

U.S. War Criminals, Conspiracy Theorists and the Mainstream Media vs. Julian Assange

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Julian Assange exposed U.S. war crimes, CIA spying capabilities, false flag cyber attacks and corruption within the Democratic Party and he's the bad guy?

Trump's Justice department has decided to charge Julian Assange with "17 counts of violating the Espionage Act for his role in obtaining and publishing secret military and diplomatic documents in 2010, the Justice Department announced on Thursday, a novel case that raises profound First Amendment issues" according to The New York Times.

The article 'Assange Indicted Under Espionage Act, Raising First Amendment Issues' does mention the fact that charging Assange under the Espionage Act sets the precedent to criminalize investigative journalism that is "related to obtaining, and in some cases publishing, state secrets to be criminal, the officials sought to minimize the implications for press freedoms." However, The New York Times has become the judge and jury and says that Assange is a fugitive trying to avoid Sweden's justice system for an alleged sexual assault charge and that he is a useful tool for the Russians in regards to interfering in U.S. elections:

The charges are the latest twist in a career in which Mr. Assange has morphed from a crusader for radical transparency to fugitive from a Swedish sexual assault investigation, to tool of Russia's election interference, to criminal defendant in the United States.

Mr. Assange vaulted to global fame nearly a decade ago as a champion of openness about what governments secretly do. But with this indictment, he has become the target for a case that could open the door to criminalizing activities that are crucial to American investigative journalists who write about national security matters.

The case has nothing to do with Russia's election interference in 2016, when Mr. Assange's organization published Democratic emails stolen by Russia as part of its covert efforts to help elect President Trump. Instead, it focuses on Mr. Assange's role in the leak of hundreds of thousands of State Department cables and military files by the former Army intelligence analyst Chelsea Manning

According to the head of the Justice Department's National Security Division, John Demers, he said that "Some say that Assange is a journalist and that he should be immune from prosecution for these actions," and that "The department takes seriously the role of journalists in our democracy and we thank you for it. It is not and has never been the department's policy to target them for reporting." But Mr. Assange, was "no journalist."

Demers has accused Assange of collaborating with Chelsea Manning to steal classified information when he said that *"No responsible actor, journalist or otherwise, would purposefully publish the names of individuals he or she knew to be confidential human sources in a war zone, exposing them to the gravest of dangers."*

The New York Times admits that they can be charged for doing what *Wikileaks* has done in the near future under the Espionage Act:

Notably, *The New York Times*, among many other news organizations, obtained precisely the same archives of documents from *WikiLeaks*, without authorization from the government — the act that most of the charges addressed. While *The Times* did take steps to withhold the names of informants in the subset of the files it published, it is not clear how that is legally different from publishing other classified information

Assange's lawyer, Barry J. Pollack said that his client was charged for a crime, but according to Pollack, Assange is guilty *"for encouraging sources to provide him truthful information and for publishing that information."*

The New York Times also said that

"the United States has asked Britain to extradite Mr. Assange, who is fighting the move, and the filing of the new charges clears the way for British courts to weigh whether it would be lawful to transfer custody of him to a place where he will face Espionage Act charges."

Britain will most likely extradite Assange to the U.S. since Britain is a close U.S. ally. *The New York Times* is sort of playing good cop, bad cop with the case of Julian Assange. They describe Assange as a fugitive who is avoiding Sweden's sexual assault investigation to becoming a tool or a puppet for *"Russia's election interference"* which is a joke, then they say that they can face the same charges as *Wikileaks* if they use the same tactics to obtain information. However, *The New York Times* and every other mainstream media outlet works for the U.S. government and are on the same page with the politicians as they shamefully and continuously discredit Assange. According to a report by *FAIR* (Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting) titled *'Media Cheer Assange's Arrest'* said that the media demonized Assange after his arrest:

A *Washington Post* editorial (4/11/19) claimed Assange was "no free-press hero" and insisted the arrest was "long overdue." Likewise, the *Wall Street Journal* (4/11/19) demanded "accountability" for Assange, saying, "His targets always seem to be democratic institutions or governments."

Other coverage was more condemnatory still. *The View's* Meghan McCain (4/11/19) declared she hoped Assange "rots in hell." *Saturday Night Live's* Colin Hanks (4/13/19) said it was "so satisfying to see an Internet troll get dragged out into the sunlight." But it was perhaps the *National Review* (4/12/19) that expressed the most enthusiastic approval of Assange's arrest, condemning him for his "anti-Americanism, his antisemitism and his raw personal corruption" and for harming the US with his "vile spite"

The CIA is Trump's wet dream, I know it sounds nasty but it was obvious from the start when Trump made his first visit as President of the United States to the CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia and said *"But I want to say that there is nobody that feels stronger about the intelligence community and the CIA than Donald Trump. There's nobody."* Trump practically brown-nosed the CIA, and in doing so, the writing was on the wall to where the Trump-CIA relationship was going, that's why Trump's u-turn on Julian Assange's arrest was not surprising and may I say, one of the most dishonest responses made by the president since the Obama and Bush years. Let's remember during Trump's campaign trail, it was reported that he mentioned Wikileaks more than 141 times until the day Assange was dragged out in handcuffs from the Ecuadorian embassy, and then Trump changed his tune when he was asked by the media about Assange's arrest, and what was his response? *"I know nothing about WikiLeaks."* Politicians from both sides of the aisle in Washington praised the arrest of Julian Assange especially Hillary Clinton who said Assange *"has to answer for what he has done"* according to *The Guardian*.

Trump's entire administration wants Julian Assange and his Wikileaks organization to be permanently shut down including Trump's advisor John Bolton who was exposed by Wikileaks when they released more than 800 files exposing his war crimes. Secretary of State and former CIA Director, Mike Pompeo is another war hawk neocon who wants Assange either dead or alive. Pompeo had called Julian Assange a *"narcissist"* who allegedly works hands in glove with Russia and that Assange depends on *"the dirty work of others to make him famous."*

During a speech at *The Center for Strategic and International Studies* (CSIS) back in 2017, Pompeo said that *"It is time to call out WikiLeaks for what it really is: a non-state hostile intelligence service often abetted by state actors like Russia."* Pompeo said that the U.S. intelligence community (including the CIA) had already determined that Russia's military intelligence service, the GRU used WikiLeaks to release hacked information from the DNC. But the reality is that the hacked emails came from a source who faced a serious risk according to Assange and that source was Seth Rich who was shot and killed in an affluent neighborhood in Washington, D.C. in the summer of 2016 in an apparent robbery that *"failed"* according to Seth Rich's father, Joel during an interview with a local TV station KMTV. In 2016, Assange was interviewed on a Dutch television program *Nieuwsuur*, and said that they were concerned about what happened to Seth Rich and were investigating the situation:

"We have to understand how high the stakes are in the US, and that our sources face serious risks. That's why they come to us, so we can protect their anonymity. We are investigating what happened with Seth Rich. We think it is a concerning situation. There is not a conclusion yet; we are not willing to state a conclusion, but we are concerned about it. And more importantly, a variety of WikiLeaks sources are concerned when that kind of thing happens"

Wikileaks offered a \$20,000 reward for information leading to a conviction for the murder of Seth Rich.

Robert Mueller is a Conspiracy Theorist

The New York Times published an article based on the Mueller Report regarding the murder of Seth Rich *'Seth Rich Was Not Source of Leaked D.N.C. Emails, Mueller Report Confirms'*

claiming that Seth Rich was not the source of the *Democratic National Committee's* (DNC) leaked emails proving that they were undermining the Bernie Sander's campaign. The emails were first published by *DCLeaks* and then by *WikiLeaks* on July 22, 2016 right before the 2016 Democratic National Convention. According to The New York Times:

The special counsel's report confirmed this week that Seth Rich, a young Democratic National Committee employee whose unsolved killing became grist for a right-wing conspiracy theory, was not the source of thousands of internal D.N.C. emails that WikiLeaks released during the 2016 presidential race, officially debunking a notion that had persisted without support for years

The report also said that

"tucked amid hundreds of pages of the report's main findings, the special counsel, Robert S. Mueller III, took aim at WikiLeaks and its founder, Julian Assange, for falsely implying that Mr. Rich was somehow involved in the dissemination of the emails, an act that aided President Trump's campaign."

Mueller said that *"WikiLeaks and Assange made several public statements apparently designed to obscure the source of the materials that WikiLeaks was releasing."* The report claims that WikiLeaks collaborated with the *"true source of the leaked emails — Russian hackers — after Mr. Rich's death."*

The New York Times also said that *"The theory linking Mr. Rich to the email leak took root in conservative circles and was cited by prominent conservatives like Newt Gingrich and right-wing commentators like Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity and Alex Jones of Infowars."*

Mueller's final statement regarding the murder of Seth Rich is just a diversion away from the truth and with Mueller's help he can make it just go away, at least in the mainstream-media. The only people that can expose the truth regarding Seth Rich is Julian Assange and the Wikileaks organization. According to an *nbcwashington.com* article *"The Mueller report says beginning in the summer of 2016 Julian Assange and WikiLeaks made statements about Rich falsely implying he leaked the stolen emails."* Last month, *Vox.com* published an article declaring that *'The Seth Rich conspiracy theory needs to end now'* and falsely claimed that Assange knew that Seth Rich was not the source, because it was the Russians:

The report definitively disproved the notion that a Democratic National Committee staffer named Seth Rich was the source of leaked DNC documents later published by WikiLeaks, and that his July 2016 murder came as the result of his decision to leak those documents to WikiLeaks. This wasn't true, although Trump associates like Jerome Corsi, Roger Stone, and countless others, have argued vehemently for years that it was. And WikiLeaks, and its founder Julian Assange, knew it

The Trump-Russia collusion hoax has been on air since Trump took office more than 2 years ago. *MSNBC* who was a cheerleader for the removal of Trump was humiliated after the Mueller Report revealed that Trump did not collude with Russia in the 2016 Presidential elections to defeat Hillary Clinton. Clinton lost the election because of Clinton, not Assange, the Russians or anyone else. Clinton was and still is despised by most people within the U.S. especially when she tried to undermine the other hypocrite, Bernie Sanders (*who would be*

another puppet of the deep state if he were to win the 2020 U.S. elections) and she was exposed. Clinton and the DNC's plan to undermine the Sander's campaign was to secure her nomination. Wikileaks embarrassed the DNC and forced them to make an apology to Bernie Sanders and his supporters by saying *"On behalf of everyone at the DNC, we want to offer a deep and sincere apology to Senator Sanders, his supporters, and the entire Democratic Party for the inexcusable remarks made over email"* and that *"These comments do not reflect the values of the DNC or our steadfast commitment to neutrality during the nominating process."* The Mueller report claims that the emails were allegedly stolen by hackers associated with Russian intelligence called Guccifer 2.0. In the summer of 2018, Robert Mueller indicted 12 Russian military intelligence agents called Fancy Bear who were allegedly responsible for the attack. Fancy Bear was supposedly behind Guccifer 2.0 who claimed they were responsible, but then again, it's all a lie.

Vault 7: The CIA's 'Global Covert Hacking System'

One of the biggest news stories involving Wikileaks and the release of more than 8,761 documents under 'Year Zero', exposing the CIA and its global operations. It was the first part of a series of leaks that Wikileaks called 'Vault 7' a network that was inside the CIA's Center for Cyber Intelligence based in Langley, Virginia that involves a *"global covert hacking program,"* including what Wikileaks describes as *"weaponized exploits"* used against such devices as *"Apple's iPhone, Google's Android and Microsoft's Windows and even Samsung TVs, which are turned into covert microphones."* The CIA bypassed encryption codes on messaging services such as WhatsApp and other phones devices. WikiLeaks said that government hackers can hack Android phones that basically collects *"audio and message traffic before encryption is applied."* There are various parts of Vault 7 such as 'Dark Matter' that exposed the CIA's hacking capabilities including Apple's iPhones and Macs. *Weeping Angel* is another hacking tool that was developed by the CIA and the U.K.'s very own MI5 used to penetrate smart TVs to gather intelligence. Once the program is installed in smart T.V.s with a USB stick, it enabled those same televisions' with built-in microphones and sometimes even video cameras to record while the television is turned off. Then the recorded data is either stored into the television's memory or sent to the CIA through the internet. There are several other programs exposed under the 'Year Zero' global covert hacking program, but one other program stands out the most is what the CIA uses to conduct *"false flag"* cyber-attacks that has portrayed Russia in the past as the aggressor. Regarding the CIA's *Remote Devices Branch's UMBRAGE group*, which is a subdivision of the center's Remote Development Branch (RDB), and according to Wikileaks's source, the program *"collects and maintains a substantial library of attack techniques"* that were stolen from malware produced in other states including the Russian Federation. Wikileaks said the following:

With UMBRAGE and related projects the CIA cannot only increase its total number of attack types but also misdirect attribution by leaving behind the "fingerprints" of the groups that the attack techniques were stolen from. UMBRAGE components cover keyloggers, password collection, webcam capture, data destruction, persistence, privilege escalation, stealth, anti-virus (PSP) avoidance and survey techniques

Kim Dotcom commented on the Wikileaks revelations when he tweeted that the *"CIA uses techniques to make cyber attacks look like they originated from enemy state. It turns DNC/Russia hack allegation by CIA into a JOKE."* *Wired.com* claimed that *"Russian hacking*

deniers” were at an advantage in a 2017 article titled ‘WikiLeaks CIA Dump Gives Russian Hacking Deniers the Perfect Ammo’ and said that:

One nugget of particular interest to Trump supporters: a section titled “Umbrage” that details the CIA’s ability to impersonate cyber-attack techniques used by Russia and other nation states. In theory, that means the agency could have faked digital forensic fingerprints to make the Russians look guilty of hacking the Democratic National Committee

The CIA’s ability to hack smart TV’s, Smartphone’s and encrypted messaging applications and we must add to the fact that the CIA also has the capability to conduct cyber-attacks under the UMBRAGE group and make them appear it came from a foreign power is as Orwellian as one can get, it also carries very serious geopolitical implications.

What is insane about the CIA’s UMBRAGE group is that according to Wikileaks, *“With UMBRAGE and related projects the CIA cannot only increase its total number of attack types but also misdirect attribution by leaving behind the “fingerprints” of the groups that the attack techniques were stolen from.”* In other words, the CIA could launch a malware attack that was originally developed by another country to intentionally *“misdirect attribution”* for the hack that would not be traced back to the CIA in any way. In 2017, CNN quoted the former CIA director James Woolsey as saying that *“It’s often not foolproof to say who it is because it is possible and sometimes easy to hide your tracks,”* he said. *“There’s lots of tricks.”* and he should know. *“I think the Russians were in there, but it doesn’t mean other people weren’t, too,”* Woolsey told CNN.

The CIA and the Persecution of Julian Assange

When Julian Assange was arrested by British authorities, Wikileaks immediately released a statement on twitter mentioning the role of the CIA:

This man is a son, a father, a brother. He has won dozens of journalism awards. He’s been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize every year since 2010. Powerful actors, including CIA, are engaged in a sophisticated effort to dehumanise, delegitimize and imprison him. #ProtectJulian

The arrest of Assange has sparked outrage and anger around the world. Assange is a hero to us all especially those in the alternative media. The mainstream-media, as we all know are based on conspiracy theories, fabrications and flat-out lies are celebrating the arrest of Assange. Perhaps, they are hoping to rebound after the ‘RussiaGate’ conspiracy theory hoax which backfired in their faces and since then, their viewership has completely collapsed.

Julian Assange will face a U.S. court if he is extradited. But rest assured, there will be those of us who will continue to speak out for Assange, and there will also be worldwide protests in coming months and years until Julian Assange is released from prison. There is hope because Assange has the truth on his side no matter what happens. If is imprisoned for life or god forbid executed at the behest of Washington and the CIA, Assange will become a Martyr. There will be many more people like Assange because the truth is like a virus to the establishment, and that’s why they want to destroy Wikileaks and the alternative media, but it’s too late, the truth is out and it will never be stopped. #ProtectJulian

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