



***Who is Julian Assange?** Julian Assange is an Australian journalist and publisher who started **WikiLeaks** in 2006 with the philosophy of protecting the peoples' **right to know** through publishing the crimes of governments and corporations. Assange believed in privacy for individuals and transparency for the powerful.

***What is WikiLeaks?** WikiLeaks is a **non-profit publisher for whistleblowers** and individuals with sensitive, often classified, material, to communicate to the public. WikiLeaks publishes material from its sources after thoroughly vetting it. WikiLeaks 'publishes' - it **does not 'hack'!**

***What does WikiLeaks publish?** over 10 million secret documents exposing corporations and governments' crimes against planet and people. The infamous video, **CollateralMurder.com**, is a **MUST WATCH**- where U.S. soldiers in Iraq lightheartedly murder civilians from a helicopter. **WikiLeaks has never had to retract one document!**

***Why should Julian Assange matter to us all?** Assange's fate in the court system will affect the **health of our First Amendment and of press freedom around the world.**

***Why is Assange a 'Wanted Man'?** For a decade, the **U.S. govt has hunted, smeared and silenced Assange in an attempt to bring down WikiLeaks** to stop the publication of leaked documents. This is an **assault on freedom of press** and the public's '**right to know**'!

***What is the history of the 'sealed indictment' against WikiLeaks/Assange?** Assange was accused of 'paranoia' when he said that Obama's administration held a sealed indictment against him. In 2019, a leaked document proved he was correct. **Obama wanted to prosecute Assange for exposing government secrets but 'backed off' as it infringed on the First Amendment.**

***Who dared prosecute a Journalist under the Espionage Act?** The Trump administration! Secretary of State, **Mike Pompeo, declared WikiLeaks to be a 'non-state hostile intelligence service'**, making it clear that prosecuting Assange was on top of the National Security agenda.

***What crimes has Assange committed?** None! Neither WikiLeaks as a publishing organization, nor award-winning journalist, Julian Assange, have committed any crimes against the US or the UK. **In 2013, the Pentagon testified that WikiLeaks' publications put 'no one in harm's way'.**

***Where was Assange these past several years?** Since 2012, Julian Assange was arbitrarily detained in **London's Ecuadorian Embassy where he was granted political asylum** for fear of being extradited to the US. During that time, the US government waged an ongoing smear campaign, based on the trumped-up Swedish allegations, to destroy public support for Assange and WikiLeaks. Against international law, Assange was dragged out of his embassy asylum in April 2019.

***Assange's extradition hearing that the media didn't cover:** Assange faces a sentence of 175 years in a US prison. During his Feb & Sept 2020 trial, Magistrate Vanessa Baraitser **denied human rights organizations court access to monitor the trial, denied key witnesses**, like Noam Chomsky and a torture victim whose case WikiLeaks had published, permission to read statements into the record. Also, the Magistrate was unimpressed by **UC Global** testimony indicating that the **CIA had spied on Assange 24/7 for 2 years**, including the confiscation of all his belongings from the embassy which were handed over to the US to prepare their prosecution of him.

***Where is Assange currently?** Despite Magistrate Vanessa Baraitser's ruling on January 4, 2021 **against US extradition**, she cruelly denied Assange bail, so he remains in solitary confinement **at UK's Belmarsh supermax prison**, known as **"UK's Guantanamo"**. Contact Belmarsh Governor to relay your concerns for Julian's well-being: jenny.louis@hmps.gsi.gov.uk.

***UPDATES:**

June 26, 2021, Stundin, an Icelandic news outlet, reveals that the US prosecution's star witness, Sigurdur Thordarson, convicted fraudster, admits he fabricated his accusations against the WikiLeaks publisher, Julian Assange. Prosecution's case is falling apart. Its depiction of Assange as a conspirator in 'hacking' remains baseless. No corporate media coverage of this story three months after news broke.

July 7, 2021: UK High Court agrees to hear US appeal of Jan 2021 ruling to not extradite Assange.

August 11, appeal hearing date set for Oct 27 & 28th 2021. US granted to prosecute on all 5 counts, instead of 3.

Sept 26, 2021 Yahoo News article: **'Inside the CIA's secret war plans against WikiLeaks'** 30 senior officials from CIA & Trump administration anonymously come forward to tell story of plot to take down Assange & WikiLeaks.

<https://news.yahoo.com/kidnapping-assassination-and-a-london-shoot-out-inside-the-ci-as-secret-war-plans-against-wiki-leaks-090057786.html>

***Letter Campaign to Atty General Merrick Garland - Drop the Charges!** Assange's only crime has been publishing the truth about global crimes. Julian Assange is not a "treasonous spy" and should not be targeted by the Espionage Act. The Biden administration must follow in Obama's footsteps and walk away from prosecuting a journalist. Contact DoJ: AG Merrick Garland Dept of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, DC 20530 202-353-1555. Contact President Biden: [WhiteHouse.gov/contact](https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact) Send letters: The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20500.

Telling the truth is not a crime.

WikiLeaks Delivers Award-Winning Journalism

2008 The Economist, New Media Award
2009 Amnesty International UK Media Award (New Media)
2010 Sam Adams Award – given by retired CIA officers
2010 Time Magazine Readers' Choice Person of the Year
2010 Time Magazine Runner-up Person of the Year
2010 Postmedia Network Editors, Top Newsmaker of the Year
2010 Le Monde Person of the Year
2011 Sydney Peace Foundation, Gold Medal
2011 Time 100: List of the Most Influential People of 2011
2011 Martha Gellhorn Prize for Journalism
2011 Walkley Award, Most Outstanding Contribution to Journalism
2011 Liberty Victoria Voltaire Award
2019, 2020, 2021 Nominee, Nobel Peace Prize!!!
2019 GUE/NGL Award for Journalists, Whistleblowers & Defenders of the Right to Information
2020 Gary Webb Freedom of the Press Award from the Consortium for Independent Journalism



Learn more at defend.wikileaks.org and DontExtraditeAssange.com #WeAreAllAssange

Express your support for Julian Assange by signing and sharing the petition at tinyurl.com/ReleaseAssange
Boston activists rally on Mondays demanding that the US government drop all charges against Julian Assange. Contact us to find out where and when the next rally will be.

Join us. Contact 617-501-9125 or SusanBMcL@gmail.com

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