

NYT'S SELECTIVE PRESS PROSECUTION OUTRAGE DOESN'T INCLUDE WIKILEAKS

As a follow up to yesterday afternoon's decision in the WikiLeaks grand jury subpoena case, it is, shall we say, interesting that the New York Times today comes out with an editorial slamming democracies that use secret evidence and maneuvers to prosecute journalists.

The editorial is titled *No Way to Run a Democracy* and it doesn't spend one word of it on the rabid use of just those tactics in relation to WikiLeaks and Julian Assange (See [here](#) and [here](#)). Nor has there been any comparable outrage over the US actions against WikiLeaks journalists in any other NYT effort and/or article.

Now, make no mistake, the plight of investigative journalists in Turkey under threat from the administration of Prime Minister Erdogan is extremely troubling, and it is commendable that the Gray Lady has called it out. But it does make you wonder where the same outrage is in relation to the First Amendment eviscerating effort of the US Department of Justice toward WikiLeaks and Assange. An investigation which could, and if it is taken to its logical conclusion, should involve the Times itself.

Maybe it is because Bill Keller reached some agreement with the DOJ not to trash them in return for DOJ laying off the NYT during one of his endless tete a tetes with them over quashing news reporting, maybe Keller and the Times are fearful that they don't have some kind of secret agreement with the DOJ, maybe it is the product of the merging of the media and government in the US, or maybe it is because of Keller's irrational and unprofessional extreme dislike

of, and contempt for, the “dirty” Julian Assange and WikiLeaks.

Whatever the reason, the stridence against the Erdogan government actions contrasted with the silence toward the domestic Obama government actions is telling.