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Monday, May 15, 2006

BREAKING NEWS: Senior federal source tells ABC that Bush is tracking their phone calls to sources, doing same to NYT and Wash Post
by John in DC - 5/15/2006 11:46:00 AM

We warned last fall that an CNN's Christiane Amanpour was possibly being targeted by the NSA. The story was poo-pooed. Now ABC reports that it, the New York Times and the Washington Post [are being monitored by US spy agencies](#) and all of their phone calls are being tracked.

A senior federal law enforcement official tells ABC News the government is tracking the phone numbers we call in an effort to root out confidential sources.

"It's time for you to get some new cell phones, quick," the source told us in an in-person conversation.

We do not know how the government determined who we are calling, or whether our phone records were provided to the government as part of the recently-disclosed NSA collection of domestic phone calls.

Other sources have told us that phone calls and contacts by reporters for ABC News, along with the New York Times and the Washington Post, are being examined as part of a widespread CIA leak investigation.

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My side-by-side comparison of religious right anti-gay speech and Nazi

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Because at some point you tire of the lies.

What issues do you cover?

US politics overall with a particular focus on the Bush Administration, the radical right, and gay civil rights.

Who are you?

John Aravosis is a Washington DC-based writer and political consultant, specializing in using the Internet for political advocacy. He is the creator of StopDrLaura.com, Matthew Shepard Online Resources, and DearMary.com, among other activist Web sites.

John has a joint law degree and masters in foreign service from Georgetown, where he studied under former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. He is an avid writer, and in addition to writing [THE LIST](#), he has worked as a stringer for the Economist magazine, and for years was the US Politics Guide at About.com.

John's policy experience includes stints in the US

- [Story ideas for journalists](#)

Microsoft Abandons Gays (or Gates-gate)

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Senate, the World Bank, and the Children's Defense Fund. John is also an occasional TV pundit, having appeared on The O'Reilly Factor, Hardball with Chris Matthews, ABCNews World News Tonight, CNN, Court TV, and more. John speaks five languages and has visited or worked in 28 countries.

Who are your guest bloggers?

- *Joe in DC*

is actually Joe Sudbay, a DC-based political consultant with over twenty years of experience at both the state and federal level. Joe has managed political operations and legislative efforts for both candidates and issues-based organizations. For seven years, he was the Director of State Legislation at Handgun Control, Inc. He served as that organization's first Political Director during the 2000 cycle where he designed the television ad featuring the NRA's Vice President claiming the group would work out of the Oval Office.

Joe has appeared on numerous national and local television and radio shows including the Diane Rehm Show, CNN's Crossfire (when Lynne Cheney was the co-host), and even Hannity and Colmes.

Joe is a graduate of the University of Maine School of Law. In addition, he has a Masters in Public Administration from Lehigh University and received his B.A. from the University of New Hampshire. He also has a great dog named Boomer, and is a world class athlete who finished the Chicago Marathon in the time of 4:10.

- *Chris in Paris*

is a good friend who lives in Paris, France. An ex-pat American with an expertise in helping tech companies establish a foothold in Europe, Chris follows US and European politics avidly. Chris has a wife and two cats, and a fabulous garden that's the envy of all Paris.

- *Rob in Baltimore*

is another close friend and has one of the sharpest political minds out there. Rob's specialty is the Internet and elections, and he also has

a gift for reading polls.

- Michael Giltz

is an even older (but not old) friend and freelance writer based in New York City who covers politics, sports, religion and especially pop culture (including movies, music, books, theater, TV, and DVDs). He's written more than one thousand reviews, features, opinion columns and cover stories for The Advocate, the New York Post, Entertainment Weekly, Premiere, New York magazine, Out, The Weekly Standard, Disney Adventures, In Theatre, USA Today, the Denver Post and many others. He can be found on the web at www.michaelgiltz.com, and at his new blog, [Pop Surfing](#).

- Cliff Schecter

is a new friend and author of Cliff's Rant, appearing on AMERICAblog every Friday. Cliff is a political satirist, columnist and consultant based in Washington D.C. He's consulted for numerous candidates and organizations including former President Bill Clinton, Virginia Governor Mark Warner, the DNC and U.S. State Department.

Cliff was a political analyst for the Sinclair Broadcast Group (yes, THAT Sinclair) in 2004, debating Armstrong Williams at significantly less cost to the White House. He's appeared on over 150 programs on CNN, CNBC, NPR, FoxNews and other stations, and has written for Knight Ridder, The American Prospect, Salon.com, The Miami Herald and The Fordham Urban Law Journal, among other outlets. Cliff blogs at www.gadflyer.com

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