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Ever since the Snowden Affair, secret documents have been subject to leaks. Could the State today be a transparent State, stripped of its mysteries?

The State has always had its reasons and secrets: the State's reasoning authorized diplomatic, police, or military actions whose success resided in their secrecy. Enter the political liberalism of the 18th century. Secrets were recognized and institutionalized and the secret State was born. Enter the shift to our era of neoliberalism that imposed the ideology of transparency with respect to public action. The clandestine State was born in the shadows. And democracy was permanently weakened.
