

## WikiLeaks – Glossary

**analyst** noun [countable]  
someone whose job is to carefully examine a situation, event etc in order to provide other people with information about it  
*an economic analyst*

**cable** noun [countable]  
OLD-FASHIONED a *telegram* (a message that you send by telegraph, used especially in the past for short urgent messages); in modern times, sent like an email by computer

**confidential** adjective  
confidential documents or information must be kept secret  
*The reports are treated as strictly confidential.*

**criminal charge** noun [countable]  
official statement saying that someone is accused by the police of committing a crime  
*You could face criminal charges.*

**diplomat** noun [countable]  
an official whose job is to represent their government in a foreign country

**enhance** verb [transitive]  
to improve something, or to make it more attractive or more valuable  
*The measures taken should considerably enhance the residents' quality of life.*

**extradition** noun [countable/uncountable]  
the process of extraditing someone

**freedom of information** noun [uncountable]  
the right of citizens of a country to see official information that governments and other institutions keep about them

**irresponsible** adjective  
done or said without thinking of the possible results of your actions or words

**leak** noun [countable]  
an occasion when private or secret information is told to journalists  
*Jackson said he did not believe the leaks came from his office.*

**non-profit organization** noun [countable]  
a group that works to help people in some way rather than to make a profit

**philosophy** noun [countable]  
a system of beliefs that influences someone's decisions and behaviour  
*The school has a child-centred philosophy.*

**practice** noun [countable/uncountable]  
a way of doing something, especially as a result of habit, custom, or tradition  
*unfair billing practices*

**secrecy** noun [uncountable]  
a situation in which you keep something secret, or the process of keeping something secret  
*Discussions were to take place in total secrecy.*

**source** noun [countable]  
someone who provides information for a journalist  
*The article quoted a senior source at the UN.*

**unjust** adjective  
an unjust decision, judgment, or action is not fair or reasonable, or is not done according to accepted legal or moral standards  
*Most people agreed that the poll tax was fundamentally unjust.*