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

The Growing WikiLeaks Conspiracy [Indictment]

https://t.co/i3dNE6lnl7

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/FDl2KMJV8x

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.