



'The US Government explicitly argued that all journalists are liable to prosecution under the Espionage Act (1917) for publishing classified information ... It is hard for me to convey to a British audience what an assault this represents by the Trump administration on Americans' self-image of their own political culture. The First Amendment is celebrated across the political divide ...' (Craig Murray)

Unfortunately few major press outlets heard this. *'The lack of media presence both outside and inside the Old Bailey was remarkable. The press annex was not at capacity – at times, it was half-empty.'* (John McEvoy) Even if they had heard this it would perhaps not have disturbed them as mainstream papers are propaganda outlets for the government, so are not in danger. But independent outlets and journalists will certainly suffer from the Assange precedent if he is extradited and imprisoned.

The Guardian should be fine – its past false statements on the issue of whether Assange was negligent about redaction (it was not Assange's but the Guardian's negligence that led to unredacted material being published) are now a significant part

of the evidence used by the Prosecution. (See Jonathan Cook's article for more on this: 'The US is using the Guardian to justify jailing Assange for life. Why is the paper so silent?' <https://www.jonathan-cook.net/blog/2020-09-22/guardian-silent-assange-trial/>)

We must Stand With Assange

When the Prosecution objected to hearing witness Khaled El-Masri – victim of CIA rendition and nightmarish torture – Julian Assange stood up behind his glass screen and declared very loudly: *'I will not permit the testimony of a torture victim to be censored by this court.'*

This exemplifies his courage and his philosophy.

Julian Assange's enemies are the enemies of all those fighting for democracy, peace, justice and progress. If we win this battle it will be a major blow against our war-criminal governments. It will help every struggle. If we lose, the consequences are incalculable.

Julian Assange has stood up for us and now we must stand with him.

Join us, find out what you can do

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The fight to free Julian Assange is a crucial part of the fight for democratic rights, truth and peace.

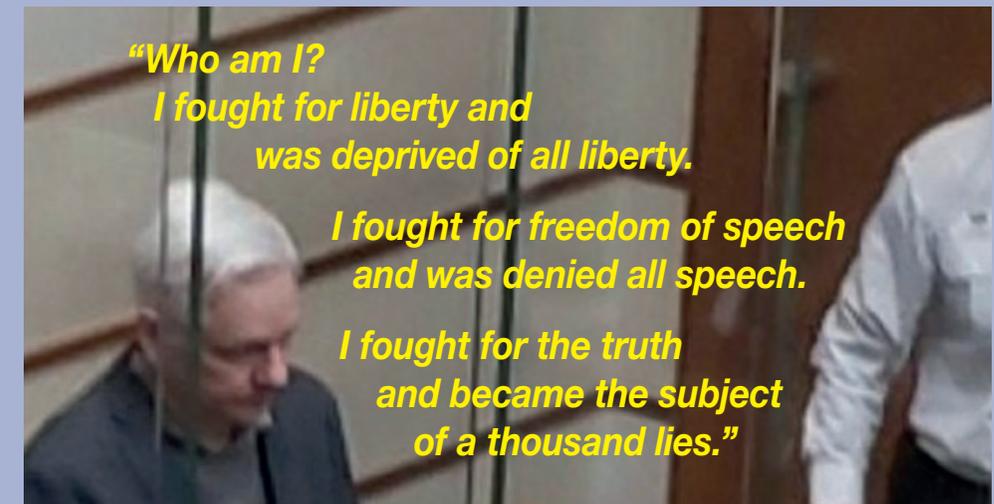
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FREE JULIAN ASSANGE!



Julian Assange isolated in glass box for Extradition hearing at Woolwich Crown Court

Julian Assange sent this on 10th April 2019 the day before he was dragged out of the Ecuadorian Embassy and imprisoned in maximum security Belmarsh gaol. He remains isolated there today (his 10th year of detention of various forms) awaiting a decision on extradition to the USA on bogus espionage charges carrying a possible 175 year sentence.

For what? In 2010 he and WikiLeaks published millions of secret leaked documents showing the unvarnished, revolting facts about illegal western wars in Iraq and Afghanistan: the murder of civilians, corruption, torture, rendition and death squads. In doing so *'Wikileaks has allowed us to see raw, naked power before it puts on a suit and tie, slicks back its hair and conceals the knife'*. (Jonathan Cook). And the US, UK and other NATO partners have been after his blood ever since.

The US/UK/NATO partners' wars in Afghanistan and Iraq unleashed continuing

disaster on the Middle East – with millions dead and 37 million people displaced. While none of the murdering war-criminals responsible – Blair, Bush, Cheney etc – has suffered any consequence, the person who played a major role in their exposure has been hunted down and used as an example to show that anyone who dares expose the truth about our rulers' wars (and they are waging and planning many more) will be ground to dust and publicly annihilated. This will be a catastrophic defeat for freedom of the press – it will cause fear amongst journalists – but more than that, it will say 'We can do anything, anywhere to anyone, and no national or international laws, treaties, rules can stop us'.

A Virtual Secret Trial

'... I have felt more welcome, respected, and able to do my job as an NGO observer in more professional conditions at a prison campus in Turkey than I have at Woolwich Crown Court or the Old Bailey Court.' (Rebecca Vincent, Reporters Without Borders)

On 7 September at the Old Bailey, Julian Assange's Extradition hearing resumed. It was an extraordinary, politically dramatic event in central

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