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Since everyone is writing abt Julian Assange today, some posts:

The Growing WikiLeaks Conspiracy [Indictment]

<https://t.co/i3dNE6lnI7>

This talks about the superseding CFAA charge that Assange boosters are generally silent or worse about.

Three Inconvenient Truths about a Hypothetical Trump Pardon for Julian Assange

<https://t.co/FDI2KMJV8x>

- 1) It may not work
- 2) It would have to pardon other crimes
- 3) That would include Trump's own corruption

Rat-Fucker Rashomon: Getting the "Highest Level of Government" to Free Julian Assange

<https://t.co/oNr8YgXbhk>

On the pardon discussions with Trump that WikiLeaks doesn't want you to know about.

The Minh Quang Pham Precedent to the Julian Assange Extradition

<https://t.co/1i7yErl0sC>

The UK extradited a guy whose primary crime (at the time) was doing graphic design for AQAP.

Julian Assange's First Witness, Journalism Professor Mark Feldstein, Professes to Be Unfamiliar with the Public Record on Assange

<https://t.co/sl0sasWgeu>

WikiLeaks boosters are lying, cynically, abt what changed between 2013 and 2017.

Russian Flight: The Timing of the Assange Charges

<https://t.co/EaiuOFHuyI>

The WaPo Solution to the NYT Problem: Laura Poitras' Misrepresentation of Assange's 18th Charge

<https://t.co/bSAClYapiG>

Bart Gellman's book, for better or worse, distinguished what WikiLeaks does from what journalists do.

Repeating:

- 1) I think most just outcome tomorrow is Baraitser says US prisons are not humane for Assange
- 2) Espionage charges do pose a risk to journalism
- 3) CFAA charge does not
- 4) WikiLeaks is lying, cynically, abt what changed in 2017

Also, from May 2019: The Three Theories of Prosecution for Julian Assange

<https://t.co/E2fqLrfbTq>

The updated CFAA expanded this dramatically.