## The Illusion of Freedom in the Internet

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Julian Assange and Edward Snowden is the person who is now hunted by the security of the United States because of him disseminate data and confidential information in the internet world. Both of these people want to show to the public that the cyber world or the internet that we use everyday are not safe for privacy, because someday these data will be used by political and business interests.

Wikileaks case is the first case that shook the world because of leaking diplomatic cables of the U.S. embassy in the world. As the founder of Wikileaks, Julian Assange wants to open information to the public in a transparent manner how the policy of the United States government through its representatives to get an important information in a country. Wikileaks itself contains data that confidential information about the messages from representatives of embassies around the world on the condition of the country they occupy. Through its website that the public can know how the superpower influencing international policy as well as unlock the secret behind his role in the internal politics of a country, because of the courage of Wikileaks founder Julian Assange to be hunted as the United States and seek security for extradition, but he asked for asylum in Ecuador and hiding in the country's embassy in London, England today.

Edward Snowden is a former engineering contractors and employees of the United States Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is a contractor for the National Security Agency program information before divulging secret NSA spying to the public. Snowden divulge the reason is because the secret intelligence activities because of feeling guilty conscience calls spy on millions of the world's internet users. This incident is getting worried about the number of internet users had reached hundreds of millions maybe even billions of people. Snowden said that he was assigned to record the data records of Internet users to the level of ordinary intelligence to be the data that one day may be used for national security. The project at the request of the private intelligence firm in cooperation with the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA), the cyber world data records are then used as material safety agency regulations or actions that if it can threaten the existence of the superpower. Because of the courage to be hunted Snowden U.S. security and the case is now a

diplomatic dispute arena complex because it involves several countries who are interested in receiving asylum.

Assange and enlightened Snowden made public because it is dependent with the internet media, a lot of private events that use this media as correspondence, business, to the activities of other interactions. For those who are familiar with the internet a lot of work, social relationships, search for information, download the data to be easily and quickly and assume that the internet world is so informative and accurate. Development of communications equipment such as gadgets or tablet even easier for people around the world to interact and update information anywhere so fast.

Cyber world or the internet actually has long been questioned by many parties about freedom, the freedom for some information contained in this virtual space in time natnti will experience legal problems. This problem is evident when many parties who feel aggrieved because of rampant copyright menggunduh web for free movies, music, and documents. In addition to the problem of copyright theft of personal data is also rampant in the internet and misused for cyber crimes such as profits, steal financial data, and so forth. But On the one hand, the internet has become a new democracy because the public arena for expression, which is managed by the state often do not respect the rights of democracy itself. So it is not surprising that the Internet media into a new democratic freedom to express one's opinion is in the public domain does not get anywhere. Recent events such as political unrest in the Arab world can not be separated from the role of the internet through social media is able to enchant young people take action to change there. With the motto of freedom of information many people think democracy contained in this virtual medium, the Internet became a new space of freedom to disseminate information, opinion and community building to fight for the rights of life. But it could be said that the cyber world has become a dangerous space for privacy since all personal data can be used by various groups for specific interests. Freedom in the internet space eventually just be an illusion of the dream of the people who want to find the real freedom. Through the case of Julian Assange and Edward Snowden then the public should be more intelligent in using the internet media. Because of this virtual space has become the arena of state and business, for the state of this technology used as the data information of its citizens. While internet technology to businesses being collected

information for potential consumers looking for the data. So it is natural that the freedom of the internet world is an illusion.