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US PERSECUTION OF ASSANGE AN ATTACK ON
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WHY CAN’T THE TWO PARTIES JUST GET ALONG? ALAS THEY DO—the WAR PARTY, WITH CALAMITOUS CONSEQUENCES

DEFENDING ASSANGE: REVEALING THE TRUTH

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Exposing the truth, denouncing his persecutors

1917 Espionage Act, Punishment for Free Speech
“first time in the history of the United States”

Since 1917, the US government has used the Espionage Act to restrict freedom of speech, to imprison activists and whistle-blowers, and to dismantle progressive organizations.

By Miriam Schneir

MAY 30, 2019


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Last week the US Justice Department announced the indictment of Julian Assange on 18 counts of violating the 1917 Espionage Act. Although the government had previously charged Assange with helping Chelsea Manning, then a private in the US Army, to hack military computers, the
new indictment greatly ups the ante, for Assange is now accused of publishing the Manning documents on his WikiLeaks website. This is a far more serious matter—the first time in the history of the United States that the publication of truthful information has been defined as a crime. The New York Times immediately raised an alarm. The prosecution of Assange under the Espionage Act, warned a May 23 editorial, “could have a chilling effect on American journalism. It is aimed straight at the heart of the First Amendment.”

Few would dispute that governments may need to keep certain data secret in the interest of national security. At the same time, the decision not to divulge information must be scrupulously weighed in a democracy against the public’s right to know.

The 1917 Espionage Act does not concern itself with such quibbles, however; it comes down wholeheartedly on the side of secrecy and national security. MORE


PUNISHING ASSANGE BIPARTISAN:
ACCUSATIONS BY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

US federal court exposes Democratic Party conspiracy against Assange and WikiLeaks

By Eric London
31 July 2019

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In a ruling published late Tuesday, Judge John Koeltl of the US District Court for the Southern District of New York delivered a devastating blow to the US-led conspiracy against WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange.

In his ruling, Judge Koeltl, a Bill Clinton nominee and former assistant special prosecutor for the Watergate Special
Prosecution Force, dismissed “with prejudice” a civil lawsuit filed in April 2018 by the Democratic National Committee (DNC) alleging WikiLeaks was civilly liable for conspiring with the Russian government to steal DNC emails and data and leak them to the public.

Jennifer Robinson, a leading lawyer for Assange, and other WikiLeaks attorneys welcomed the ruling as “an important win for free speech.”

The decision exposes the Democratic Party in a conspiracy of its own to attack free speech and cover up the crimes of US imperialism and the corrupt activities of the two parties of Wall Street. MORE

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TORTURE

UN rights expert asserts Assange has been psychologically tortured Reuters (5/31). UN Wire (5-31-19).

EUROPEANS DEFEND ASSANGE


Speakers warned that the persecution of Assange was creating a precedent for the suppression of press freedom and for the application of repressive US laws all over the world.

Striking university workers speak out: “Assange won’t be defended by the rich, it must be the working people!”

By our reporter, 21 November 2019
Collapse of Swedish “sexual misconduct” frame-up exposes political conspiracy against Assange.

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Julian Assange extradition case to be drawn out for months ...
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«A murderous system is being created before our very eyes ...
www.republik.ch › nils-melzer-about-wikileaks-founder-julian-assange
Jan 31, 2020 - Fifty weeks in prison for violating his bail: Julian Assange in January 2020 in a police van on the way to London's maximum security Belmarsh ...

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SEE Newsletter #11 for the 11 newsletters with links. If you will study just one of them I believe you will read more and eventually speak up for this persecuted journalist—enemy of secrecy loved by dictators, lover of transparency for a democracy. Contrast Assange to the presidents of the US National Security State (see Presidential Power).

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