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by Paul Steiger, ProPublica, April 18, 2011

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by Marian Wang, ProPublica, April 19, 2011

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In 2010—just our second full year of operation—ProPublica became the first online news organization to be awarded a Pulitzer Prize. In 2011, ProPublica was awarded its second Pulitzer—the first such Prize ever for articles not published in print. In 2013, ProPublica won a Peabody Award, the highest honor in broadcast journalism.

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Here are just a few examples of the sort of impact ProPublica reporting had in 2013 alone:

- ProPublica reporting, initially published in partnership with the Washington Post and later with NPR, revealed vast shortcomings in the oversight of the federal government's prescription drug benefit program, Medicare Part D. In the wake of this reporting, meaningful reform seems underway. An Inspector General report mirrored ProPublica's findings, and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) pledged to step up oversight of doctors with questionable prescribing patterns. The director of Medicare told a Senate hearing that CMS would also require that all Medicare prescribers be enrolled in the program, verifying their credentials and disclosing possible disciplinary problems. CMS also pledged to ramp up enforcement actions and to begin sharing information about suspect pharmacies and doctors with private insurance plans.
- Our reporting, in partnership with the New York Times and the Guardian, on efforts by the NSA and Britain's GCHQ to undermine encryption on the Internet, published in September, is already having important impact. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has "strongly" recommended against the use of one of its own standards, and launched a formal review its own standards development efforts. Developers, from Silent Circle to various customers of RSA Security, meanwhile, had indicated they were moving away from those standards. Google has intensified and accelerated efforts to more securely encrypt Gmail, and Twitter and Microsoft are taking similar steps for their own services. And President Obama's task force on reforming the NSA urged that efforts to undermine encryption cease and recommended splitting the code-making unit from agency and transferring it to the Department of Defense.
- In December 2013, pressed by efforts such as ProPublica's Dollars for Docs, GlaxoSmithKline became the first major pharmaceutical company to end the practice of paying doctors to promote the prescribing of drugs.

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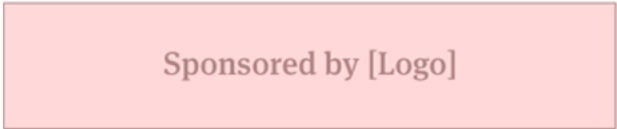
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Tuesday, March 6, 2012

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By Cora Currier | @coracurrier
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This story was co-published with The Washington Post.
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Dialysis Facility Tracker

Updated Dec. 22, 2010

By [Robin Fields](#), [Al Shaw](#), and [Jennifer LaFleur](#), ProPublica, Dec. 22, 2010

This site is for dialysis patients and others who want to learn about the quality of care at individual dialysis clinics. Among other things, you can learn how often patients treated at a facility have been hospitalized, report certain types of infections or are placed on the transplant list. The information is submitted by facilities and collected by contractors of the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, the federal agency that oversees most dialysis care.

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Brain Injuries Remain Undiagnosed in Thousands of Soldiers

by T. Christian Miller, ProPublica and Daniel Zwerdling, NPR - June 7

The military medical system is failing to diagnose brain injuries in tens of thousands of soldiers who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, and many of them receive little or no treatment for lingering health problems, an investigation by ProPublica and NPR has found. [More »](#)

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American Legion Pushes For Coverage of Treatment for Troops With Brain Injuries

by T. Christian Miller, ProPublica, and Daniel Zwerdling, NPR Jan. 5, 6:08 p.m.

Citing an investigation by ProPublica and NPR, the nation's largest veterans group is demanding that Tricare, the Pentagon's health plan, pay for cognitive rehabilitation therapy

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Brain Wars

How the Military Is Failing Its Wounded

While military statistics show that more than 115,000 soldiers have suffered mild traumatic brain injuries, unpublished research suggests that such injuries have gone undiagnosed in tens of thousands of troops. Even when the injuries are diagnosed, at one of the largest U.S. Army bases, soldiers have had to fight to get the appropriate care.

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Isopropyl alcohol
Found in glass cleaners, antiseptics, cosmetics, perfumes and lotions. Vapors can cause irritation of the eyes and the upper respiratory tract. Ingestion causes drowsiness and vomiting.


Hydrochloric acid
Found in the fuel for the US Air Force's F-22 aircraft. It can cause skin and eye irritation, headache and dizziness. Lung burn exposure can damage liver, kidneys or blood.

What the Frack is in That Water?

by Lena Groeger
ProPublica, Today, 11:38 a.m.

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The Detention Dilemma

Administration Prepares to Defy Efforts to Limit Obama's Options for Guantanamo

by [Dafna Linzer](#)
ProPublica, Jan. 3, 2011, 6:17 p.m.

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Update (4:25 p.m.): This story has been updated to reflect our latest reporting with the addition of a third sentence in the second paragraph.

Obama administration officials say they plan to reject Congressional efforts to limit the president's options on Guantanamo, setting the stage for a confrontation between the president and the new Congress on an issue that has been politically divisive since Inauguration Day.

The Guantanamo provisions, which include limits on where and how prisoners can be tried, were attached to a spending bill for military pay and benefits approved by Congress late last year. Some Administration officials are recommending that President Obama sign the spending bill and then issue a "signing statement" challenging at least some of the Guantanamo provisions as intrusions on his constitutional authority. Others have recommended that he express opposition to the Guantanamo sections without addressing their constitutionality.

The statement, officials said, would likely be released along with a new executive order that outlined review procedures for some - but not all -- of the 174 Guantanamo prisoners still held without charge or trial.

Obama has used signing statements in the past, but this one would carry political significance as the first test of his relationship with a Congress in which the House is firmly in Republican control.

Officials said the White House is still weighing how to calibrate the signing statement. A statement rejecting all of the bill's Guantanamo provisions would almost certainly be viewed as



President Barack Obama looks out the window in the Blue Room of the White House on Nov. 3, 2010. (Official White House Photo by Pete Souza)

This article is part of an ongoing investigation:

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The government remains uncertain what to do with its prisoners at Guantanamo Bay.



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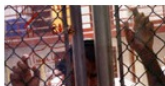
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