

Nomination of Julian Assange, Nobel Peace Prize 2023

Approaching Nobel Peace Prize 2023, let us pay attention to the crossroad humanity soon be. It is few steps away from the current war news.

“Peace”, modern name for Latin “Pax”, means “pact”. Geopolitically: to reach a pact to end or avoid war.

Paradoxically, J. Stoltenberg advocates to intensify war to end war. Pyrrhus of Epirus, “winner” of Asculum battle (279 BC) would agree. Such thesis harbours a most lethal outcome: More weapons, more killing. More protracting, more casualties, widows and orphans. Wrong choice tomorrow, it could mean no lives at all...

For soon, we must choose between reason and nuclear holocaust –“Pax” or unrecovered annihilation. Nevertheless, being a matter of life or death for populations of billions –for entire families and their prospect of future offspring– that decision will to be taken by themselves. That ultimate choice is to be taken by political elites. E.g., in the EU, where deciding leaders have not been voted by the people composing the Union’s countries.

All which lead us to the Democracy issue. Again, from Greek “Demos” (people) and “Kratos” (rule). The modern world has witnessed myriad of wars, most of them initiated by 'kratos' elites, most of them unelected. And essentially with the help of lies.

"If war can be started by lies, peace can be started by truth " (Julian Assange, Trafalgar Square, London 2011).

The one pioneering the only antidot against wars based on deception, merits the Prize.

Transparency has been his sword, made of powerful doves. May them fly carrying that message across all continents.

Make those in power accountable and acknowledge the truth. Assange’s revelations of otherwise hidden war crimes are countless. List is publicly known.

As I said a decade ago, “Wikileaks is a lifeboat for democracy”. For transparency will lead not only to accountability, but to a reason-based world peace. Now needed most than ever in view to a nuclear menace.

Let us save democracy.

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In case the Nobel Peace Prize 2023 should be given to Mr Julian Assange, for now he is reachable as Prisoner # A9379AY, HPM Belmarsh, Western Way, London SE28 OEB, United Kingdom.

Notes and linked sources:

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From Action Network (2021), [Julian Assange Deserves a Nobel Peace Prize](#)

“There is an incredibly long list of actions that Julian has taken to accomplish his ultimate goal-- a more peaceful world. These actions include:

- Publishing the Iraq War Logs which exposed war crimes
- Uncovering the "Collateral Murder" video of a journalist who was killed by the U.S. Army
- Releasing crimes committed by the U.S. State Department in "Cablegate"
- Raising the curtain on prisoners at Guantanamo Bay in the "Gitmo Files"
- Removing the shroud of secrecy around the Scientology cult
- Publicly listing the members of the far-right British National Party
- Publishing "Spy Files: Russia" which detailed Russian operations in Syria
- Exposing corruption in Turkey involving the Minister of Energy
- Introduced revelations that the Saudi and Qatari governments were backing ISIS and Al-Nusra
- and so much more... “

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From Markéta Gregorová (2022), [Nobel Peace Prize Nomination for Julian Assange](#).

“History shows us that one of the answers to the end of wars and peacekeeping is democracy. We value democratic institutions as well as our right to check, control and criticize them. This distinguishes democracy from the authoritarian regimes of secrecy and oppression of those who speak up.

At the time of the information revolution, the definition of a journalist is undergoing rapid changes. It is all the more important that democratic institutions find today's definition and show that they are not afraid of public scrutiny.

Assange is a publisher of truthful, newsworthy information in the public interest, and this is a general definition of a journalist which must endure all changes. This definition sees journalism as a force that does not want to give the government a veto over what citizens should know and what should remain secret.

Assange revealed serious offenses, including war crimes. Without him the public would not know about them. Despite the risks, he published information that helped unleash the Arab Spring. He moved the debate on the legitimacy of foreign intervention, not only in the United States. And he brought the WikiLeaks platform to life, giving a voice to those who until then had been afraid to talk about the evil they had encountered.”

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From Daily News (2021) Assange deserves Nobel Prize

“Assange has paid a heavy price for exposing US war crimes in Iraq and Afghanistan with the help of Manning. He is now facing 19 espionage charges for activities related to the publication of leaked classified US government information. If convicted he faces a maximum of 175 years in a US jail.

US authorities have accused the 50-year-old WikiLeaks founder of conspiring to hack government computers and of violating an espionage law in connection with the release of confidential cables by WikiLeaks in 2010-2011.

“Julian Assange committed the crime of letting the general population know things that they have a right to know and that powerful states don’t want them to know,” noted renowned American media critic Noam Chomsky in an interview on Russia’s RT channel last year.”

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From Anish R M (2022) Julian Assange nominated for Nobel Peace Prize as calls for his release grow louder

“On January 29, a nomination was filed by German politicians Martin Sonneborn, a member of the European Parliament (MEP), and Sevim Dağdelen, a member of the German Bundestag.

In their letter to the Nobel Committee, they explained that the nomination of Assange was “in honor of his unparalleled contributions to the pursuit of peace, and his immense personal sacrifices to promote peace for all.” They further highlighted that the work of Assange and Wikileaks has contributed to international mechanisms for truth and justice such as the International Criminal Court (ICC) which has the mission to “end impunity by prosecuting ‘the worst atrocities known to mankind’: war crimes, crimes against humanity and the crime of genocide.”

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From Irish Examiner (2019) Readers' Blog: Award Nobel peace prize to Assange

“Julian Assange and his colleagues in Wikileaks have shown on numerous occasions that they are one of the last outlets of true democracy.

Their work for true peace by making public our governments’ actions at home and abroad has enlightened us to atrocities carried out in the name of so-called democracy around the world.

This included footage of inhumanity carried out by Nato/military, the release of email correspondence revealing the plotting of regime change in Middle Eastern countries, and the parts our elected officials played in deceiving the public.

This is a huge step in our work for disarmament and nonviolence worldwide.

Julian Assange, fearing deportation to the US to stand trial for treason, sought out asylum in the Ecuadorian embassy in 2012.

In recent months the US has increased pressure on the Ecuadorian government to take away his last liberties.

He is now prevented from having visitors, receiving telephone calls, or other electronic communications, thereby removing his basic human rights.

This has put a great strain on Julian’s mental and physical health. It is our duty as citizens to protect Julian’s human rights and freedom of speech as he has fought for ours on a global stage.

It is my great fear that Julian, who is an innocent man, will be deported to the US where he will face unjustified imprisonment. We have seen this happen to Chelsea (Bradley) Manning who allegedly supplied Wikileaks with sensitive information from Nato/US Middle Eastern wars and subsequently spent a number of years in solitary confinement in an American prison.

If the US succeeds in their plan to extradite Julian Assange to US to face a grand jury, this will silence journalists and whistleblowers around the world, in fear of dire repercussions.

Julian Assange meets all criteria for the Nobel peace prize.

Through his release of hidden information to the public we are no longer naïve to the atrocities of war, we are no longer oblivious to the connections between big business, the acquisition of resources, and the spoils of war.

As his human rights and freedom are in jeopardy the Nobel peace prize would afford Julian much greater protection from government forces.

Over the years there have been controversies over the Nobel peace prize and some of those to whom it has been awarded.”

Sadly, I believe it has moved from its original intentions and meaning. It was Alfred Nobel's will that the prize would support and protect individuals at threat from government forces in their fight for nonviolence and peace, by bringing awareness to their precarious situations.

Through awarding Julian Assange the Nobel peace prize, he and others like him, will receive the protection they truly deserve.

It is my hope that by this we can rediscover the true definition of the Nobel Peace Prize. I also call on all people to bring awareness to Julian's situation and support him in his struggle for basic human rights, freedom of speech, and peace.

- Mairead Maguire

Nobel Peace Laureate (nominating Julian Assange for the 2019 Nobel peace prize)

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