

Letters from our readers on WikiLeaks

21 December 2010

On “WikiLeaks founder granted bail, but remains incarcerated”

I'd be curious to know from Assange himself whether he deliberately gave himself up to British authorities with the intent of demonstrating through his own example how authoritarian our world has become.

This entire event has revealed from day 1 just how fascist our nations have become, particularly the United States--and how willing they are to work toward silencing those who would reveal the lies, secrets and crimes committed by national governments in the name of their citizenry.

People should be frightened—not at terrorism, socialism or whatever “-ism” the media trumps up as the evil du jour—but at the ability of international governments and their corporate handlers (the corporatocracy) to subjugate the rule of law for their own (perhaps devious) purposes (such as silencing dissent, or censoring the Internet).

The longer Assange is wrongfully imprisoned without the right to habeas corpus or release on bail, the more people will sympathize with his plight.

Lisa C.

15 December

On “The New York Times and WikiLeaks”

This is a great article. I too noticed that the NYT stopped publishing Wikileaks content headlines almost immediately. It very much appears they are being censored by the US govt. They must be afraid that they are nearest and most likely to receive the legal implications of whatever the White House can conjure. The Obama administration has very much turned out to be a massive let down for the American people. Extending tax cuts to the rich whilst everything else shuts down, class! Thanks Joseph and the WSWS.

Rowan R.

Britain

16 December

Yes most interesting but what is the strategy for survival then of the New York Times? I thought the trend in the West was for people to buy less newspapers. But who would want to buy a paper that boasts of its extensive and sophisticated techniques of self censorship? In the face of the internet these declarations amount to a last will and testament of the New York Times, as a newspaper. So where exactly does Bill Keller, Executive Editor, see future revenues arriving from to replace the stream of readers. Since news is no longer their business the Times can dispose of all investigative reporters etc. That will reduce costs. The other side of this equation is a small market for those who want the official views of the American government. It would include the 'industry' of advisers, lobbyists etc. I will be interested to see how this American Pravda fares.

Chris

Ireland

16 December

On “Julian Assange granted bail”

Comments: its really interesting Julian Assange, can be held without bail for 9 days if not more, in solitary confinement. Just a small taste of what it is going to be like if he does not cease and desists. Come on we all watch Spooks, we know how it works. What concerns me most is how few people have commented on the draconian nature of this, and its psychological impact on Assange.

Diane J.

Katoomba, NSW Australia

18 December

On “Accused WikiLeaks source Bradley Manning held in solitary confinement”

“He is forbidden from exercising in his cell”—I had no

idea they could do that. What is the rationale—that he might get stronger and break the locks and get out?

Thushara

18 December



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