The Value to Democracy of the Freedom of Information Act

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The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, a law passed in 1966 is a federal freedom of information law that allows for the disclosure of previously unreleased information and documents controlled by the United States government, it is our only and current means to acquiring sealed information.
"A popular Government, without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a prologue to a Farce, or a Tragedy, or perhaps both. Knowledge will forever govern ignorance, and people who mean to be their own Governors, must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives."
Oh, you say you're well informed on politics,
Please tell me about CNN and Fox News' unbiased news coverage.
An informed electorate is essential to safeguard democracy.

PUBLICIY is one of the best protections against the potential for official misconduct.

PRIVACY is a fundamental right and corresponds with a need to restrict government's intrusions into people's lives.
Secrecy is endemic to bureaucracy
We could get a lot more done if we didn't have to let the public snoop so much!!
Unfortunately, cases of corruption in the public sector are, if anything, far too commonplace. Patronage appointments and providing cover for incompetent performance of favored individuals, groups, or political parties furthering policy goals that would not pass legal review.
Freedom of Information... Revised and Abridged

Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.
INFORMATION IS THE CURRENCY OF DEMOCRACY.

Thomas Jefferson
3rd U.S. President
(1743-1826)
If we are without Freedom of Information
We will be without real democracy
The Vision is a Real Democracy
Thank you