

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 reporters

Jackson said he did not believe the leaks came from his office.

nonprofit organization noun [countable]

a group that has goals that do not include making a profit

philosophy noun [countable]

a system of beliefs that influences someone's decisions and behavior

The school has a child-centered 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 reporter
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

unjust criticism

up to phrase

doing something, often wrong or secret

I wondered what my daughter was really up to.