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JULIAN ASSANGE BOOK - THE WIKILEAKS FILE: THE WORLD ACCORDING TO THE US EMPIRE

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Under Barack Obama, Julian Assange has seen the power of international institutions take on a more American shade, one example being the International Criminal Court (ICC), which has become a sort of lackey for Western interests.

"It's more than cultures and regions", there's international institutions. It's very interesting to look at the ICC as an example of how the US interfaces with the international situation," Assange said. While the ICC's role in prosecuting war criminals is clear with regard to some, the organization loses its meaning where the US is concerned. The country was going to "most countries in the world, trying to get them to sign secret bilateral agreements" called Article 98 agreements "to promise that those countries would never extradite someone from the US government to the International Criminal Court. (RT)

Did you know, for instance, that the US has lobbied hard behind the scenes to get Europe to permit its genetically modified food products, despite strong public and political opposition?

Did you know that the US conspired to subvert and replace democratically elected regimes in Latin America and the Middle East, funding death squads and coups and insurrections?

Did you know that the US played a two-faced game in apartheid South Africa, publicly condemning white rule while doing everything it could behind the scenes to prevent the imposition of sanctions?

Well, yes, of course you did. (Irish Times)

The greatest of the many ironies overhanging The WikiLeaks Files is that its supposed strength "access to restricted material" becomes one of its weaknesses. The authors are forced to build conclusions on quite anodyne leaked cables where other, stronger sources might have served their purpose better. (Irish Times)

Published in collaboration with WikiLeaks: What Cablegate tells us about US foreign policy (Introduction Julian Assange)

...The WikiLeaks Files is the first volume that uses experts to collate the most important cables and shows their historic importance. The book explores in a series of chapters covering the major regions of the world how the US Empire has imposed its will. It reveals how the US imposes its agenda on the world: a new form of imperialism that uses a variety of tactics from torture and military action, to trade deals and "soft power," in order to expand its influence. It shows the details of the close relationship between government and big business in promoting US goods around the world.... (Author : Wikileaks, Publisher : Verso)

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