

The Onion
Honored with 2014 George Orwell Award

Urbana, IL – October 2014 – *The Onion*, Chicago, Illinois, has been named the winner of the 2014 George Orwell Award for Distinguished Contribution to Honesty and Clarity in Public.

The Orwell award was established in 1975 by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). This award recognizes an author, editor, or producer who has made outstanding contributions to the honesty and clarity in public language through critical analysis of public discourse.

The Onion (<http://www.theonion.com>) is an American digital media company and news satire organization. It runs an entertainment website featuring satirical articles reporting on international, national, and local news. The articles comment on current events, both real and fictional. It parodies traditional news websites with stories, editorials, op-ed pieces, and main-in-the-street interviews, using a traditional news website layout and an editorial voice modeled after that of the Associated Press.

The online newspaper will be announced as the recipient of the George Orwell Award for Distinguished Contribution to Honesty and Clarity in Public Language at the Sunday General Session on November 23, during the 2014 NCTE Annual Convention in Washington, DC.

For more information about the NCTE George Orwell Award, including past winners, see <http://www.ncte.org/volunteer/groups/publiclangcom/orwellaward>.

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