

In The War On Free Speech, Assange Says: “Everyone Else Must Take My Place”



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WikiLeaks co-founder Julian Assange’s health is deteriorating in a British prison, but the journalist was able to get a letter out to the public. In the war on freedom of speech, Assange is asking everyone else who stands against corruption to take his place and keep speaking truth to power.

“Julian’s case is of major historical significance. **It will be remembered as the worst attack on press freedom in our time,**” said WikiLeaks editor-in-chief, Kristinn Hrafnsson, urging people everywhere to oppose their politicians, courts, police, and prisons from being abused to “leave this black stain on history.”

In a handwritten letter from Belmarsh prison, Assange says he

is being denied a chance to defend himself and that elements (government officials) in the United States “hate the truth, liberty, and justice.” Assange says that the U.S. government wants him extradited and dead for telling the public the horrifying truth about their government.

The letter was sent to independent British journalist Gordon Dimmack, [according to an article by RT](#). It was dated May 13 – ten days before the U.S. announced 17 additional charges under the Espionage Act against the jailed whistleblower. In light of the new indictment, Dimmack read out the letter in a YouTube video. A photo of the handwritten note was soon posted online as well.

I received a letter from Julian [#Assange](#) <https://t.co/ckRfg3ng0p> via [@YouTube](#)

– Gordon Dimmack (@GordonDimmack) [May 24, 2019](#)

Assange’s situation shines a light on the lengths the U.S. government will go to in order to prevent the truth from getting out. “I have been isolated from all ability to prepare to defend myself: no laptop, no internet, ever, no computer, no library, so far, but even if I get access, it will just be for a half an hour, with everyone else, once a week,” Assange wrote. “The other side? A superpower that has been preparing for 9 years, with hundreds of people and untold millions spent on the case.”

I am defenseless. I am unbroken, albeit literally surrounded by murderers, but, the days where I could read and speak and organize to defend myself, my ideas, and my people are over until I am free! **Everyone else must take my place.**

The US government, or rather, those regrettable elements in it that hate truth, liberty and justice, want to cheat their way into my extradition and death, rather than letting the public

hear the truth, for which I have won the highest awards in journalism and have been nominated 7 times for the Nobel Peace Prize. Truth, ultimately, is all we have. [-Julian Assange, handwritten letter](#)

Assange's well being has been diminished during his time in prison. Even before his arrest, his health was faltering. "The decision of prison authorities to move [Assange] to the health ward speaks for itself," said WikiLeaks, adding that Assange has lost a lot of weight and was barely able to speak to his Swedish lawyer last week.

"Assange's health situation on Friday was such that it was not possible to conduct a normal conversation with him," [his lawyer Per Samuelson told](#) reporters after visiting Belmarsh. The quote was barely reported on in Sweden, let alone elsewhere. The media has already taken sides and it's against free speech.

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