

# Daniel Ellsberg

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In my estimation, there has not been in American history a more important leak than Edward Snowden's release of NSA material - and that definitely includes the Pentagon Papers 40 years ago.

~Daniel Ellsberg

It's true that most people find it far more comfortable to trust an authority than to have their faith questioned.

~Daniel Ellsberg

Look, all administrations, all governments lie, all officials lie and nothing they say is to be believed. That's a pretty good rule.

~Daniel Ellsberg

We need the courage to face the truth about what we are doing in the world and act responsibly to change it.

~Daniel Ellsberg

But it is important always to keep in mind that the danger of harming humans is not connected only or even mainly with telling secrets, there can be great danger in keeping secrets.

~Daniel Ellsberg

You needn't think there is nothing you can do-you can tell the truth.

~Daniel Ellsberg

There should be at least one leak like the Pentagon Papers every year.

~Daniel Ellsberg

We were young, we were foolish, we were arrogant, but we were right.

~Daniel Ellsberg

It is a tribute to the American people that our leaders perceived that they had to lie to us, it is not a tribute to us that we were so easily misled.

~Daniel Ellsberg

This wholesale invasion of Americans' and foreign citizens' privacy does not contribute to our security; it puts in danger the very liberties we're trying to protect.

~Daniel Ellsberg

Nixon did have a secret plan, and I knew that it involved making threats of nuclear war to North Vietnam.

~Daniel Ellsberg

If monarchy is corrupting - and it is - wait till you see what overt empire does to us.

~Daniel Ellsberg

EVERY attack now made on WikiLeaks and Julian Assange was made against me and the release of the Pentagon Papers at the time.

~Daniel Ellsberg

I agree that there are things that should be kept secret.

~Daniel Ellsberg

Only we, the public, can force our representatives to reverse their abdication of the war powers that the Constitution gives exclusively to the Congress.

~Daniel Ellsberg

There are some things that should not be leaked without authorization.

~Daniel Ellsberg

WikiLeaks serves as a back-up for those who want to tell the truth about the inner workings of government when the mainstream media is not willing or taking too long to publish.

~Daniel Ellsberg

I found draft resisters very conscientious, reasonable, and not fanatics.

~Daniel Ellsberg

The fact is that when it comes to judgment as to what should be secret and what should not be secret, Julian Assange's judgment has been pretty good so far.

~Daniel Ellsberg

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