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Politicians routinely promise, at election time, that, if elected, their government will be more open and more transparent with information more readily available to the media and the public. When elected, they rarely deliver on those promises and, even if they do, the often limited 'openness' progressively disappears and the hurdles to be jumped to obtain information are steadily made higher. We owe much to those sections of our media which are willing to invest in good journalism that gives us at least some access to important information on which we can base sound choices in our complex lives. The more that information is withheld from us, the more we act blindly and the more easily we can be manipulated.