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Power is secretive about truth and propagandist about claims. Democracy demands media that reveals the covert, and sifts the overt to peel off propaganda. Knowledge is the ultimate asset of the citizen, which is why the powerful too often woo or buy their way into a cozy relationship with media to hide or shade facts. We hope, in COVERT, to tease the truth out of the wrinkles of secrecy. Our weapon is the scalpel, not the sword; we prefer the soft-spoken word to the scream, a smile to anger. Our political coverage will be heavyweight, but with a light touch. We hope civility will travel further than a scream, but our determination is non-negotiable. We will uncover news, not disseminate information that has already become limp on the pages of a newspaper or opaque on a television screen. This will be our difference: COVERT will be a journal that restores the breath of life to news. Our mission is clear: empower the reader so that he can recognise the powerful. The reader will be guide, mentor, companion and colleague on this journey. I invite you to join a common endeavour.



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