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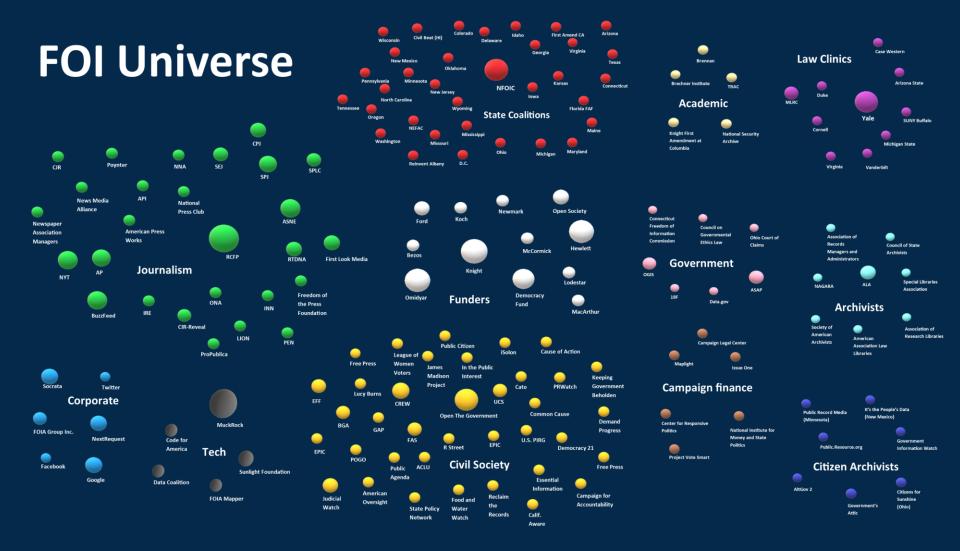


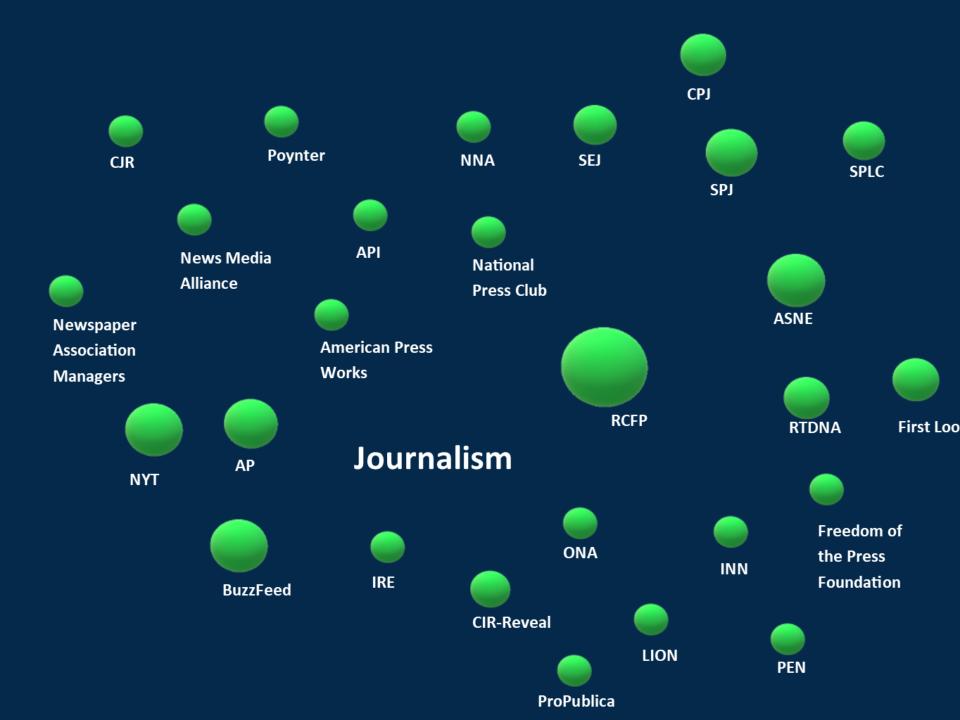


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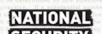
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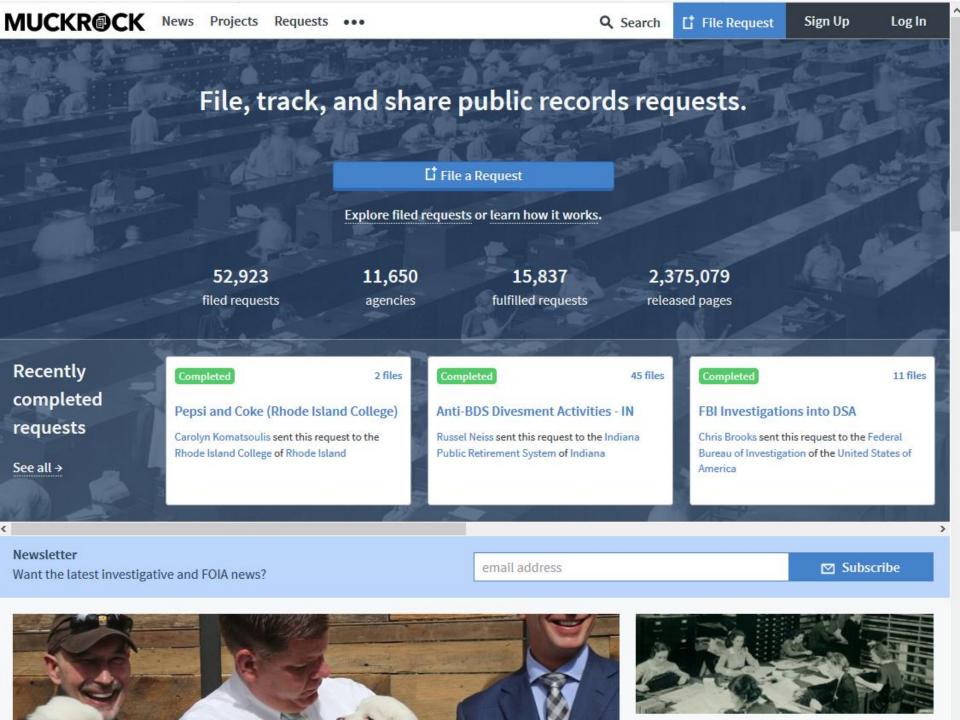
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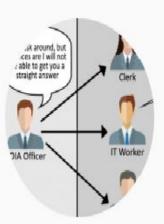
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Frank Bass | September 18, 2018

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Andrew Perez and David Sirota

September 14, 2018



Florida Gov. Rick Scott and his wife have invested at least \$18 million in three financial firms managing money for the state's pension system that Scott oversees -- a situation that intertwines the governor's personal finances

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Scott Pruitt Meetings and Contributions

Since March 2017, Environmental Protection Agency administrator Scott Pruitt has met with at least 39 organizations that donated \$286,000 to his Oklahoma campaigns or affiliated political committees.

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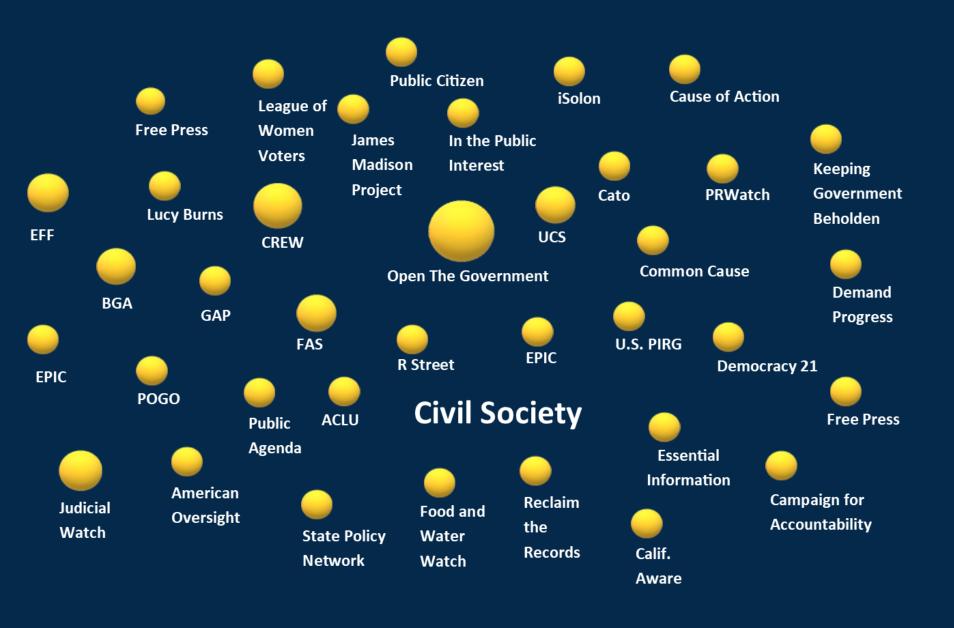
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Statement of Open the Government's Executive Director on the Release of "Committee Confidential" Documents by Senator Cory Booker

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New Copyright Powers, New "Terrorist Content" Regulations: A Grim Day For Digital Rights in Europe

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Shadow Prisons

There is a shadow prison system exclusively created for immigrants, operating in secrecy and with no programs to support those inside



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In addition to the mass detention of immigrants by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), there are roughly 25,000 prison beds used daily by the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to incarcerate immigrants for federal crimes including unauthorized entry, reentry and drug







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Dept of Energy Investigation: Hacking of DOE Labs (plus NASA & Navy)

{Exclusive} The closing memo of the investigation into SirVic and accomplices. [Photo: Hermes III gamma ray machine at Sandia National Laboratoriesl



ICE SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

ICE's Detainee Death Notification Letter

{Exclusive} Previously unreleased, this is the standard letter that ICE sends to the next-of-kin of people who die in ICE custody.





NEW: ICE wants to dispose of "records related to strategy and communications." They are proposing to permanently keep one category of records, so that's something.

https://t.co/GlYnOkTkZZ

These proposals aren't otherwise online.





Russ @ www.AltGov2.org



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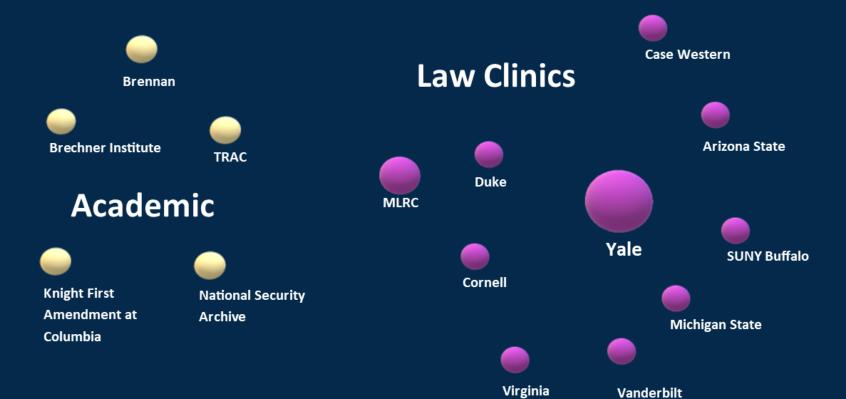
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Growth in Immigration Court Backlog Varies Markedly by State

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The Nixon-Presley Meeting 21 December 1970



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The Meeting

On December 21, 1970, Elvis Presley paid a visit to President Richard M. Nixon at the White House in Washington, D.C. The meeting was initiated by Presley, who wrote Nixon a six-page letter requesting a visit with the President and suggesting that he be made a "Federal Agent-at-Large" in the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs. The events leading up to and after the meeting are detailed in the documentation and photographs included here, which include Presley's handwritten letter, memoranda from Nixon staff and aides, and the thank-you note from Nixon for the gifts (including a Colt 45 pistol and family photos) that Presley brought with him to the Oval Office.

These materials chronicling the Presley-Nixon meeting were obtained from the Nixon Presidential Materials Project at the National Archives at College Park (College Park, Maryland).

The Documents

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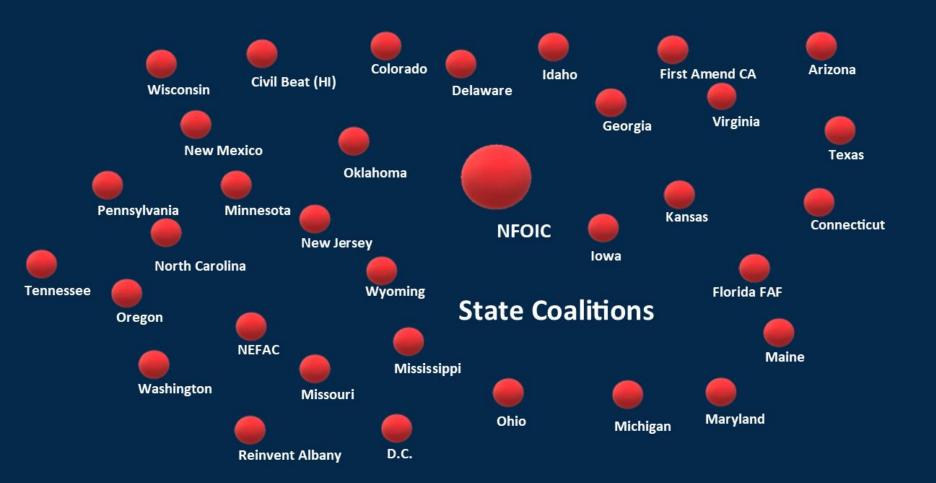
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Document 1: Handwritten Letter from Presley to Nixon, Undated

Document 2: Transcription of Presley letter, Undated

Document 3: Memorandum for H.R. Haldeman from Dwight L. Chapin, 21 December 1970

Document 4: Memorandum for the President, Re: Meeting with Elvis Presley, 21 December 1970





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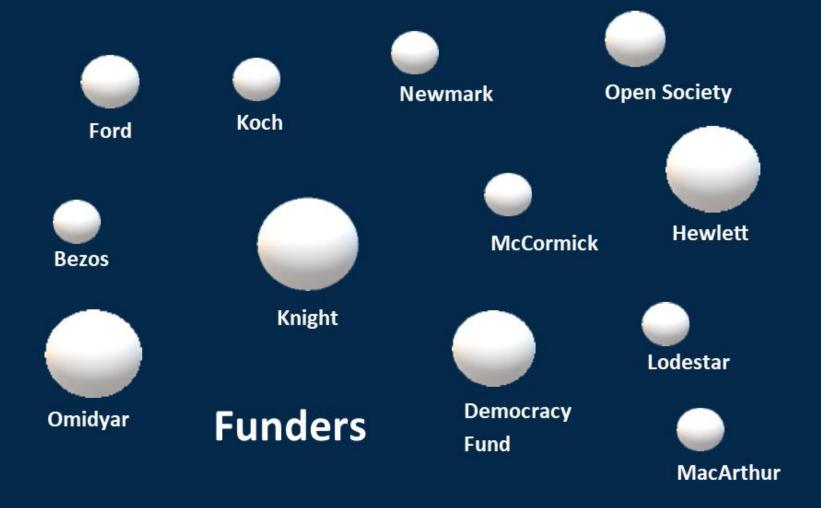


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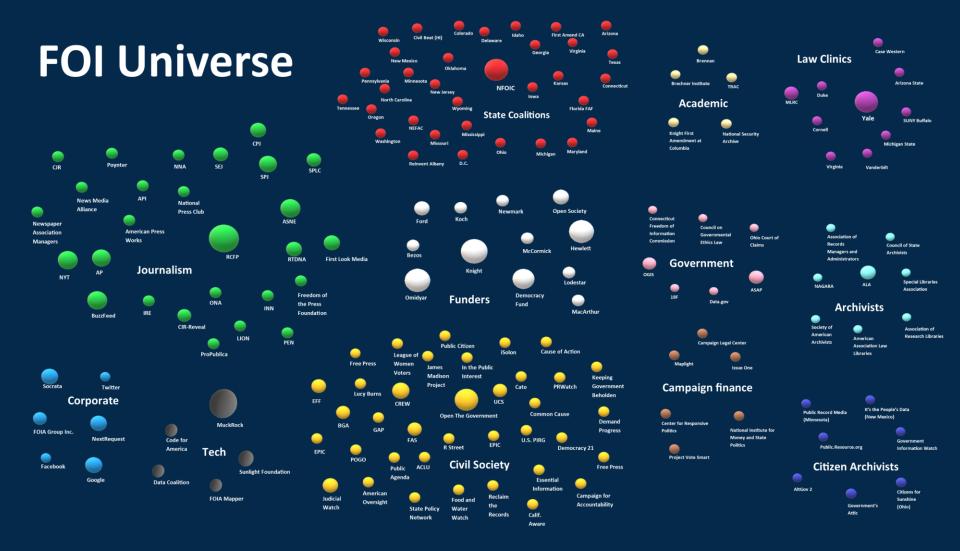
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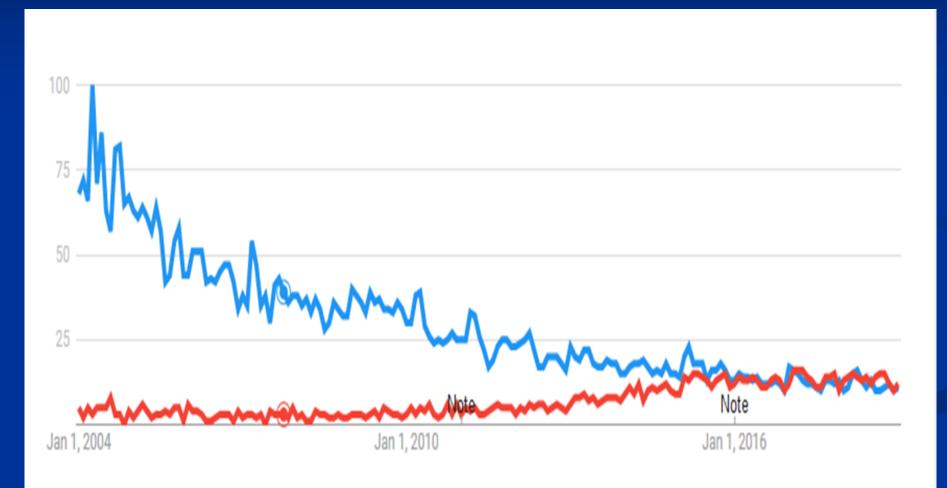
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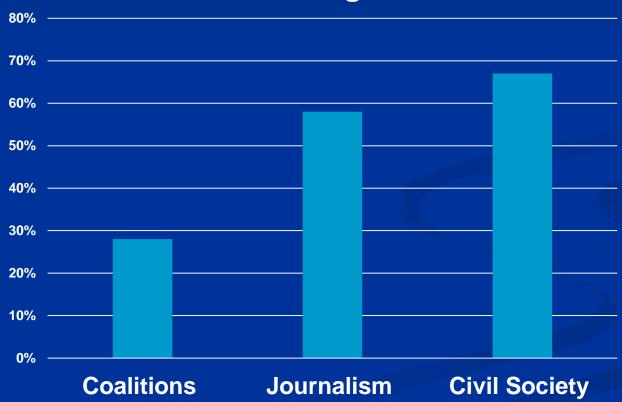




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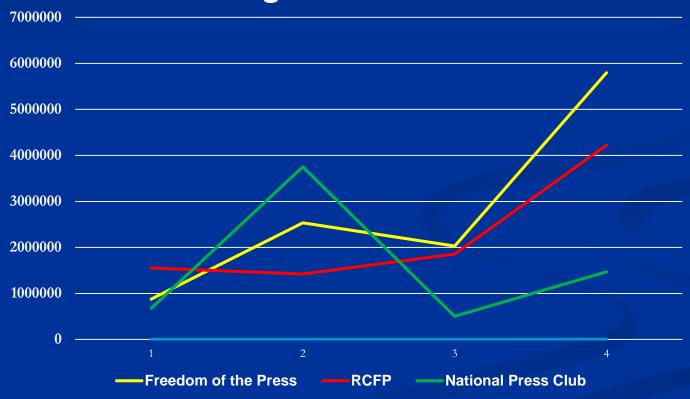
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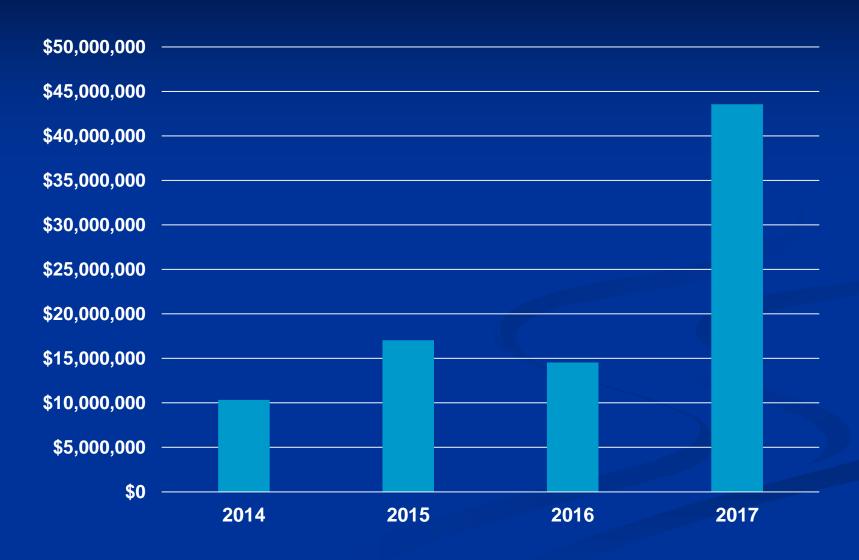


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Civil society bonanza since 2014

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-	POGO	\$7 million	180%
•	R Street	\$6 million	107%
_	Global Witness	\$15 million	300%
-	Brennan Center	\$24 million	175%
-	Center for Const. Rights	\$23 million	234%
-	Color of Change	\$3 million	206%
-	Judicial Watch	\$53 million	72 %

Total revenues for FOI coalitions, all combined?
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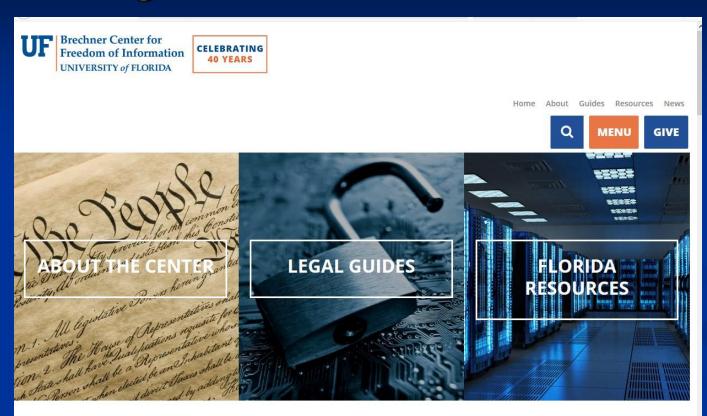
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