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# CHARACTERS

# (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

#### JULIAN ASSANGE

Founder of WikiLeaks, former hacker, cypherpunk, and activist who demonstrated the power of digital, anonymous leaking by publishing record-breaking collections of secret corporate and government material.

## JANIEL ELLSBERG

Military analyst who from 1969 to 1971 exfiltrated and leaked the top secret Pentagon Papers to The New York Times and seventeen other newspapers.

# BRADLEY MANNING

Army private who, at the age of twenty-two, allegedly leaked a trove of secret military and State Department documents to WikiLeaks that would become the largest-ever public disclosure of classified materials.

#### **AURIAN LAMO**

A former hacker and homeless wanderer to whom Manning confessed his leak. Lamo turned Manning in to army investigators.

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#### TIM MAN

Intel physicist, libertarian, and crypto-anarchist thinker who would cofound the cypherpunks in 1991 and create a thought-experiment prototype for cryptographically anonymous leaks called BlackNet.

## PHIL ZIMMERMANN

Applied cryptographer whose Pretty Good Privacy program (PGP) brought free, strong encryption to the masses. His investigation by the U.S. Justice Department from 1993 to 1996 ignited a debate over users' right to uncrackable encryption.

#### DAVID CHAUM

Inventor and academic whose anonymity systems, including DC-Nets and Mix Networks, would inspire the cypherpunks and lead to tools like anonymous remailers and Tor.

#### **ERIC HUGHES**

Mathematician, cryptographer, and cofounder of the cypherpunks who ran one of the Internet's first anonymous remailers.

#### JOHN GILMORE

Former Sun Microsystems programmer who would cofound the cypherpunks as well as the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

#### JOHN YOUNG

Architect, activist, and cypherpunk who founded Cryptome.org in 1996, a leak-focused site that has published thousands of names of intelligence agents and their sources, along with hundreds of secret encryption- and security-related documents.

### JULF HELSINGIUS

Finnish systems administrator and privacy advocate, Helsingius created the Penet anonymous remailer and faced legal pressure from the

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Church of Scientology that demanded he turn over the identity of one of his users.

#### JIM BELL

Engineer and libertarian whose 1997 essay "Assassination Politics" described a system of using encryption to facilitate anonymous, untraceable, and crowd-funded contract killings.

## IACOB APPELBAUM

Activist, hacker, and developer for the Toranonymity network who befriended Julian Assange and became the WikiLeaks' primary American associate.

#### PAUL SYVERSON

Logician and cryptographer in the Naval Research Laboratory who is credited with inventing the anonymous communications protocol known as "onion routing."

# NICK MATHEWSON AND ROGER DINGLEDINE

Two MIT researchers who worked with Syverson to develop onion routing into a usable tool and then a nonprofit known as the Tor Project.

# PEITER "MUDGE" ZATKO

Former "gray hat hacker" who served as a spokesperson for the hacker group the LOpht. Now leads the cybersecurity division of the Pentagon's Delense Advanced Research Projects Agency, including its program to find a method of rooting out rogue insiders known as CINDER or Cyber Insider Theoret.

#### AARON BARR

Former chief executive of HBGary Federal, a small D.C. security firm that fourted his methods for unmasking anonymous hackers and leakers.

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#### THOMAS DRAKE

National Security Agency whistleblower who was threatened with prosecution under the Espionage Act for communicating with a reporter regarding alleged financial fraud and waste at the agency.

# BIRGITTA JÓNSDÓTTIR

Icelandic member of parliament, poet, and activist who worked with WikiLeaks and is pushing a collection of radical transparency bills through Iceland's legislature known as the Icelandic Modern Media Initiative.

# DANIEL DOMSCHEIT-BERG

German former WikiLeaks associate who worked closely with Assange but was pushed out of the group in the fall of 2010. He has since engaged in a bitter feud with Assange and founded his own digital whistleblower group known as OpenLeaks.

# ATANAS TCHOBANOV AND ASSEN YORDANOV

Two Bulgarian investigative reporters who founded the independent media outlet Bivol and were inspired by WikiLeaks to create the Bulgaria-focused leak site BalkanLeaks.

# ANDY MÜLLER-MAGUHN

Former member of the board of the German hacker group the Chaos Computer Club. Müller-Maguhn worked with WikiLeaks and served as an intermediary in the dispute between Assange and Domscheit-Berg.

#### THE ARCHITECT

Secretive and pseudonymous engineer who worked with Assange and Domscheit-Berg to set up a revamped submission system for WikiLeaks in late 2009 and 2010. After a falling-out with Assange, he joined Domscheit-Berg at OpenLeaks.

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