

*On Journalism: A Free Press; Or The Big Six Propaganda?
Free Julian Assange.*

We can't understand the importance of journalism without first looking at how and why a free press is fundamental to being a Decent American. A free press is the only true and lasting bulwark against government tyranny since at its heart, a free press is intended to confront governmental power.

“Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost.” Thomas Jefferson (1786).

In 1988, the Supreme Court continued to recognize this basic American principle: “At the heart of the First Amendment is the recognition of the fundamental importance of the free flow of ideas and opinions on matters of public interest and concern. ‘[T]he freedom to speak one’s mind is not only an aspect of individual liberty—and thus a good unto itself—but also is essential to the common quest for truth and the vitality of society as a whole.’ We have therefore been particularly vigilant to ensure that individual expressions of ideas remain free from governmentally imposed sanctions. **The First Amendment recognizes no such thing as a ‘false’ idea.** [emphasis supplied]”¹

Since the First Amendment “recognizes no such thing as a ‘false’ idea”, any American government that can imagine (much less propose) the societal benefit of a misinformation, disinformation, or mal-information board, such as the Department of Homeland Security’s recent Disinformation Governance Board², is illegitimate, and should *never* be countenanced by Decent Americans.

If you remain uncertain about the absolute necessity of a free press to a robust and functioning democracy, read people like George Orwell on the subject: “The same principle is contained in the famous words of Voltaire: ‘I detest what you say; I will defend to the death your right to say it.’ If the intellectual liberty which without a doubt has been one of the distinguishing marks of **western civilisation** means anything at all, it means that everyone shall have the right to say and to print what he believes to be the truth, provided only that it does not harm the rest of

¹ <https://www.law.cornell.edu/supremecourt/text/485/46>.

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Disinformation_Governance_Board.

the community in some quite unmistakable way. [emphasis supplied]” Or, to educate yourself further, watch the true stories of: (i) Katherine Graham (prior owner of The Washington Post) – played by Meryl Streep – and Ben Bradlee (Ms. Graham’s Editor) – played by Tom Hanks – in the 2017 movie *The Post* directed by Steven Spielberg (which, echoing Jefferson and Orwell, and many others, underscores the fact that a free press is the only real bulwark against government tyranny); or (ii) Marty Baron (The Boston Globe’s editor) – played by Liev Schreiber – and Walter Robinson (head of the Boston Globe’s investigative journalism division called Spotlight) – played by Michael Keaton – and Mike Rezendes (a Spotlight investigative journalist) – played by Mark Ruffalo – in the 2015 movie *Spotlight* (which underscores journalism’s capacity to expose), or watch Larry Flynt (publisher of Hustler magazine) – played by Woody Harrelson – in the 1996 movie *The People vs. Larry Flynt* (which underscores your right as an American to be disagreeable).

Should your uncertainty continue about the necessity of a free press, we can only imagine that your personal interests are more important to you than your country’s, or you need some work on your capacity for critical thinking as opposed to irrational (it very often is – one of the greatest psychological thinkers – Albert Ellis – understood this and made it the core pillar of Rational Emotive Behavioral Therapy (REBT and the only therapy I’m aware of that actually tries to get you not to come back) emotional thought.

Common Sense dictates that the Neocons should not own the American press. Neocon Rupert Murdoch (upon whom *Succession*’s patriarch Logan Roy – played by Brian Cox – is based³) owns Fox News, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Post, and many other news outlets and is worth \$17.8 billion.⁴ Neocon Jeff Bezos, who is worth a lot more than Rupert Murdoch of course, owns(ed?) The Washington

³ <https://www.harpersbazaar.com/culture/film-tv/a29385920/succession-roy-family-murdochs-comparison/>.

⁴ <https://www.forbes.com/profile/rupert-murdoch/?sh=53e386e5b1af>.

Post,⁵ and has a 10-year, \$600 million deal with the C.I.A.⁶ Almost *all* of the media (which extends beyond journalism, and to nearly all of the entertainment you have access to) are owned by 6 corporations: National Amusements Inc.; The Walt Disney Company; Time Warner, Inc.; Comcast Corporation; News Corp.; and Sony Group Corporation. Whatever your favorite news shows, movies, television series might be – they’re almost certainly produced, scripted, broadcast, and distributed by 1 of these, known as The Big Six.⁷

Is there any part of you that believes that Neocon Rupert Murdoch (who, as we’ve said owns Fox News and The Wall Street Journal), and Neocon Jeffrey Bewkes, who earned over \$30 million per year overseeing CNN in his capacity as C.E.O. of Time Warner, and Neocon Bob Iger, who earned over \$40 million per year overseeing ABC News in his capacity as C.E.O. of Disney, and Neocon Brian Roberts, who earned over \$40 million per year overseeing MSNBC in his capacity as C.E.O. of Comcast have meaningfully different political views? Of course they don’t. Fox and MSNBC and CNN (like The Washington Post and The New York Times) simply want you to buy their products, and they work colossally hard to make you believe they’re different from each other in order that you continue to do so. That’s not you being a consumer of information; that’s you being a consumer of what they want you to think.

Put differently, why would you believe what a Billionaire or a Billionaire’s Minion has to say about *anything* that may improve your daily lives? They just want you divided – because they well know (as Louis XIV of France found out) that once you realize your problem is with *them*, and not with your neighbor or someone struggling harder than you are, you’ll focus your attention on the Neocons (the Billionaires and their Minions). Is it feasible that a deca-millionaire’s, much less a Billionaire’s interests, have *anything* in common with you

⁵ <https://www.visualcapitalist.com/jeff-bezos-empire-chart/>.

⁶ <https://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2014/07/the-details-about-the-cias-deal-with-amazon/374632/>.

⁷ <https://www.webfx.com/blog/internet/the-6-companies-that-own-almost-all-media-infographic/>.

who work 2, 3, or sometimes 4 jobs to feed yourselves and your children, or you, who doesn't have \$400.00 in the bank for an emergency?

The media landscape doesn't have to be this way, and until quite recently it wasn't. Many actions of the Neocons explain how it got this way, but with journalism in particular, 2 stand out. First was Ronald Reagan's 1987 abolition of the Fairness Doctrine which "mandated broadcast networks devote time to contrasting views on issues of public importance" which Reagan did over the will of Congress.⁸ The abolition of the Fairness Doctrine was rocket fuel to the divisions in America – if we no longer had to be told the other side of a story, we could more easily be made to believe that there was only one side. Common sense dictates that there's *never* only 1 side to a story. Second was Bill Clinton's 1996 Telecommunications Act about which Clinton and other members of the Neocons told us Decent Americans: "It promotes competition as the key to opening new markets and new opportunities," Clinton said at the bill signing. "It will help connect every classroom in America to the information superhighway by the end of the decade. It will protect consumers by regulating the remaining monopolies for a time and by providing a roadmap for deregulation in the future." How's that prediction/lie worked out? Competition? In 1983, 50 companies controlled 90% of American media; Neocon Clinton's Telecommunications Act shrunk that down to 'The Big Six.'⁹ If the owners of 90% of the Billionaires' media want you to know about essentially the same things and to disagree about essentially the same things, what do you think you're going to know and disagree about?

50% of Decent Americans get their news from 1 of 8 outlets: Fox, CNN, MSNBC, ABC, CBS, NBC, NPR, or the New York Times.¹⁰ High up on our list of things to do should be to stop that 49% from consuming those media sources. Propaganda – developed systematically

⁸ <https://www.reaganlibrary.gov/archives/topic-guide/fairness-doctrine>.

⁹ <https://billmoyers.com/story/twenty-years-of-media-consolidation-has-not-been-good-for-our-democracy/>.

¹⁰ <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2020/04/01/americans-main-sources-for-political-news-vary-by-party-and-age/>.

by the Catholic Church as a historical matter (Pope Gregory XV's 1622 Sacred Congregation for the *Propagation of the Faith*¹¹) – is just the promotion of a viewpoint or cause by the entity promoting the viewpoint or cause. Do whatever news sources you listen to propagandize *against* greed and fame, or do they lionize it – shoving the lives of the rich and famous down your throats constantly? Do the news sources you listen to propagandize regular exercise, being outside in the sunshine, and a healthy diet, avoiding sugar, informing you about the health benefits and following the lives of those Americans who have adopted such lifestyles to the betterment of their health, or do they relentlessly promote pharmaceuticals as the answer? Do the news sources you listen to propagandize good mental health by promoting a regular habit of prayer, meditation, yoga, or some other spiritual practice, or do they relentlessly stoke your fears about other Americans and advise you to use pharmaceuticals? If the news sources you listen to cannot get these very basic building blocks of a long and healthy and happier life correct, then why would you expect them to report accurately on, by way of limited example, American foreign policy? Common sense dictates that you wouldn't – because obviously all they want you to be is a consumer; the Neocons couldn't care less about your happiness. Propaganda tells you a narrative that will keep you obedient, and we hope we've already convinced you that a Decent American is, by definition, *disobedient*. The polarization it has wrought in America is very real – Decent Americans are divided by party in the sources they turn to for political news.¹²

Often on the Democrat(ic) side, you believe yourselves to be better-educated, and to know better than the Republican side – perhaps some of you continue to identify with Hilary Clinton's 2016 disgustingly unAmerican description of the Republican voter base as “a basket of deplorables” or Obama's ‘hot mike observation’ that “they cling to guns or religion”. Common sense not only dictates that if you continue to

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Congregation_for_the_Evangelization_of_Peoples.

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<https://www.pewresearch.org/journalism/2020/01/24/americans-are-divided-by-party-in-the-sources-they-turn-to-for-political-news/>.

identify with such statements, you're wrong, but also that you don't live your daily lives as though you believe it. If you truly believed that 50% (or 50% of 50% in Clinton's weasel) of Americans were *actually* racist, sexist, homophobic, gun-toting, religious fanatics, there's no way you'd go out to a restaurant (particularly not if you've seen the mesmerizingly complicated movie *Fight Club*) or a fast-food joint – because everywhere you go, there's a 1 in 2 chance that the person serving you is *actually* a racist, sexist, homophobic, gun-toting, religious fanatic who might kill you for what you think; and only Neocons do that in America. That'd also be true of every person who helps you at Lowe's, Home Depot, Walmart, etc. We're willing to bet that doesn't stop you from interacting with such people; and we'll bet that you say thank you to them and enjoy your interactions with them – without ever having asked them their political views on anything. Of course there are dozens of other transactions that you engage in with your fellow Americans including at gas stations and malls; the list is long. There are 5 million car accidents a year in America; nearly 43,000 deaths resulted in 2021.¹³ We're willing to bet if you're 1 of those that holds the (forgive us, asinine because propagandized) view that massive swathes of Americans are racist, sexist, homophobic, gun-toting religious fanatics doesn't stop you from driving whenever you want or need to. No, propaganda will kill us before that emotionally wrought thought will.

The Big Six pay their Minions millions of dollars per year *not* to tell you the truth. In 2 separate court cases, Democrat(ic) darling Rachel Maddow¹⁴ and Republican darling Tucker Carlson¹⁵ (both the highest paid figures in “news”) were both deemed immune to a defamation lawsuit because – according to judges in 2 different jurisdictions – Decent Americans *know* that neither Maddow nor Carlson offer facts, but rather both only offer opinions. Both Maddow's and Carlson's lawyers *successfully* argued that their clients' “news” shows ***could not reasonably be interpreted as factual***. Hopefully that alone is enough

¹³ <https://www.nhtsa.gov/press-releases/early-estimate-2021-traffic-fatalities>.

¹⁴ <https://thehill.com/homenews/media/499294-judge-dismisses-one-america-news-defamation-lawsuit-against-rachel-maddow/>.

¹⁵ <https://www.newsweek.com/tucker-carlson-wins-defamation-lawsuit-after-fox-news-argues-his-viewers-know-watch-his-show-some-1534357>.

reason to discourage you from *ever* watching Fox or MSNBC. They're not supposed to be credible; if they work for Fox or MSNBC (etc.), they're supposed to lie to you based on your political persuasion.¹⁶

Neocon propaganda outlets, including The Big Six have slowly eradicated dissenting voices from your airwaves. Some prominent examples include Phil Donohue's firing from MSNBC because of his opposition to the Iraq War¹⁷; Ed Schultz's firing from MSNBC because he supported Bernie Sanders¹⁸; Seymour Hersh – arguably America's (and maybe humanity's) greatest ever, most respected, Pulitzer-prize-winning investigative journalist who is also responsible for you knowing about Abu Ghraib¹⁹ – can't get any major news organization (whether in The Big Six or not) to publish his latest bombshell²⁰; Chris Hedges – former Middle East Bureau Chief for the New York Times and Pulitzer-prize-winning journalist – was fired from the New York Times, banned by PBS, and had his entire archive deleted by Google (this suggests he's a man you should listen to, and we do); there are myriad examples, but 1 of the clearest example of Neocon propaganda being totally intolerant of truth-telling journalists is Jesse Ventura (former Navy Seal, professional wrestler, *and* Governor of Minnesota who was paid millions by MSNBC for his silence about the Iraq War. Mr. Ventura, perhaps tells it best: “I was basically silenced. When I came out of office, I was the hottest commodity out there. There was a bidding war between CNN, Fox and MSNBC to get my services. MSNBC ultimately won. I was being groomed for a five day-a-week TV show by them. Then, all of

¹⁶ Since I wrote this, Tucker Carlson has been saying a lot that I agree with, having detested him for years. He's not alone in former Fox News journalists. I didn't change the paragraph because the point remains the same.

¹⁷ <https://billmoyers.com/2013/03/25/the-day-that-tv-news-died/>.

¹⁸ <https://freebeacon.com/politics/ed-schultz-msnbc-fired-supporting-bernie-sanders-tank-hillary-clinton/>.

¹⁹ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/lifestyle/2004/05/19/seymour-hersh-at-the-front-lines-on-war-scandals/a6bac5f2-5baa-4f21-b42a-794cb7dad14c/>.

²⁰ <https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2023/02/18/vaoq-f18.html>.

a sudden, weird phone calls started happening: ‘Is it true Jesse doesn't support the war in Iraq?’ My contract said I couldn't do any other cable TV or any news shows, and they honored and paid it for the duration of it. So in essence I had my silence purchased. Why do you think you didn't hear from me for three years? I was under contract. They wouldn't even use me as a consultant! When you live in Mexico, your houses all have names. I almost named my house Casa MSNBC because they bought it. I was paid like a professional athlete, and I got very wealthy. For doing nothing.”²¹

Decent Americans – particularly those who currently rely on the internet for their news, rather than television – fortunately have an immunity to The Big Six’s propagandists, as evidenced by the “near instant implosion” of the \$300 million CNN+.²²

On Julian Assange: Neocon Propagandists Are Vicious.

If Mr. Ventura’s being paid millions of dollars for his silence because he might say something antagonistic to the interests of the Neocons (particularly when it comes to their wars) disgusts you – as it should, the Billionaire propagandists’ treatment of Julian Assange should turn your stomach and – fair warning – may induce vomiting. Getting Mr. Assange released from jail should be our immediate and top priority – it takes nothing more than a stroke of the pen from Biden or whoever (hopefully no one we’ve heard of today, and hopefully someone the Neocons will come to universally dislike) follows Biden.

Before we embark upon Mr. Assange’s story, we’d commend you to familiarize yourself with certain journalists and supporters of Mr. Assange who have dedicated themselves to Mr. Assange in a way that we were unable to, and to whom we owe deep thanks for spotlighting and explaining. Read those people before you read on here; ask Roger Waters, Randy Credico, Katie Halper, and Richard Medhurst who they are.

²¹ <https://www.startribune.com/ventura-says-msnbc-nixed-his-show-for-not-supporting-iraq-war/78150302/>.

²² <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/04/24/business/media/cnn-plus-discovery-warner.html>.

Julian Assange can, and should, be pardoned today, or if not today, tomorrow. All that takes is the stroke of a President's pen, and *cannot* be too much to ask. If Biden won't do *this*, Decent Americans' *only* job is to, at the least, ensure he doesn't get re-elected.

If you know the name Julian Assange, and have a negative opinion about him, please try to understand that this is because you have fallen for Billionaire propaganda (don't worry about falling for it – once they had your mind in a cage, they weren't about to let it free again, and they work *hard* not to). The Neocons want you to think of Mr. Assange as a weird albino rapist. This conclusion is easy for the Neocons to fabricate in your minds because Mr. Assange looks and sounds a little weird (he's almost ghostly white, has a strange Australian accent, and has shockingly white hair), he doesn't suffer fools gladly, and the Neocon propagandists flat out – no question about it – lied to you about the rapist bit. We'll tell you the sordid story. Tell us – loudly and clearly, as with any other aspect of this work – where we're wrong.

Julian was born on July 5, 1971 in Australia. He remains an Australian citizen, has never been an American citizen, and did nothing for which he is criminally accused by America while he was in the United States – world police indeed; look out world! He was born to parents who cared about other human beings that they did not know, and cared about honesty and integrity. Julian was raised with these values. Mr. Assange is married to Stella Morris, and has 2 children with Ms. Morris (Gabriel and Max).

Mr. Assange has been incarcerated since 2010, and his only crime was to tell the truth about the Neocons through his meticulous website www.wikileaks.org which we should all spend more time reviewing.

Julian was born wildly intelligent. By the age of 16, he was an internationally renowned cybersecurity expert – what the Neocons derogatorily calls a “hacker” (although even the Neocons know that hackers are mostly motivated by non-malign reasons, like “protest, information gathering, challenge, recreation, or evaluation of a system weaknesses to assist in formulating defenses against potential hackers”²³ – named Mendax. “Assange had a self-imposed set of ethics: he didn't damage or crash systems or data he hacked, and he shared information,” and had “hacked thousands of systems, including the Pentagon’ when

²³ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Security_hacker.

he was younger.”²⁴ Put differently, Mr. Assange’s ethics promoted informational collaboration and truth-telling – the destruction of bad systems through democratic political change (informing us), rather than terrorism.

There is an old adage which, in the age of Marvel, seems unlikely: fact is stranger than fiction. This adage finds particular grip when it deals with the individuals it focuses on, whether the evil (Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell) or the good (Steven Donziger, Scott Ritter, and Aaron Swartz). The adage’s grip is particularly strong with Mr. Assange’s story. Buckle up, most of your senses are going to want to reject the facts as fiction; don’t yield to that temptation. Engage logic and rationality, and reject fear’s emotional combustibility. Perhaps think about how Mr. Assange might be useful to Decent Americans’ future, rather like Frank Abagnale Jr. – the notorious criminal played by Leonardo DiCaprio in the 2002 movie *Catch Me If You Can* – who after being caught became useful to the Billionaires?

Mr. Assange founded Wikileaks in 2006. Wikileaks did, and does, nothing but publish original documents and information allowing us to review the materials and draw our own conclusions from them. Between 2007 and 2010, Wikileaks published internet censorship lists, leaks, classified media from anonymous sources – including revelations about drone strikes in Yemen, corruption across the Arab world, extrajudicial executions by Kenyan police, Tibetan unrest in China, the Petrogate oil scandal in Peru, and 570,000 pager messages concerning 9/11.

Nothing Wikileaks published was – and to this date has not been – demonstrated to be anything other than completely true. As Jesus said: “the truth will set you free.”²⁵

In April 2010, based on Wikileaks’ disclosure of 750,000 documents, many of which were classified (and came to be known as the Iraq War Logs and the Afghan War Logs) by an Army intelligence soldier named Chelsea née Bradley Manning who was tortured by the American military while she was in prison – in large part because she would not implicate Mr. Assange. “She revealed war crimes, including

²⁴ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Julian_Assange#cite_note-60.

²⁵ <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john%208:31-32&version=ESV>.

murder and torture; exposed liars and the dirty and duplicitous dealings of the U.S. and its allies; documented a secret history of America's longest-running war; and forced a much needed debate about the U.S. role in the world. And for that, she is being tortured."²⁶ Manning's prison sentence was commuted by Obama in 2017.

Among the documents disclosed to Wikileaks – arguably the 1 document that has resulted in Mr. Assange's imprisonment and torture for the past 13 years – was The Collateral Murder video, showing American soldiers wantonly, brazenly, and joyfully slaughtering Iraqi civilians, journalists, and first-aid workers. Be warned, before you watch it, it's gruesome, and be advised it's only gruesome if you recall that it's real life footage: it's not a Hollywood movie or a video game, though unfortunately it can seem like that, and thus desensitize us to its brutality.²⁷

The Neocons had a massive problem. Mr. Assange was not American, all he did was publish the Collateral Murder video (no different from the New York Times and the Washington Post publishing the Pentagon Papers²⁸ (if you're too young to remember, watch the 2017 movie *The Post* to understand this better), and Mr. Assange didn't even publish it while in America.

How could they deal with him? What Julian did was, and for the moment is, not a crime. Obama recognized this and declined to prosecute Mr. Assange on the basis of the infamous “New York Times problem.”²⁹ Because the New York Times (and other major Billionaire publications like the Washington Post and the Guardian) published Manning's disclosures – not to mention that's perfectly legal under the First Amendment (the Pentagon Papers taught us that³⁰) – if Obama

²⁶ <https://theintercept.com/2016/11/08/the-true-scandal-of-2016-was-the-torture-of-chelsea-manning/>.

²⁷ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zYT'xuW2vmzk>.

²⁸ <https://www.archives.gov/research/pentagon-papers>.

²⁹ <https://www.politico.com/blogs/media/2013/11/the-dojs-new-york-times-problem-with-assange-178396>.

³⁰ <https://www.law.cornell.edu/supremecourt/text/403/713%26hl%3D>.

prosecuted Mr. Assange, he'd also have to prosecute the New York Times *et al.*

Under Obama, the Swedish government instead issued a European warrant for Mr. Assange's arrest while he was in Sweden in November 2010 (about 7 months after Collateral Murder and The War Logs were published by Wikileaks), and let him travel to London. The Swedish government is historically obedient to the requests of the United States government. The arrest warrant's basis? *Rape*. A perfect charge with which to vilify Julian Assange in your minds. Except, *no rape* had ever occurred; rather, Mr. Assange had had consensual sex with 2 women³¹, the Swedish prosecutors refused to interview Mr. Assange for *6 years*³², the women who claimed rape have since all but admitted there was no rape, and finally – in 2019 – Sweden dropped the charges³³ (giving you enough time to forget about Mr. Assange who had been in jail (call it the Ecuadorian Embassy of you like) by that time for 9 years). The rape charge, and Mr. Assange's weird physicality were sufficient to poison your minds against being interested in Mr. Assange's case; dastardly, when you really consider it. Billionaire media trumpeted the evidence-free rape allegations in headlines across the United States and Europe, smearing Assange with falsehoods so as you'd recall the rape charges when you heard the name Assange, and you wouldn't pay attention to press freedoms and the Billionaires' utter lawlessness.

Mr. Assange had been – rightfully – concerned that the Swedish authorities and the Obama administration had concocted the rape charges to get him extradited to Sweden to face the charges, and then Sweden would, following Washington's request – extradite him to the United States. Mr. Assange fought extradition to Sweden in the British courts, always offering to return to Sweden to face the charges (which he knew to be fake) *if* Sweden publicly agreed not to extradite him to the United States. Sweden refused. Mr. Assange lost the extradition battle in

³¹ <https://www.pressenza.com/2020/03/how-swedish-authorities-invented-the-rape-charge-against-julian-assange/>.

³² <https://www.theguardian.com/media/2016/nov/14/julian-assange-to-face-swedish-prosecutors-over-accusation>.

³³ <https://www.theguardian.com/media/2019/nov/19/sweden-drops-julian-assange-investigation>.

London, and fled to the Ecuadorian embassy in London and sought asylum.

At the time, the Ecuadorian president was Rafael Correa, who was also involved with Mr. Donziger and granted Mr. Assange asylum. From June 2012 until April 2019, Mr. Assange lived ostensibly in jail in the Ecuadorian embassy in London. It was revealed to Mr. Correa's government that the C.I.A. had been spying on Mr. Assange inside the Ecuadorian embassy using a Spanish security company run by a man named David Morales called U.C. Global. Morales faced trial for his criminal conduct in Spain.³⁴ Among other things, U.C. Global spied on Mr. Assange while he was in the toilet, took passports and phones from anyone coming to visit Mr. Assange³⁵, and bugged and recorded Mr. Assange's meetings and calls with everyone, including Mr. Assange's lawyers.³⁶

In 2017, Rafael Correa was replaced as Ecuador's president by Lenin Moreno – who Correa asserted “had sold Assange to the United States”, in part because Wikileaks had “revealed details of a corruption scandal involving Moreno's family.”³⁷ Mike Pompeo met with Moreno in Quito,³⁸ and had phone calls with Moreno between July and November 2019.³⁹ Trump also met with Moreno – the first time an

³⁴ <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/assange-bugged-while-at-ecuadorian-embassy-uk-court-told-julian-assange-witness-david-morales-london-witnesses-b721947.html>.

³⁵ <https://jacobin.com/2022/09/julian-assange-cia-uc-global-morales-ecuadorian-embassy-spying/>.

³⁶ https://english.elpais.com/elpais/2019/11/08/inenglish/1573211318_746915.html.

³⁷ <https://jacobin.com/2019/07/julian-assange-ecuador-lenin-moreno-rafael-correa>.

³⁸ https://www.voanews.com/a/americas_pompeo-meet-ecuadorian-president-moreno-latest-leg-latin-american-trip/6172272.html.

³⁹ <https://ec.usembassy.gov/secretary-michael-r-pompeos-call-with-ecuadorian-president-lenin-moreno/>.

American president had met his Ecuadorian counterpart in 17 years.⁴⁰ The Ecuadorian people marched in favor of Mr. Assange, attempting to prevent Moreno from dissolving Mr. Assange’s asylum, and were beaten back by riot police.⁴¹

When Mr. Assange was dragged by British police from the Ecuadorian embassy,⁴² Correa labelled Moreno a “sell out”⁴³ and Moreno – without evidence (in spite of all the surveillance equipment in the embassy) – claimed that Mr. Assange’s asylum had been ended because he “smeared his faeces on our embassy’s walls”.⁴⁴ Billionaire media trumpeted the evidence-free faeces allegations in headlines across the United States and Europe, smearing (forgive the pun) Julian with falsehoods so as you’d recall the faeces allegations and the rape charges when you heard the name Assange, and you wouldn’t pay attention to press freedoms and the Billionaires’ utter lawlessness.

Mr. Assange was put in Britain’s worst maximum security prison, Belmarsh, and was tortured – according to Nils Melzer, the United Nations’ Special Rapporteur on Torture – using a form of psychological torture “aimed at destroying the personality of an individual.”⁴⁵ Sounds like Willie Lynch (whose last name gives us the verb “to lynch”): “Keep the body take the mind! In other words break the will to resist.”⁴⁶ Mr. Assange was denied bail (because the Neocons do *not* want you to hear from him) even though an Islamic terrorist had previously been granted

⁴⁰ <https://www.latinousa.org/2020/02/13/trumpleninmoreno/>.

⁴¹ <https://the-pen.co/lenin-moreno-seen-as-puppet-of-the-us/>

⁴² <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IusyZMqcs38>.

⁴³ <https://jacobin.com/2019/07/julian-assange-ecuador-lenin-moreno-rafael-correa>.

⁴⁴ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gX-nprtNxpE>.

⁴⁵ <https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736%2820%2931444-6/fulltext>.

⁴⁶ <https://archive.org/details/WillieLynchLetter1712>.

500,000 bail from Belmarsh, so as *he* could live comfortably on house arrest.⁴⁷

The Billionaires and their Minions *really* don't want you to hear from Mr. Assange – because he's wicked smart, fearless, and tells the truth; so they'll tell you that you shouldn't listen to him because he's a weird, faeces smearing rapist who you can't possibly pay attention to because Fox, CNN, MSNBC, the New York Times, the Washington Post, or any other Billionaire propagandist outlet *can't* let you listen to. Common sense dictates that if Mr. Assange were, in fact, a weird, faces smearing rapist, and you were allowed to listen to him, you'd instantly reject what he has to say; but they won't. Ask yourself why they won't let you hear what he has to say, and then ask yourself why they've transgressed just about every human rights law imaginable to keep him from having his voice heard.

So terrified is the Ruling Class of letting you hear Mr. Assange's voice, that they unleashed Pompeo's anti-democratic, anti-human venality (it didn't have to be Pompeo, it could've been anyone willing to lie, cheat, steal, and kill to get paid). Pompeo, as C.I.A. director, cannily (no compliment intended) labeled Wikileaks a “non-state hostile intelligence service” which in Pompeo's view gave him the cover to plot to kidnap and/or assassinate Mr. Assange (without regard to his wife and children) according to **30** unnamed government official sources. Don't believe us? Sounds too James Bond or too Jack Ryan or too Ethan Hunt? Here's Pompeo's response to questions about the 30 unnamed government sources: “Whoever those 30 people who allegedly spoke with one of these reporters, they should all be prosecuted for speaking about classified activity inside the Central Intelligence Agency.”⁴⁸

Space in this pamphlet hinders a full factual description of everything that Julian Assange has been subjected to, but if your curiosity has been piqued – as we hope it has been – pay attention to convicted pedophile Sigurdur Thordarson who the Neocons groomed and recruited to testify against Mr. Assange, before Thordarson admitted

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⁴⁸ <https://strategic-culture.org/news/2021/09/30/pompeo-effectively-admits-to-assange-allegations/>.

he lied to prevent his prosecution for actual, serious crimes (like his pedophilia).⁴⁹ The Billionaires' mendacious willingness to hide their crimes behind atrocious adoptees has, perhaps, never been more unambiguously unveiled⁵⁰; but then, you're right, us Decent Americans would have had to have forgotten about Epstein and Maxwell.

Some Billionaire propagandists (like the New York Times and other Neocon entities) are now clamoring for his release. This after years of silence, being co-conspirators in publication of Wikipedia's revelations, and unabashedly supporting their multi-millionaire hosts. Jim Acosta (just another actor, just another member of the Neocons; they pick these people only for their capacity to lie), you'll recall perhaps (if you didn't notice, we'd imagine empathetically it's because you needed to feed yourselves and your children, but we'd implore you to *now* take notice) did a 'press freedom' crusade. Acosta's journalistic, mendacious, press-freedom-fakery is on full display at a book-signing (of his silly book *about* press freedom!) where he skillfully (not a compliment; it's just a skillful delivery of lies) elides questions about Mr. Assange's prosecution.⁵¹ The hypocrisy is – literally – breathtaking. We're a little ahead of ourselves here – we have not yet covered Obama's efforts to avoid the New York Times problem, while *still* prosecuting Mr. Assange. Just so you're first aware that there's no basis upon which Obama can claim ignorance because it was the D.O.J. or the C.I.A., here's Obama talking about commuting Manning's sentence, and Mr. Assange's possible prosecution in 2017.⁵²

If Biden doesn't immediately pardon Mr. Assange, let's insist upon a debate between Trump and Obama concerning their differing approaches to Assange, supported by their Secretaries of State Mike Pompeo and Hilary Clinton. We haven't mentioned it yet, but Hilary

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https://www.democracynow.org/2021/6/28/julian_assange_extradition_case.

50 <https://www.medialens.org/2021/a-remarkable-silence-media-blackout-after-key-witness-against-assange-admits-lying/>.

51 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ussvELDrUcE>.

52 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iEAhkZsKx38>.

Clinton – as one of the most ardent warriors for the Neocons – believed, after Trump charged Mr. Assange and Hilary Clinton’s boss (Obama) had declined to, that Mr. Assange “has to answer for what he has done.” It’d be an interesting debate with the right Decent Americans moderating, and entirely unnecessary if Biden pardons him now. We can decide whether, and how much, financial remuneration is appropriate for the Ruling Class’ mendacious, illegal theft of – to date – 13 years of his life, and how much jail time those responsible members of the Ruling Class should serve.

As we’re aiming our ire at the Billionaires’ political actors, we should also consider aiming our ire at their actual onscreen actors. Benedict Cumberbatch (the heir of a slave plantation⁵³) played Julian Assange in the “wretched” 2013 movie *The Fifth Estate*. While his co-star in the movie, Laura Linney sensibly explained – in response to her boss asking for ways to deal with the Collateral Murder video – “You don’t want ugly pictures, you should stay out of ugly ways”. Cumberbatch, a witting-or-not Billionaires’ tool, received a letter from Julian.⁵⁴ Here’s Benedict Cumberbatch’s response – read it and see whether you think he might be a mere Billionaires’ tool.⁵⁵

Wikileaks is not the only publisher of its kind – it’s just the largest and most respected. Another one we’re aware of is Cryptome.⁵⁶ There should be several of these.

Here’s the law the Neocons are using to persecute Julian:
<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/793>.

⁵³ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benedict_Cumberbatch.

⁵⁴ <https://variety.com/2013/film/news/julian-assange-writes-letter-to-benedict-cumberbatch-1200709062/>.

⁵⁵ <https://www.reddit.com/r/IAMa/comments/1o8l5f/comment/ccpri70/?context=3>. Although it’s on reddit, the link is from Entertainment Weekly: <https://ew.com/article/2013/10/11/benedict-cumberbatch-julian-assange/>.

⁵⁶ <https://cryptome.org>.