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**WikiLeaks
Chronology**

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— Time Magazine

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Julian Assange (1)

- Born 3 July 1971 in Queensland, Australia
- Early childhood history of defending underdogs
- Strong sense of right/wrong
- 1987 began criminal hacking as “Mendax” in *International Subversives* gang
- Known as “ethical hacker”
 - ❑ “Don’t damage systems”
 - ❑ “Don’t change information (except logs)”
 - ❑ “Share information”




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Julian Assange (2)


- 1991 – Arrested 1991 (aged 20) for extensive unauthorized penetrations of computer systems
 - ❑ Nortel
 - ❑ USAF/Pentagon
- 1993 – helped Victoria Police Child Exploitation Unit – technical advice
- 1993 – started Suburbia Public Access Network (early Australian ISP)
- 1994 – free software programmer
- 1995 – wrote *Strobe* open-source port scanner
- 2003-2006 – University of Melbourne
 - ❑ Physics, math, philosophy, neuroscience
 - ❑ Did not graduate



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2006 WikiLeaks Established

- wikileaks.org registered 4 Oct 2006
 - ❑ December 2006 – first documents posted
- ABOUT: <http://www.wikileaks.ch/About.html>
 - ❑ Not-for-profit media organization
 - ❑ Goal: bring important news and information to public
 - ❑ Innovative, secure and anonymous way for sources to leak information to journalists (electronic drop box)
 - ❑ Publish original source material alongside our news stories

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WikiLeaks Principles (cont'd)



- Defense of freedom of speech and media publishing
- Improvement of common historical record
- Support of rights of all people to create new history
- Derive principles from Universal Declaration of Human Rights
 - Article 19: everyone has right to freedom of opinion and expression
 - Includes freedom to hold opinions without interference
 - Seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers

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How WikiLeaks Works

- Accept anonymous contributions
- High security encrypted drop-box
 - ❑ Maximum protection to sources
- Journalists analyze & summarize
 - ❑ Publish original documents as well for analysis
- Assess leaks for veracity
 - ❑ Extensive examination
 - ❑ Analysis of consistency, motives
 - ❑ Forensic analysis to spot forgeries and hoaxes
 - ❑ Seek external validation including interviews and field trips
 - ❑ Use official documents & eyewitness testimony

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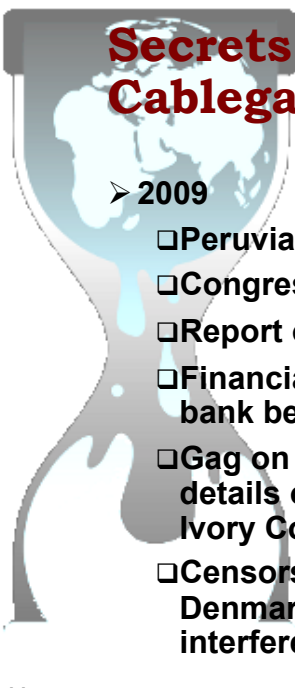


Secrets Revealed Before Cablegate (1)


- See Archives: http://www.wikileaks.ch/wiki/Main_Page
- 2007
 - ❑ Corruption in Kenya
 - ❑ Guantanamo Bay detention procedures
- 2008
 - ❑ Illegal activities of Swiss bank in Cayman Islands
 - ❑ Scientology secret scriptures
 - ❑ Yahoo e-mail account of Sarah Palin
 - ❑ Membership list of National Party (UK neo-Nazis)

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Secrets Revealed Before Cablegate (2)



- 2009
 - ❑ Peruvian oil scandal
 - ❑ Congressional Research Service reports
 - ❑ Report on Iranian nuclear plant accident
 - ❑ Financial irregularities at major Icelandic bank before economic collapse of country
 - ❑ Gag on *Guardian* to prevent reporting of details of major toxic dumping incident in Ivory Coast
 - ❑ Censorship lists defined by Australia, Denmark & Thailand showing widespread interference with Web access

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Cablegate (2010)


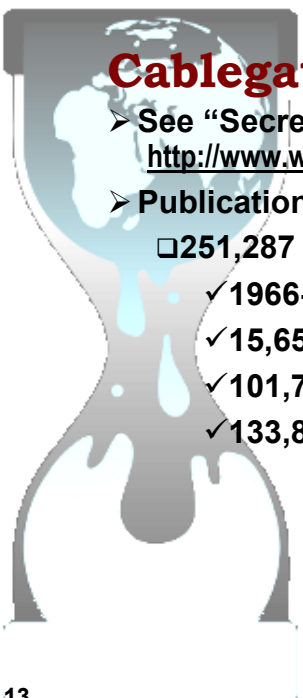


- January
 - ❑ Someone began sending WikiLeaks US State Department documents
- April
 - ❑ Classified video of air assault on Reuters cameramen (12 July 2007, Baghdad)
- June
 - ❑ Bradley Manning arrested
- July
 - ❑ 92,000 documents about war in Afghanistan
- October
 - ❑ 400,000 documents about Iraq war

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Cablegate (2)

- See “Secret US Embassy Cables”
<http://www.wikileaks.ch/cablegate.html>
- Publication began 28 Nov 2010
 - ❑ 251,287 leaked US embassy cables
 - ✓ 1966-28 Feb 2010
 - ✓ 15,652 classified SECRET
 - ✓ 101,748 CONFIDENTIAL
 - ✓ 133,887 UNCLASSIFIED

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Cooperation with Respected Newspapers

- US Diplomatic cables given to
 - ❑ *El Pais* (Spain)
 - ❑ *Le Monde* (France)
 - ❑ *Der Spiegel* (Germany)
 - ❑ *The Guardian* (UK)
 - ❑ *The New York Times* (US)
- Why? (from FAQ)
 - ❑ Maximum possible impact for release
 - ❑ Extensive time scrutinizing the material.
 - ❑ Partners had resources for many weeks of analysis


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Cable Topics



- External political relations – 145,451
- Internal government affairs – 122,896
- Human rights – 55,211
- Economic Conditions – 49,044
- Terrorists and terrorism – 28,801
- UN security council – 6,532
- See also FAQ:
<http://www.wikileaks.ch/static/html/faq.html>

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Prizes & Favorable Press


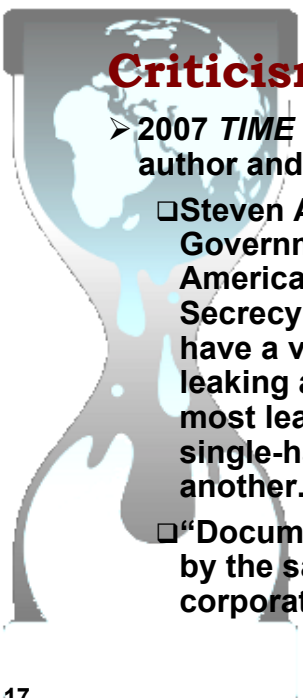


- 2007 *TIME* Magazine article
 - ❑ “A Wiki for Whistle-Blowers”
 - ❑ Tracy Samantha Schmidt
 - ❑ <http://www.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,1581189,00.html>
 - ❑ “bold new collective experiment”
 - ❑ “And if Wikileaks is used with a healthy dose of skepticism, it could become as important a journalistic tool as the Freedom of Information Act.”
- 2008 Economist Index on Censorship Freedom of Expression Award
- 2009 Amnesty International Human Rights Reporting Award (New Media)

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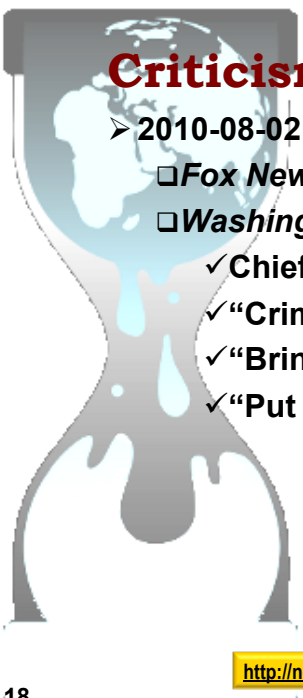


Criticisms (1)

- 2007 *TIME Magazine* article (see preceding page for author and link)
 - ❑ Steven Aftergood, director of the Project of Government Secrecy at the Federation of American Scientists and writer of the blog *Secrecy News*: “I just think they're naïve.... They have a very idealistic view of the nature of leaking and its impact. They seem to think that most leakers are crusading do-gooders who are single-handedly battling one evil empire or another.”
 - ❑ “Documents could easily be planted on the site by the same ‘corrupt’ governments and corporations Wikileaks seeks to expose.”

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Criticisms (2)

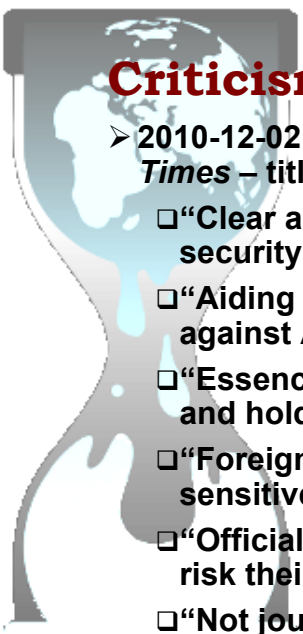
- 2010-08-02 Declan McCullagh, *cnet news*
 - ❑ *Fox News*: Liz Cheney – take site(s) offline
 - ❑ *Washington Post*: Marc Thiessen
 - ✓ Chief speechwriter for G. W. Bush
 - ✓ “Criminal enterprise”
 - ✓ “Bring Assange to justice”
 - ✓ “Put his criminal syndicate out of business”

http://news.cnet.com/8301-31921_3-20012430-281.html

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Criticisms (3)

➤ 2010-12-02 Jeffrey T. Kuhner, *Washington Times* – title: “Assassinate Assange?”

- ❑ “Clear and present danger to American national security”
- ❑ “Aiding and abetting terrorists in their war against America”
- ❑ “Essence of diplomacy: conduct negotiations and hold talks in secret
- ❑ “Foreign leaders will not be willing to engage in sensitive discussions”
- ❑ “Officials in autocratic and Islamist states often risk their lives to cooperate with Washington”
- ❑ “Not journalist or publisher: enemy combatant”

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2010/dec/2/assassinate-assange/>



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 - wikileaks.fi - Mirror Finland [213.251.145.96]
 - wikileaks.nl - Mirror Netherlands [46.21.239.250]
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