

Secrecy, oligarchs and offshore psychology

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In the December 2017 Tax Justice Network Taxcast: TJN speaks with two time Pulitzer Prize winning author and journalist [Jake Bernstein](#) about his new book '[Secrecy World: Inside the Panama Papers Investigation of Illicit Money Networks and the Global Elite](#)'.

Also: questions are asked about what makes offshore players like Jurgen Mossack and Ramon Fonseca tick, and what do the Panama Papers and now the Paradise Papers tell us about Presidents Putin, Trump and the transnational oligarchy?

Plus:

- * we analyse the USA's tax reforms, set to boost inequality levels in a country with weak gun controls
- * the EU's disappointing tax haven blacklist
- * and how the race to the bottom on tax between nations won't stop at 0%

Featuring: Jake Bernstein of the [International Consortium of Investigative Journalists](#) and author of new book [Secrecy World](#), and [John Christensen](#) of the Tax Justice Network. Produced and presented by [Naomi Fowler](#).

You have this sense of an oligarchy and it's trans-national and with that comes...contempt of the press, or really any authority that can challenge them, so that also includes in the United States unfortunately the justice system, and the rule of law, and they are to some degree enabled by the secrecy world, by the anonymity that allows them to hide their activities and sometimes their looting of public assets."

[Jake Bernstein](#)

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