

Our Dad's Pledge to You, the Reader

"The core responsibility of a journalist is to have an open mind toward any information you might find, to have no agenda, and to have no preferred outcome. In other words, I don't care what the truth is. I just care what the truth is. That's the deal you make with your readers." – Robert Parry, accepting the I.F. Stone Medal for Journalistic Independence, October 22, 2015

That was Dad's defining philosophy as a journalist and his commitment to you, the Consortiumnews.com reader. And it remains our guiding principle as we move forward and continue to produce independent, fearless reporting that takes on the establishment's often dangerously flawed conventional wisdom.

It is with Dad's spirit and solemn commitment in mind that we are asking you today to [donate to our Spring Fundraising Drive](#). And to encourage you to make a donation today, the Toledo Community Foundation is honoring our work by offering a \$5,000 challenge grant through their Seed-to-the-Sower Fund, which supports several "fields of interest" including "excellence in journalism" that "raises the intellectual standard of news and information media."

[Please make a donation today](#) and help us reach our Spring Fundraising Drive goal and unlock the \$5,000 Seed-to-the-Sower Fund challenge grant.

In the months since Dad's sudden and untimely passing, we have been blown away by the outpouring of support and appreciation so many of you have shared on the site, through social media, and with blog posts and articles of your own. It has lifted our spirits and helped us all remember Dad as the trailblazing journalist he was.

Now with a new editor, Joe Lauria, and with us serving on Consortium's Board, we remain as committed as ever to Dad's vision. For him, it was never about one person. It was always about creating a platform and a community that welcomed reporters of all backgrounds who are willing to challenge the dangerous group think that predominates so much of our mainstream media.

This is a community dedicated to truth and independence. This is a community guided by a rebellious, skeptical spirit and committed to reaching a deeper understanding of world events and to hold the powerful people and institutions to account. We don't see a world in the sharp black and white, good vs. evil simplistic narrative so prevalent in our mainstream press. Truth is always found in the grey areas that a more well-rounded, balanced, skeptical point of view makes possible. That's what this community is about.

You have made this work possible with your past support. And we ask you to step up again to help drive Consortiumnews.com forward into a new era, one that will always remain true to Dad's pledge to provide our readers with the truth.

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Thank you,

Sam and Nat Parry
