

Jailed Publisher Threatened with Espionage Act

FDR & Nixon Tried - Trump may Succeed.

The Outlet: Wikileaks

The Editor: Julian Assange

The Whistleblower: Chelsea Manning

The Revelations: War Crimes in Afghanistan & Iraq, State Department Cables.

The Theory: Whistleblowers are spies, conspiring with journalists to commit espionage.

The Objective: Build judicial precedent for criminalization of investigative journalism.



Julian Assange, winner of more than 15 prominent international awards for journalism, is being held in HM Prison Belmarsh, UK, "Britain's Guantanamo." He is threatened with prosecution in the US under the Espionage Act. Passed in 1917 to criminalize criticism of the WWI draft, Bush, Obama & Trump have used it against whistleblowers. Journalists are the next front.

Chelsea Manning, confined for 7 years in military prison for whistleblowing, is again imprisoned under punitive \$1000/day fines. She has refused to testify in secret grand jury proceedings that she has concluded is an illegitimate misuse of power.

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A UN Special Rapporteur on Torture ruled that Chelsea Manning's initial conditions of imprisonment were "cruel, inhuman and degrading." Only public outcry forced the military to relieve her repressive conditions.

Julian Assange is being held in punitive conditions of isolation. The present UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, Nils Melzer, has described Assange as showing "all symptoms typical for prolonged exposure to psychological torture." Prior to his imprisonment, The UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention ruled that Assange was 8 years arbitrarily detained in the Ecuadoran embassy by UK's illegal refusal to let him pass to Ecuador. He had been given asylum from the threat of US extradition that has now materialized. After Ecuador's government fell into the hands of a corrupt Lenin Moreno, he abrogated Ecuadoran responsibility under their constitution & international law due to US pressure, handing Assange to the UK. Nils Melzer reports,

"I have never seen a group of democratic states ganging up to deliberately isolate, demonize and abuse a single individual for such a long time and with so little regard for human dignity and the rule of law."

The US and it's client states will go to any lengths to protect the secrets of their crimes.

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Write to Julian Assange: WriteJulian.com

Write to Chelsea Manning: XYChelsea.is

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