



legal precedent for freedom of speech and equality before the law.' The charges arise from his alleged 'jigsaw' identification of witnesses in his reporting of the Alex Salmond case, a case in which Salmond was acquitted by a jury. Craig Murray has said:

'I go to jail with a clean conscience after a Kafkaesque trial. I genuinely do not know who I am supposed to have identified or which phrases I published are said to have identified them in combination with what other information in the public domain ... I carefully protect the identities of accusers in my reports.'

Craig's passionate advocacy in support of those who expose war crimes and serious governmental violations of human rights and international law has certainly made him a figure of ruling class hatred. He rightly says:

'I believe this is actually the state's long-sought revenge for my whistleblowing on security service collusion with torture and my long-term collaboration with Wikileaks and other whistleblowers. Unfortunately,

important free speech issues are collateral damage.'

Indeed they are. Lady Dorrian, judge in Murray's case, draws a clear distinction between independent media and so-called mainstream press. The latter, it says, are regulated and have codes of practice and are afforded legal protections. But independent journalists, like Craig, are to be afforded no such protections. We have seen the same distinction made in the case of Julian Assange where much effort has been put into arguing that he is not a 'real journalist.' If honestly stated, the ruling should have said that approved media hide our lies and crimes whilst dangerous independent journalists often expose them and that cannot be tolerated.

We will continue to report on ways in which Craig Murray's fight can be supported. In the meantime here are references to further articles on the case:

<https://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/docs/default-source/cos-general-docs/pdf-docs-for-opinions/2021hcj002.pdf>

<https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2021/08/04/pers-a04.html>

<https://www.jonathan-cook.net/blog/2021-07-30/craig-murrays-jailing-is-the-latest-move-in-the-battle-to-snuff-out-independent-journalism/>

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