

# Critical Moment for Free Speech



1). What is WikiLeaks?  
Who is Julian Assange?



2). What is the force of attacks on this organization and Assange?

3). Why do we need to defend them?

- WikiLeaks (<https://wikileaks.org>) is a whistleblowing site and non-profit media organization.
- It publishes original source material.



# WikiLeaks

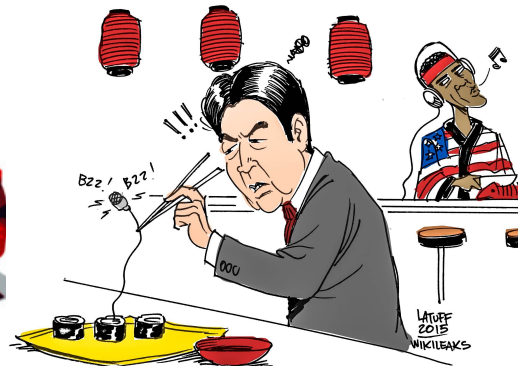
The truth will always win

# The World's First Global Fourth Estate

- Launched in 2007, it published over 10 million documents with pristine record of accuracy.
- More classified information than all media combined exposing human right abuses, government spying and war crimes on a scale that was unprecedented.
- Won many prestigious journalism awards.



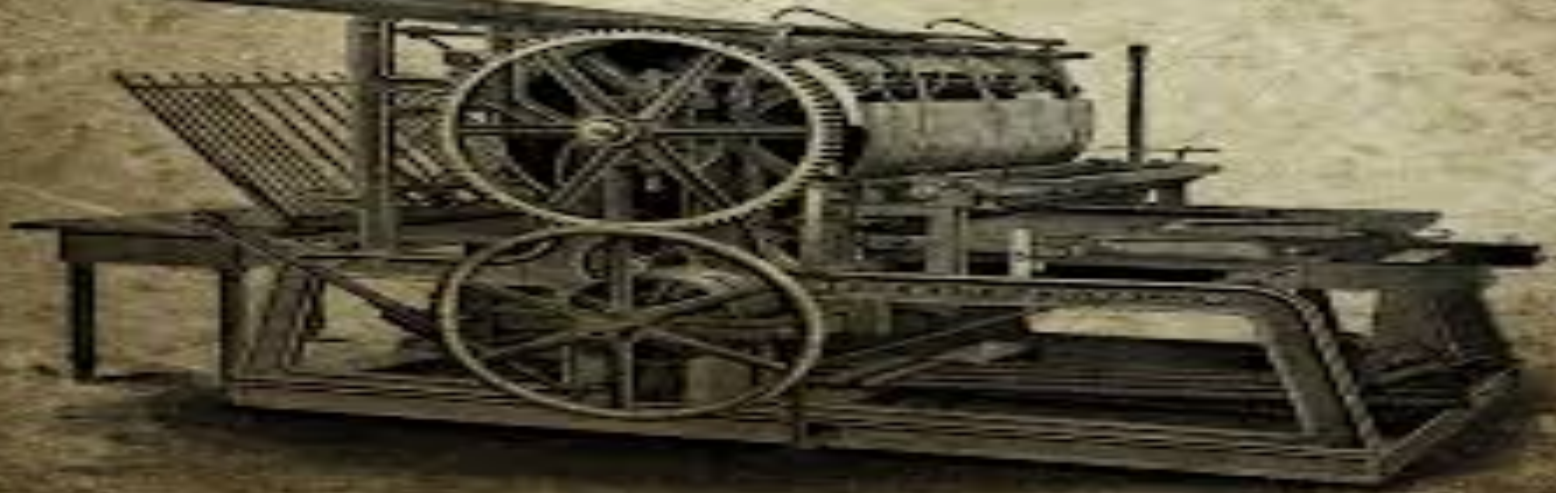
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# Invention of New Journalism

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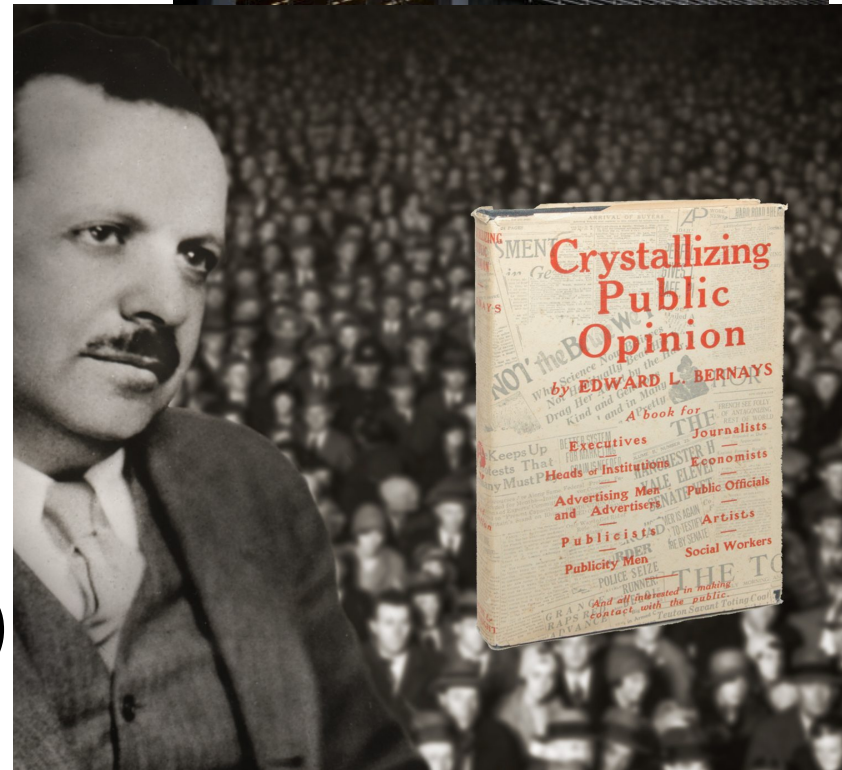


**wikileaks**



# What Problems Has WikiLeaks Solved?

- Managed democracy, elite control (government secrecy)
- Restriction on free speech
- Corporate media (propaganda machine)
- Professionalization of journalists (gatekeeper)





# How?

- Philosophy of Cypherpunks
- Using cryptography to ensure civil liberties
- ~~Left vs. Right~~ but “Institutions vs. Individuals”
- Anonymous secure online submission system
  - Made free speech permissionless, borderless and censorship free



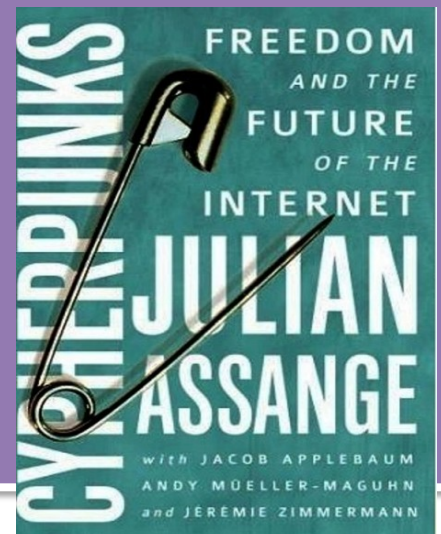
**SECUREDROP**  
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SecureDrop is an open-source whistleblower submission system that media organizations can use to securely accept documents from and communicate with anonymous sources. It was originally created by the late Aaron Swartz and is currently managed by [Freedom of the Press Foundation](#).

 **Encryption**  
Encrypts your data in transit and at rest.

 **No Logging**  
Does not log your IP addresses, browser, or computer.



# Scientific Journalism

- Just like scientific papers, where researchers are required to publish all experimental data that informed their conclusion, WikiLeaks releases all information to the public.
- Replaced journalists' creed of objectivity with actual data.
- By providing full achieves in searchable format, public can independently check interpretation of journalists

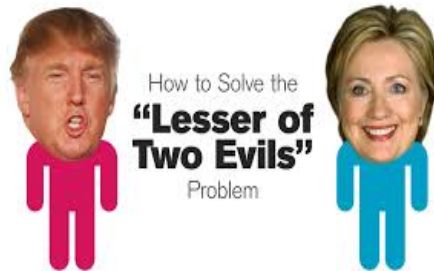


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- Conceals information
- Creates 'news' to manipulate public opinion
- Controls historical narrative



**WIKILEAKS**



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GOVERNMENT**

- Reveals information that has been suppressed
- Restores accurate record of history and collective memory

“We’re human . . . and we’re killing ourselves . . .”  
– Chelsea Manning

## Collateral Murder - Wikileaks - Iraq



Hotel Two-Six; Crazyhorse One-Eight.  
Oh, yeah, look at those dead bastards.

# The War against the First Amendment

"We embarked on a mission to bring the 1st Amendment to the world, little did we realize that our greatest struggle would come in 2010 as we tried to bring the 1st Amendment to the United States."

Julian Assange







- Financial blockade by private companies
- Secret grand jury: The United States has had an ongoing “multi-subject” investigation into WikiLeaks and its associates since 2010.
- Character assassination of Julian Assange



Assange has no first amendment rights  
The CIA is working to take down WikiLeaks

CIA director Mike Pompeo



Assange's arrest is a priority

US Attorney General Jeff Sessions

Assault on WikiLeaks and Julian Assange concerns the issue of press freedom, but it goes much deeper.



**What is this war on free speech?  
What is this battle about?**





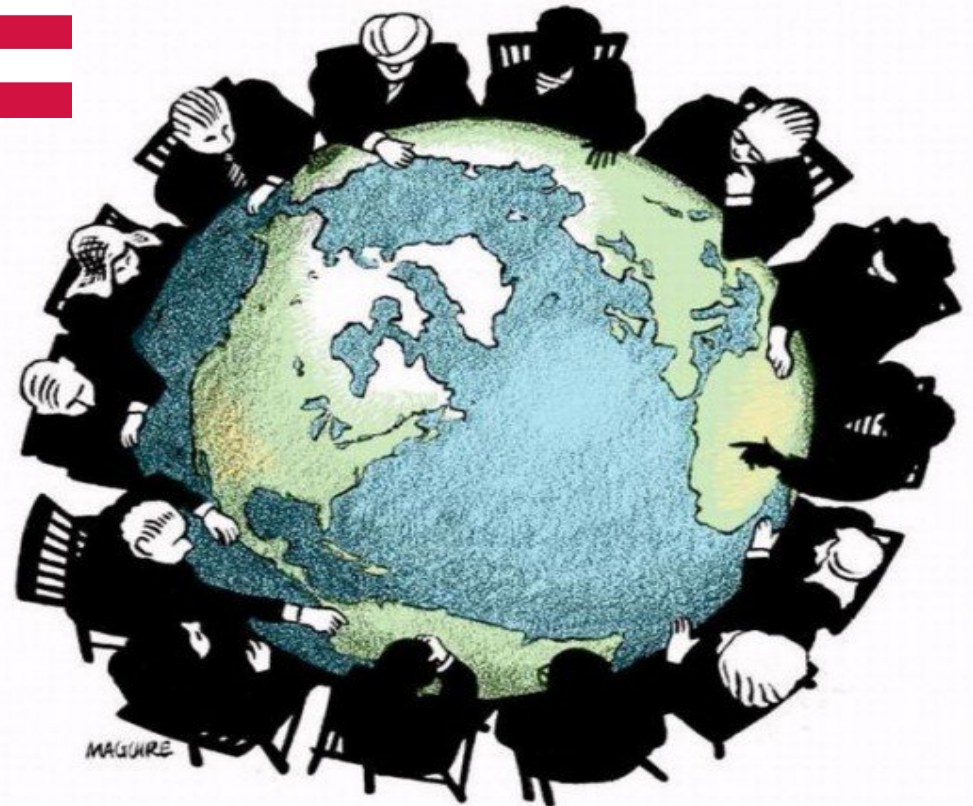
# Machine vs. humanity

“There is a time when the operation of the machine becomes so odious, makes you so sick at heart, that you can't take part.”



The Operation  
of The  
Machine

# Corporate Takeover





# Artificial Intelligence (AI) Algorithmic Control National security state





# Internet Has Become a Battleground

**GEORGE ORWELL'S**

~~1984~~

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**You Tube**

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CENSORSHIP:**

# **The Assassination of Liberty**

## **Google 'planned to aid Syria regime defectors,' leaked Clinton emails show**



**Google**  
*"Don't Be Evil"*

**Clinton, for her part, did not reveal her thoughts on the project but requested PDF samples Cohen had attached to the email to be printed for later reference. (AP)**



# Approaching Orwell's Dictum

‘He who controls the present controls the past’. He who controls the Internet servers controls the intellectual record of mankind, and by controlling that, controls our perception of who we are, and by controlling that, controls what laws and regulations we make in society.”



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**Julian Assange**  
18 May 2010



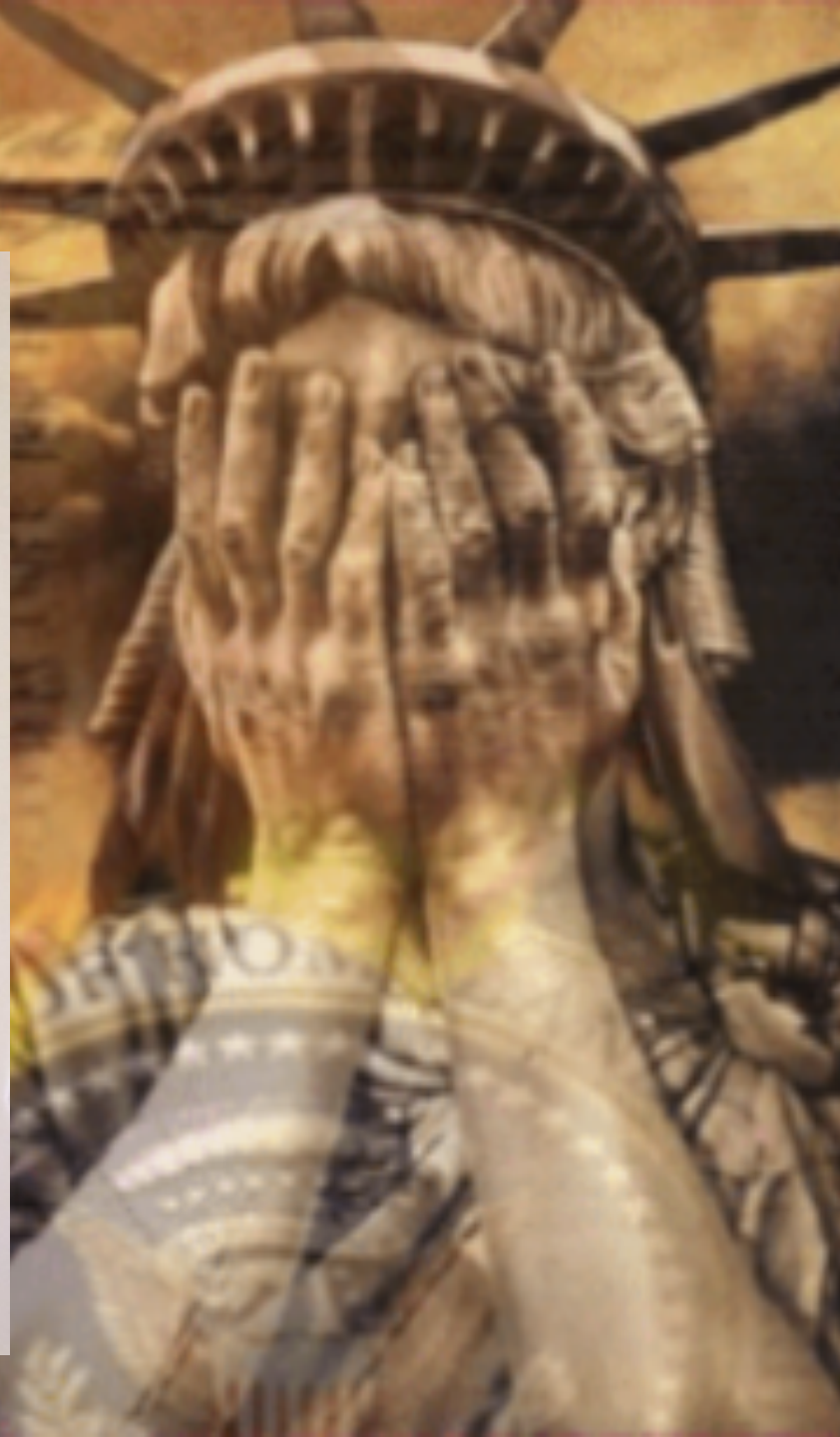




- Freedom of speech was not a tactic, not something to win political advantage.
- It was something that represents **the very dignity of what a human being is** (It marks us off from the stones and the stars ... It is the thing that marks us as just below the angels).



We the People





We are governed,  
our minds are molded,  
our tastes formed,  
our ideas suggested.



--- Edward Bernays

“We are walking around constantly in this fog where we can’t see the ground. These disclosures are a break in the fog.”



# Future of Our Civilization

- Free speech rights allow us to express our creativity, the very thing that makes us human.
- If we can't speak freely, we become automatons and we are doomed as species.







- Join people around the world who engage in this movement to free Julian Assange.



**FREE**  
**JULIAN**  
**ASSANGE**

[iamwikileaks.org/donate](http://iamwikileaks.org/donate)

# What Can We Do?

- Donate to WikiLeaks defense fund  
<http://iamwikileaks.org/donate>
- Contact Congress members to raise support for Julian Assange  
<https://democracy.io/#!>
- Join [#Unity4J](#)  
<http://www.unity4j.com/discord>