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25 Ways to Beat Big Brother

Staff Writer Mitchell Szczepanczyk is probably the most brilliant person anyone will ever meet. Here are 25 of the Web sites he regularly checks for information other than what the mainstream corporate media spoonfeeds the rest of the electorate. Each resource has a rating next to it, the more s, the more left-leaning the source.

 Common Dreams News Center	comondreams.org		The portal of breaking news, headlines, commentary, and announcements for progressives across America
 ZNet <small>A community of people committed to social change</small>	zmag.org/weluser.htm		The online branch of <i>Z Magazine</i> , with analysis and commentary from across the world on events and trends
 The NewStandard	newstandardnews.net		One of the few professional, independent, noncommercial hard news sources in the United States
 Democracy Now	democracynow.org		The Web site of the venerable daily TV and radio news show, hosted by Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez
 Guerrilla News Network <small>guerrilla news net</small>	gnn.tv		News Web site, noted for their pioneering genre of "newsvideos," mini-documentaries in music video format of critical topics
 AlterNet <small>The Mix is the Message</small>	alternet.org		General information source with coverage of the environment, civil liberties, the media, film, politics, the war on drugs, and the Middle East
 Independent Media Center	indymedia.org		The portal of the worldwide Independent Media Center ("Indymedia") movement, providing grassroots coverage of popular activist struggles and movements
 Chicago Indymedia	chicago.indymedia.org		The Chicago affiliate of the Indymedia, with an active Web site, and groups working in radio, video, and photography
 Cursor	cursor.org		Daily-updated media and politics blog that focuses on work of major news organizations, as well as to other critical, independent voices published on the Internet
 The New York Times	nytimes.com		This is the online version of America's "newspaper of record"
 The Financial Times of London	ft.com		The online version of the world's premiere daily business newspaper, worth reading because of its open style of journalism
 Bob Harris's website	bobharris.com		Bob Harris is a political analyst, writer, and stand-up comic; his Web site has very quickly become a source of quality (and funny) web commentary
 Slashdot	slashdot.org		News and comment, focusing on computers and the internet, politics, science, games, and civil liberties
 SciTechDaily	scitechdaily.com		This Web site out of New Zealand highlights news, features, analysis, and opinion, on issues related to science and technology
 Arts and Letters Daily	aldaily.com		This sister site of SciTechDaily highlights news, features, analysis, and opinions on issues related to arts and the humanities.
 ArtsJournal <small>The Daily Digest of Arts, Culture</small>	artsjournal.com		ArtsJournal describes itself as "a weekday digest of some of the best arts and cultural journalism in the English-speaking world."
 Wikipedia	wikipedia.org		Premiere open free encyclopedia, with regular frequent updates (including impressive summaries of ongoing news coverage) and analogues in nearly 200 languages
 This Is Hell	thisishell.net		Radio talk show out of WNUR hosted by Chuck Mertz, with lots of links and lots of audio interviews
 Free Press	freepress.net		Free Press is a non-partisan national organization with an excellent and diverse news feed of stories about media issues.
 Eschator	atrios.blogspot.com		A two-time winner of the Koufax Award for best lefty blog, this leading political-discussion blog is updated frequently.
 BBC <small>bbc.co.uk home</small>	bbc.co.uk		The Web site of the venerable public broadcaster; a staggering amount of information of a wide swath of political persuasions, with versions in 43 languages
 One World	oneworld.net		A massive portal of resources from worldwide human rights organizations, which aggregates the resources of some 1,600 human rights and antipoverty groups
 Gapers Block <small>A WEB PUBLICATION - ESTABLISHED IN THE YEAR 2000</small>	gapersblock.com		Wondering what's going on in Chicago and the suburbs? Here is an excellent resource for news and information of events and happenings in town.
 Media Channel	mediachannel.org		Media Channel "is a media issues supersite, featuring criticism, breaking news, and investigative reporting from hundreds of organizations worldwide."
 Progressive Review	prorev.com		An eclectic collection of news and links from longtime political activist Sam Smith