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Laura Poitras, @ggreenwald, and @bartongellman all explain how @Tails\_live is critical to their NSA reporting: [pressfreedomfoundation.org/blog/2014/04/h...](http://pressfreedomfoundation.org/blog/2014/04/h...)

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**Alexa O'Brien** @carwinb · 17h

@FreedomofPress @trevortimm @ggreenwald @bartongellman @Tails\_live Thx for incentivizing TAO mission to hack few tools ppl use for security

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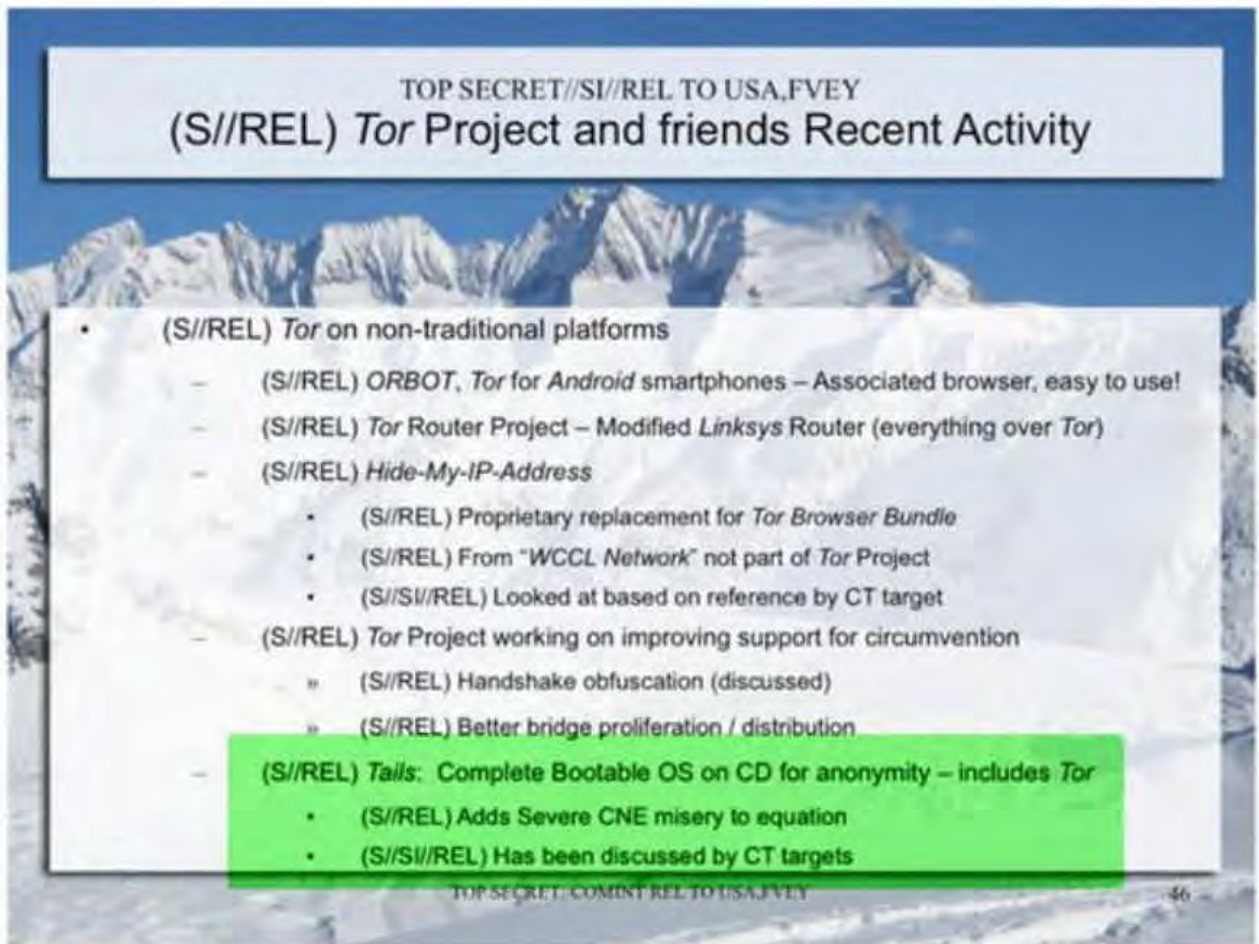


**Paul D**  
@Paulmd199

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@carwinb Tails is VERY hard to hack.  
@trevortimm @ggreenwald  
@bartongellman [pic.twitter.com/NBblzsh4Eg](http://pic.twitter.com/NBblzsh4Eg)

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**Alexa O'Brien** @carwinb · 4h

@Paulmd199 @trevortimm @ggreenwald @bartongellman Ppl need to be cautioned -- e.g hardware can be compromised. (con't)

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**Alexa O'Brien** @carwinb · 4h

@Paulmd199 @trevortimm @ggreenwald @bartongellman I'll give you an e.g. At Fort Meade I was req'd to use their network for #Manning trial

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**Alexa O'Brien** @carwinb · 4h

@Paulmd199 @trevortimm @ggreenwald @bartongellman Over 200 reporters used Fort Meade network over course of trial-- & many use to cover..

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**Alexa O'Brien** @carwinb · 4h

@Paulmd199 @trevortimm @ggreenwald @bartongellman GTMO trials b/c they are broadcast there for Eastern journos when can't go to Cuba...

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**Alexa O'Brien** @carwinb · 4h

@Paulmd199 @trevortimm @ggreenwald @bartongellman ...by the end of my time there, my computer was acting different, typing lags etc...

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@Paulmd199 @trevortimm @ggreenwald @bartongellman ...so would it be safe for me to use Tails if my hardware is compromised?

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**thadeus zu** @deuszu · 4h

@carwinb @Paulmd199 @trevortimm @ggreenwald @bartongellman At least the Tails dev peeps are honest about this: [pic.twitter.com/01ybUpFWmn](http://pic.twitter.com/01ybUpFWmn)

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**Barton Gellman** @bartongellman · 2h

@carwinb @Paulmd199 @trevortimm @ggreenwald Depends. TAILS tries not to rely on trust but if your keyboard or router are pwned, so are you.

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**Barton Gellman** @bartongellman · 2h

@carwinb @Paulmd199 @trevortimm @ggreenwald That's an attack on your PC, not on TAILS. Knowing you use it only reduces adversary's options.

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**Barton Gellman** @bartongellman · 2h

@carwinb @Paulmd199 @trevortimm @ggreenwald I doubt NSA routinely hacks journos at Meade but I wouldn't use that HW for anything sensitive.

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**Alexa O'Brien** @carwinb · 2h

@bartongellman @Paulmd199 @trevortimm @ggreenwald \*nods\* Lucky for you, Mr. Gellman, NSA probably considers you a "journalist".

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**emptywheel** @emptywheel · 2h

@carwinb Pretty sure @bartongellman is poster child proof that that's not protection at all. @Paulmd199 @trevortimm @ggreenwald

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**Barton Gellman** @bartongellman · 2h

@carwinb @Paulmd199 @trevortimm What you did at the Manning trial is indisputably journalism.

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**Alexa O'Brien** @carwinb · 2h

@bartongellman @Paulmd199 @trevortimm I agree.

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**Paul D** @Paulmd199 · 18m

@carwinb You are screwed if your hardware/firmware is compromised.  
@trevortimm @ggreenwald @bartongellman

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**Paul D** @Paulmd199 · 14m

@carwinb The TAO ANT catalogue has some of the ways this can happen.  
[cryptome.org/2013/12/nsa-ta...](http://cryptome.org/2013/12/nsa-ta...) @trevortimm @ggreenwald @bartongellman

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**Paul D** @Paulmd199 · 5m

@carwinb ANT catalogue didn't cover things like NIC firmware, other cards/  
peripherals also v'n'ble @trevortimm @ggreenwald @bartongellman

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**Paul D** @Paulmd199 · 24m

@carwinb EG many printers also have firmware which is rewritable. So do many  
video cards. @trevortimm @ggreenwald @bartongellman

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**Paul D** @Paulmd199 · 21m

@carwinb A video card has a separate and powerful processor, which task  
manager doesn't monitor. @trevortimm @ggreenwald @bartongellman

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**Paul D** @Paulmd199 · 11m

@carwinb HD and CD drives have rewritable firmware. A few laptops have a kbd  
cont'r which is writable. @trevortimm @ggreenwald @bartongellman

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