic justice issues rose to the very top of the national political conversation, Truthout’s analysts and commentators moved beyond existing ideologies, offering genuinely new ideas for systemic change. Regular contributors included Gar Alperovitz, Dean Baker, Ellen Brown, Thom Hartmann, Salvatore Babones, Amy B. Dean, Nomi Prins and many more.

editorial highlights

beat reporting: activism

■ Truthout has stood at the forefront of coverage of the Occupy Wall Street movement since its emergence, providing both on-the-ground reporting in multiple states and in-depth analysis from top economic and political experts. Reporters like J.A. Myerson in New York, Susie Cagle in Oakland and Yana Kunichoff in Chicago tracked daily events as well as larger-scale changes, bringing attention to under-reported elements of the movement such as the motivations behind police brutality, the interrelations between homelessness and Occupy, the relationship between Occupy in the US and movements around the world, and the ways in which Occupy has affected the national media conversation.

■ In addition to Occupy, Truthout has followed emerging activist movements across the United States, chronicling their development, trials and triumphs in labor leader Amy B. Dean's "Walking the Walk" series. Dean focuses in on under-reported movements such as self-organizing "unity unions," community-level activists working toward energy policy change and the burgeoning movement for home repossession.



■ Veteran prison reporter Victoria Law has followed activist efforts by prisoners in the face of incredibly tough odds and brutal repression. These include the hunger strike at the infamous Pelican Bay Prison, where prisoners protested against inhumane conditions including unprovoked violence by guards, solitary confinement and the denial of medical care.

"I'm learning about politics and justice by interacting hands-on with the Truthout community, which I'm honored to support. The folks who are members are my kind of people; they are still discussing and questioning subjects that matter."

- Betty Dodson, Bestselling Feminist Author & World-Renowned Sexologist

editorial highlights

innovative special features

■ In the spring, we launched “Gas Rush: Fracking In Depth,” a special section on the impact of gas drilling on communities across the country. Truthout’s Mike Ludwig, often reporting from the ground, has covered the large-scale destructive effects of fracking, the up-close impact on individual families and communities, and the groundswell of opposition that is taking hold across the country. Meanwhile, environmental reporter Christine Shearer has analyzed EPA reports on the hazardous chemicals being released at fracking sites, followed the intersection of anti-fracking activism and the climate change movement, and reported on the potential for fracking fluids to contaminate freshwater aquifers.

■ The burgeoning field of comics journalism – serious reporting, based on facts and interviews, conveyed in graphic form – has grown to unprecedented levels over the past year, and Truthout has been on the cutting edge. Our biweekly graphic column Ladydrawers, created and led by Anne Elizabeth Moore (author, reporter and editor of America’s Best Comics) and featuring a range of different artists, has explored the dynamics of gender in the fields of comics and media. Much of our coverage of Occupy Oakland also took graphic form, through a groundbreaking series of reports by Oakland-based journalist and artist Susie Cagle.



“As an activist, I consider Truthout a must-go-to site for getting the information and inspiration I need for organizing. Truthout is a place where we can go with confidence to find the key ingredient often missing in the mainstream press: the truth.”

- Medea Benjamin, co-founder of CODEPINK & Global Exchange

buzzflash

■ BuzzFlash, Truthout's sister site (which joined the Truthout family in 2010), maintains a constant pulse on the latest news, curating a rapidly updating stream of 80 to 90 headlines per day, linking to a wide variety of quality news sources across the Internet.



■ BuzzFlash also features a Commentary section that brings you unique, irreverent voices on topics that range from right-wing outrages, to environmental crises and the forces behind them, to the war on women, to corporate crimes, and much more. Daily commentaries from BuzzFlash editor Mark Karlin provide a timely, hard-hitting look at the issues of the day, and the site includes frequent contributions from guest writers such as Ann Davidow, Dee Evans, Bill Berkowitz, Paul Buchheit and Nikolas Kozloff.



Photo: Occupy Wall Street takes over Washington Square Park on October 8, 2011.
Darwin Yamamoto, Creative Commons

collaborations

Our collaborations with other nonprofit organizations have been a successful way to reach new audiences, creating a stronger independent media environment.

Truthout published original news coverage and analysis from inside the military tribunals of Khalid Sheik Mohammed and four alleged co-conspirators as part of a collaboration with Seton Hall Law. This unique collaboration enabled us to be the only independent nonprofit news organization covering the historic tribunals from Guantanamo.

Truthout reporter Mike Ludwig dug deep into the massive funding behind an effort to defend a union-destroying bill championed by Republicans in Ohio. Despite the best efforts of big business, the bill was ultimately rejected by Ohio voters; a huge blow to the Republican governor and union attacks across the country. This investigation, titled “Democratic Boundaries: Corporate Cash vs. the 99 Percent,” was a

collaboration with multiple independent media partners including the radio program “Making Contact.”

“Ten Years Later: Surveillance in the ‘Homeland,’” a collaboration with the ACLU of Massachusetts, brought together experts and Truthout journalists to explore the ways civil liberties have been attacked and weakened since the expansion of the national surveillance apparatus in the ten years following 9/11.



Truthout has been working with legendary truth-teller Bill Moyers to

feature and publicize his new television program “Moyers & Co.” by bringing these informative and groundbreaking segments to our audience. With the development of Moyers’ new show, Truthout worked closely with Bill Moyers.com staff to plan for the web launch of the program in January 2012. At least

“I go to Truthout morning, noon and night, and I always learn something new. Truthout is indispensable to my work as a journalist and my duties as a citizen.”

- Bill Moyers, Legendary Journalist & Broadcaster

Progressive Picks

twice a week, Truthout publishes selected videos and commentaries by Bill Moyers and those co-authored by Michael Winship to a special landing page on the Truthout homepage. Moyers is a reader and a friend to Truthout and we are honored to feature his fine work.

Over the past year, Truthout strengthened its relationship with top progressive talk show host and bestselling author Thom Hartmann. We published an exclusive series of weekly installments from his much-lauded book, “Unequal Protection: How Corporations Became ‘People’ and How You Can Fight Back.” Also this year, we launched a daily “On the News” feature by Hartmann, run in collaboration with his RT television show, “The Big Picture.”

Richard D. Wolff, professor emeritus at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, hosts a radio program supported by Truthout, called “Economic Update,” a weekly check-in on the ongoing worldwide economic crisis. The show has quickly gained an audience across the vast Pacifica radio network and is a success by any measure. It has given Professor Wolff and Truthout a high-profile platform to elucidate the causes of the ongoing crisis and to discuss new solutions.

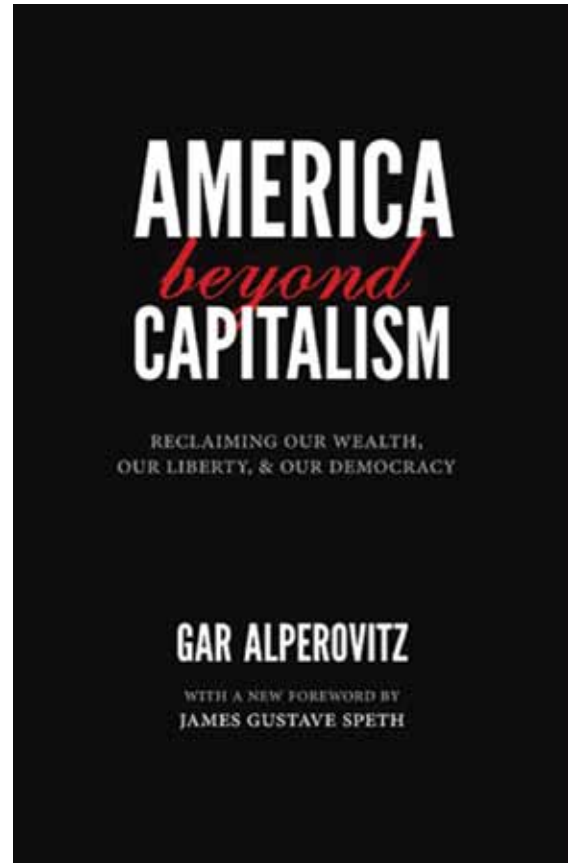
For more than a year, Truthout has been offering weekly Progressive Picks: independent books and DVDs that we believe deserve special attention. Many of these books and films are ignored by the mainstream media, but all of them are making important contributions to the advancement of the common good.

Between May 2011 and April 2012, Truthout supplied 4,647 books and 829 DVDs to all 50 United States and countries as far afield as Australia, South Africa, Chile, Denmark and Taiwan.

Progressive Picks have included works by such leading thinkers and writers as Noam Chomsky, Melissa Harris-Perry, Paul Krugman, Joseph Stiglitz, Chris Hayes, Medea Benjamin, Thomas Frank, Rachel Maddow and Thom Hartmann, as well as regular Truthout contributors like Richard D. Wolff and Gar Alperovitz.

We've also offered DVDs, including "Precious Knowledge: Arizona's Battle Over Ethnic Studies," from Ari Luis Palos and Eren Isabel McGinnis, and "The Freedom Riders," a documentary by Stanley Nelson about the success of civil rights advocates in desegregating interstate buses in the early 1960s, despite the opposition of both political parties.

Each week, Truthout runs excerpts, reviews or interviews to further illuminate the ideas behind our Progressive Picks, like our exclusive interviews with Chris Hayes and Melissa Harris-Perry. Progressive Picks are a way for you to show your support for progressive writers and filmmakers, as well as Truthout, and for us to share with donors the ideas we find thought provoking and insightful.



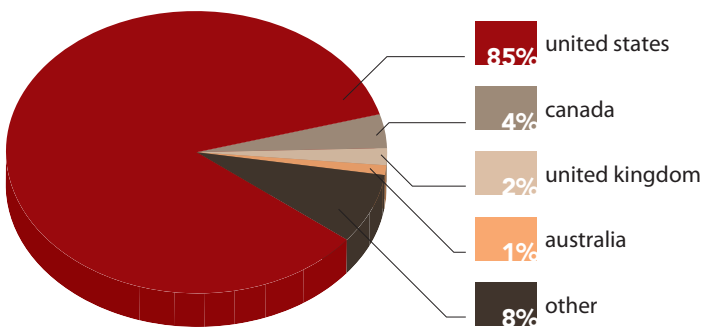
"I rely on BuzzFlash and Truthout to carry my investigative reports from BBC over the electronic Berlin Wall into America. Truthout and BuzzFlash are not 'alternative' news sites - they are *the* news sites - because there is no alternative."

- Greg Palast, Investigative Journalist & Author

statistics and reach

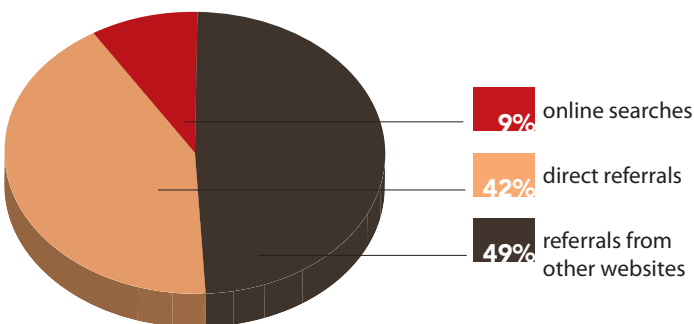
From June 2011 to May 2012, Truthout.org received close to eight and a half million unique visitors (8,374,236 total) and almost 33 million pageviews (32,994,532). 44 percent of those visitors visited for the first time. During the same period, Buzzflash.com received an estimated 1,871,500 unique visitors and an estimated 7,614,200 pageviews.

Where Our Readers Are:



California, New York, Texas, Washington and Illinois are the states with the largest population of Truthout readers.

How Our Readers Find Us:



Facebook is our largest single source for referrals, accounting for 38 percent of readers who visit Truth-out.org via another site (including cell phone and mobile device users). On Facebook, we grew from 100,000 fans at the end of April 2011 to just under 150,000 at the end of June 2012. BuzzFlash has almost 18,000 Facebook fans.

As of July 1, 2012, Truthout has over 47,300 followers on Twitter, while BuzzFlash has just under 28,000 followers. Our presence on social media networks continues to grow: Our stories are increasingly popular on Reddit, we have established a growing presence on Google Plus, and we continue to look into the possibility of sharing news via Pinterest and other emerging networks.

Our growth on these networks allows us to reach new audiences and engage with varied groups of people. It also provides forums for dialogue, debate and movement-building around the crucial issues that our stories raise.

grassroots support



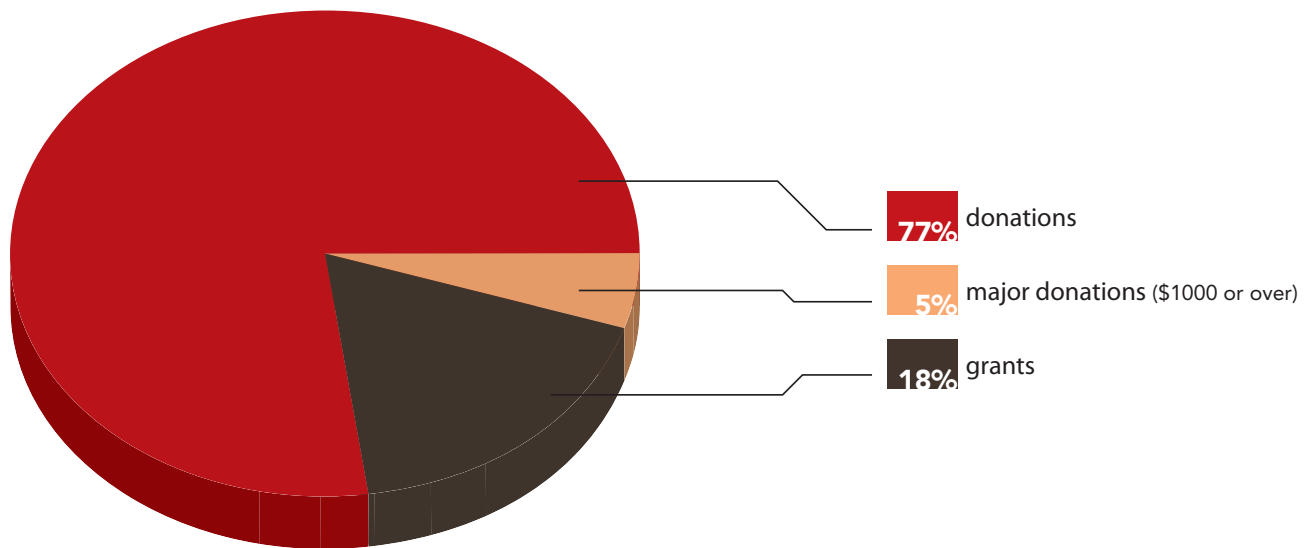
Since its inception, Truthout has been funded almost entirely by reader donations. This model allows us to maintain independence from corporate influence, eschewing advertising and corporate sponsorships. We carried on that tradition over the past fiscal year, with 82 percent of our support coming from contributions from our community. The remainder was provided by grants from foundations that identify with Truthout's mission.

We are honored to owe our organization's success to our readership. It keeps us accountable to the people we serve: a socially conscious community that hails from diverse locations across the country and the world, united by an unwavering commitment to social justice and the pursuit of a common good.

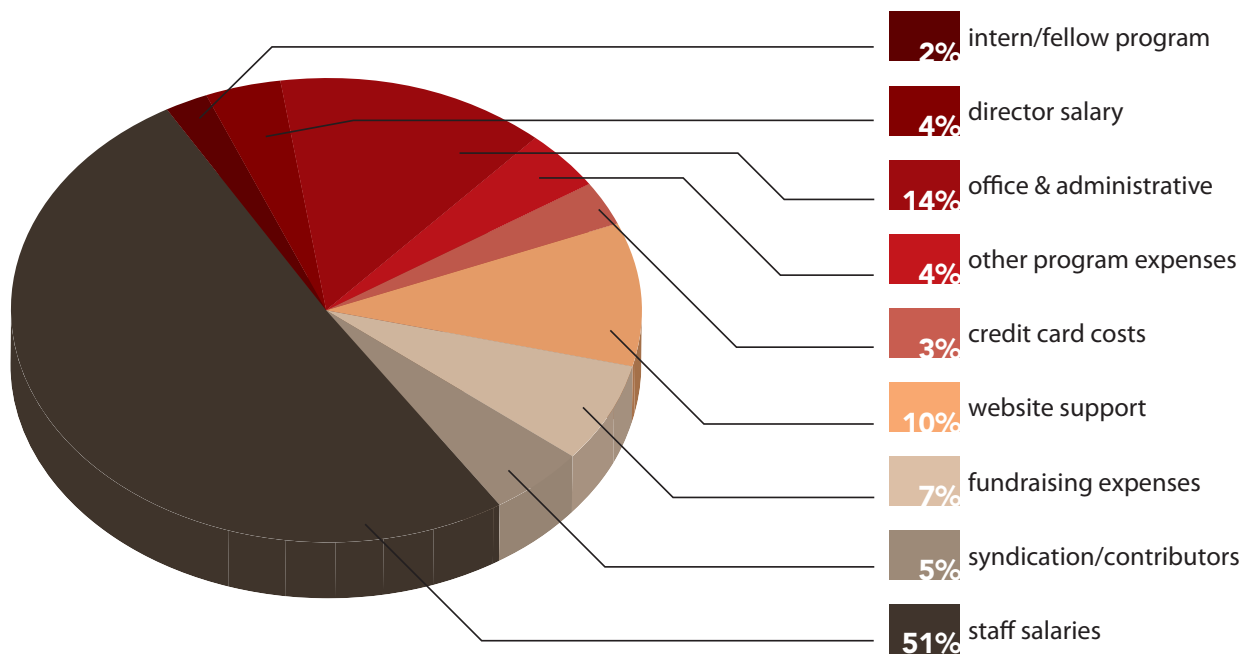
Over the past fiscal year, Truthout has grown its staff, adding three editorial staff members, plus two non-editorial staff members (one in outreach and one in development and communications). Throughout this growth period, we were able to maintain an emergency reserve fund of 5-6 months in order to ensure organizational stability. (This is especially necessary in the period surrounding a presidential election, when many donors choose to shift their contributions to political parties.) This puts the organization in a good position to plan for our future, initiate exciting new projects, and develop new ways to engage with our expanding community.

fiscal year 2011: truthout financial statements

truthout's revenue



truthout's expenses



2011

2010

2009

truthout's revenue

Grants	\$343,500	\$26,028	\$45,000
Donations	\$1,507,324	\$1,497,322	\$1,133,258
Major Donations (\$1000 or greater)	\$93,638	\$117,830	\$56,400
Interest Income	\$2,429	\$393	\$331
Total Income	\$1,946,891	\$1,641,573	\$1,234,989

truthout's expenses

Program & Staff Expenses	\$1,226,042	\$968,451	\$1,050,198
Fundraising Expenses	\$110,050	\$86,063	\$3,382
Administrative Expenses	\$299,623	\$162,316	\$221,200
Total Expenses	\$1,635,715	\$1,216,830	\$1,274,780

Net Income	\$311,176	\$424,743	-\$39,791
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donor honor rolls

We are deeply thankful for the foundations and individuals that support our work. In recognition of their support, we have listed major donors from fiscal year 2011 who have given us permission to use their names.

Our Foundations

The Community Foundation
Schumann Media Center
Foundation Source
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The Brightwater Fund
Cloud Mountain Foundation
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looking forward

In the run-up to November's election, Truthout will continue to go beyond campaign talking points and dig into the substance of issues like economic justice, health care, environmental degradation and education. And whatever the outcome, we will continue to hold power accountable, and to cover what the mainstream media often ignores even in non-election periods, such as civil liberties, criminal justice and the labor movement.

Truthout plans to publish even more beat reporting from journalists who are on the ground at important events and in the loop about emerging activist movements. From the Occupy movement in all its forms and other organizers fighting for economic justice, to environmentalists opposing fracking and nuclear power, we'll go beyond scaremongering or uncritical hype.

We'll also continue providing in-depth economic analysis from the likes of Dean Baker, Ellen Brown, Paul Krugman, Richard D. Wolff and Gar Alperowitz. We recently began publishing weekly installments of Alperowitz's ground-breaking and acclaimed book "America Beyond Capitalism: Reclaiming our Wealth, Our Liberty, and Our Democracy," and we will continue to serialize important published works in collaboration with authors we admire.

In the last year, Truthout published two "Truthout Reader" ebooks on Kindle based on stories originally featured on our website: "The Other Abu Zubaidah:



From Hopeful Immigrant to FBI Informant" by Jason Leopold and "Pentagon Solutions: How to Actually Get Control of Defense Spending" by Dina Rasor. We plan to continue collaborating with Truthout contributors to publish more Truthout Readers in innovative formats.

Over at BuzzFlash, reader-submitted links will return as part of a long-overdue overhaul of the site, giving readers the opportunity to become contributors to a vibrant social community of fellow independent thinkers.

We'll soon be launching SpeakOut, Truthout's new venue to publish articles, blog posts and press releases from trusted sources. Carefully curated, SpeakOut will provide fresh perspectives and new information for our readers in a wider diversity of styles and formats than our main pages.

board of directors

Robert Naiman is policy director at Just Foreign Policy. Naiman writes regularly for Truthout, The Huffington Post and Common Dreams. Recent writing by Naiman has appeared in Extra! and the NACLA Report (published by the North American Congress on Latin America). He is a frequent commentator on radio programs, including recent appearances on NPR and the BBC. Naiman has worked as a policy analyst and researcher at the Center for Economic and Policy Research and Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch. He has master's degrees in economics and mathematics from the University of Illinois, and has studied and worked in the Middle East.

Henry A. Giroux currently holds the global TV network chair professorship at McMaster University in the English and cultural studies department. His primary research areas are cultural studies, youth studies, critical pedagogy, popular culture, media studies, social theory, and the politics of higher and public education. In 2002, he was named as one of the top 50 educational

thinkers of the modern period in "Fifty Modern Thinkers on Education: From Piaget to the Present Day," as part of Routledge's Key Guides publication series. In 2005, he received an honorary doctorate from Memorial University in Canada. He is on the editorial and advisory boards of numerous national and international scholarly journals, and he serves as the editor or co-editor of three scholarly book series. He has published numerous books and articles.

Maya Schenwar (interim member) has served as Truthout's executive director since August 2009. Previously, she was senior editor and reporter, covering issues relating to criminal justice, US foreign policy, civil liberties and budgetary priorities. Prior to her work at Truthout, she served as contributing editor for Punk Planet magazine. Her work has been published in Truthout, The Nation, Ms. Magazine, In These Times, AlterNet, Bitch Magazine, Common Dreams and others. She serves on the Media Consortium's coordinating committee and the advisory board for the Illinois Humanities Council's Public Square program.

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