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## 5 6 'The Goal is Justice, The Method 7 is Transparency' 8

9 Julian Assange in conversation with John Pilger  
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16 John Pilger: You've described WikiLeaks as 'untraceable' and  
17 'uncensorable.' What do you mean by that?  
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19 Julian Assange: Well, nothing in this world is guaranteed for  
20 sure. But within that we have put together an infrastructure  
21 using technical and legal techniques to really make it hard to  
22 trace people, and to make it hard to take down our material once  
23 it's published. To date, we've had a hundred per cent success  
24 rate. So that basic idea and intention is comprised of a number  
25 of specific ways of doing things. For untraceability, this means  
26 people send us material in the post in a particular way,  
27 engaging in particular procedures which makes it effectively  
28 impossible to trace. Or it means they submit material to us  
29 online and bounce the information through dozens of computers  
30 around the world, each computer encrypting its transmissions  
31 before it connects to another computer, so in this way  
32 discarding identities as the information flows around the world.  
33 As it flows through different countries, we make sure it flows  
34 through Sweden and Belgium, [as] these two countries have  
35 specific source protection laws: in Sweden as part of the  
36 Swedish constitution, the Press Freedom Act, and in Belgium a

1 specific law dealing with the communications protections between  
2 a source and a journalist using any means whatsoever, including  
3 electronic transmissions.

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5 For publication, this means housing our servers in many  
6 different jurisdictions such that any sort of interim attack on  
7 us -- interim injunction -- is not going to take the information  
8 down entirely. It may knock it out here, it may knock it out  
9 there, but we can put up servers and gain support and respond  
10 legally fast enough such that the information is not going to be  
11 removed from the public, and that has been what has happened to  
12 date.

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14 We have never lost a court case in any jurisdiction -- an  
15 important thing to remember -- but there have been interim  
16 attempts to injunct us, and while those interim attempts have  
17 gone on, we have managed to keep publishing.

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19 JP: How many documents of real value have you been able to  
20 accept and publish?

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22 JA: It's hard to know how many [have] real value -- I mean, this  
23 is in the eyes of the beholder. To us, all information that is  
24 true has value eventually. It might only be a very small value  
25 to someone somewhere, but getting that information into the  
26 historical record, padding out the historical record, provides a  
27 sort of richness to every other bit of information in the  
28 historical record. Though, if you're talking about things which  
29 have clearly changed outcomes of elections, or clearly  
30 introduced some law reform, or clearly brought perpetrators to  
31 trial, then this is in the hundreds. Somewhere in the hundreds.  
32 [As for] clearly changing governments or elections or having  
33 ministers deposed, this is maybe half a dozen to ten, something  
34 like that.

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36 That's the power of information, that's an old truism isn't it?