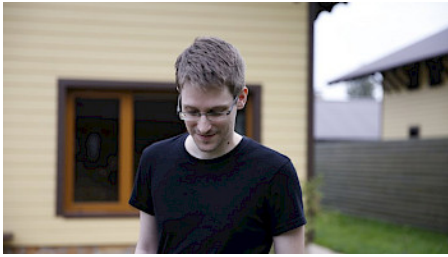




# CITIZENFOUR

by Laura Poitras



## SYNOPSIS

CITIZENFOUR is a real life thriller, unfolding by the minute, giving audiences unprecedented access to filmmaker Laura Poitras and journalist Glenn Greenwald's encounters with Edward Snowden in Hong Kong, as he hands over classified documents providing evidence of mass indiscriminate and illegal invasions of privacy by the National Security Agency (NSA).

Poitras had already been working on a film about surveillance for more than two years when Snowden contacted her, using the name CITIZENFOUR, in January 2013. He reached out to her because he knew she had long been a target of government surveillance, stopped at airports numerous times, and had refused to be intimidated. When Snowden revealed he was a high-level analyst driven to expose mass surveillance of Americans and people worldwide by the NSA, Poitras eventually persuaded him to let her film.

CITIZENFOUR places you in the room with Poitras, Greenwald, and Snowden as they attempt to manage the media storm raging outside,...

## FESTIVALS

The Academy Awards / OSCAR® for Best Documentary Feature; DOK Leipzig – Filmprize Leipziger Ring; Best Documentary winner of LondonFilm Critics Circle, Boston Film Critics, San Diego Filmcritics Society, LAFCA, NewYork FilmCritics Circle, IDA, Gothams, San FranciscoFilm Critics Circle, Detroit Film Critics Society, Austin Filmcritics Association; nominated for Independent Spirit Award, Satellite Awards, Washington DC Area Film Critics, Chicago Film Critics Association

## CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Laura Poitras · PRODUCER Dirk Wilutzky (Praxis Films Berlin GmbH)

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