

Nobel nomination 2021

Norwegian MPs Arne Nævra and Freddy André Øvstegård joint nomination

Candidate 1

Name: **Ellsberg, Daniel**

Candidate 2

Name: **Freedom of The Press Foundation**

Brief justification for the nomination:

A free press exposing governments secrets, including war crimes and other details which the public will not accept, is of key importance in preventing war.

More thorough motivation for the nomination:

Daniel Ellsberg, born April 7, 1931, has shown extraordinary courage in exposing details on the American war effort in Vietnam, and so contributed to turning the opinion against the war. Ever since, Ellsberg has been a vocal activist against war, especially against the U.S wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and a strong supporter of whistleblowers and the freedom to publish.

Ellsberg was one co-founder of the Freedom of the Press foundation, founded in 2012. Freedom of the Press Foundation is a non-profit organization founded to fund and support free speech and freedom of the press. The organization originally managed crowd-funding campaigns for independent journalistic organizations, but now pursues technical projects to support journalists' digital security and conducts legal advocacy for journalists.

In 2020, Ellsberg testified in defense of Julian Assange during Assange's extradition hearings. Ellsberg has spoken out vociferously against the threats to press freedom from such whistleblower prosecution.

Candidate 3

Name: **WikiLeaks**

WikiLeaks is an international non-profit organization that publishes news leaks and classified media provided by anonymous sources. Its website, initiated in 2006 in Iceland by the organization Sunshine Press, claimed in 2015 to have released online 10 million documents in its first 10 years. WikiLeaks as a publishing platform has contributed to exposing war crimes.

Exposing governments secrets, including war crimes and other details which the public will not accept, is of key importance in preventing war. The freedom of the press and the freedom to publish is under pressure in many parts the world, and whistleblowers are prosecuted. Therefore, a shared prize between Daniel Ellsberg, The Freedom of the Press Foundation, and WikiLeaks, will be a prize to honor all the contributions towards peace done by whistleblowers, the work done to protect them, and the work done to protect the freedom the press in general and the freedom to publish especially.

NOTE from NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WATCH

Regarding the **Freedom of The Press Foundation** the nomination fails to point to a clear anti-war and antimilitarist perspective. Its website - <https://freedom.press/about/> - describes protection of press freedom, investigative journalism and whistleblowers. We presume the Foundation is eligible and refer to this part of its presentation on its website:

Freedom of the Press Foundation is built on the recognition that this kind of transparency journalism — from publishing the Pentagon Papers and exposing Watergate, to uncovering the NSA's warrantless wiretapping program and CIA secret prisons — doesn't just happen. It requires dogged work by journalists, and often, the courage of whistleblowers and others who work to ensure that the public actually learns what it has a right to know.

