

**"I want people to see the truth...  
regardless of who they are...  
because without information,  
you cannot make informed decisions  
as a public."**

**WikiLeaks**

**whistleblower**



**Private Bradley Manning, a 23-year-old US Army intelligence analyst, stands accused of leaking the largest amount of classified information in American history to the whistleblower website WikiLeaks.org.**

The materials include a video that the US military had refused to release showing American troops shooting Iraqi civilians – including two journalists with camera equipment – from a helicopter, as well as State Department cables that helped bring transparency to governments and spark democratic uprisings in the Middle East and the war logs that have brought us the truth about war crimes committed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

**Manning has now been charged with “aiding the enemy,” a capital offense, and faces life in prison without parole.**

The whistleblower behind the Vietnam War era’s Pentagon Papers, Daniel Ellsberg, has called him a “hero” and was recently arrested for protesting his detention at the military prison in Quantico, VA where Manning was being held.



***“If you had free reign over classified networks... and you saw incredible things, awful things... things that belonged in the public domain, and not on some server stored in a dark room in Washington DC... what would you do?”*** - Bradley Manning

### **the charges**

>> Manning was held without charge for months before receiving charges of transferring classified data onto his computer and communicating national defense information to an unauthorized source.

>> 22 more charges were brought against him in March 2011, including the extreme “aiding the enemy” charge, which is punishable by death or life in prison without parole.

>> After 18 months of pre-trial confinement Manning’s pre-trial hearing began on Dec 16, 2011. His court martial is expected in Spring 2012.

### **the leaks**

>> The leaked material includes over 250,000 US State Department diplomatic cables.

>> The “Collateral Murder” video released by WikiLeaks in April 2010 shows Apache helicopter gunsight footage of the July 12, 2007 Baghdad airstrike, in which US troops fired on and killed Iraqi civilians.

### **the torture**

>> Manning has been subjected to what amounts to CIA “no-touch” torture techniques, including sleep deprivation, prolonged isolation and being forced to strip naked.

>> The Obama administration has repeatedly denied requests by UN rapporteur on torture Juan Mendez to investigate Manning’s treatment.

Fact sheet based on information from Wired.com, FireDogLake.com, The Guardian, The Washington Post.

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**blowing the whistle on war crimes is not a crime!**