

SNOWDEN: WHAT THE WIKILEAKS REVELATIONS SHOW IS "RECKLESS BEYOND WORDS"

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While it has been **superficially covered** by much of the press - and one can make the argument that what Julian Assange has revealed is more relevant to the US population, than constant and so far unconfirmed speculation that Trump is a puppet of Putin - the fallout from the Wikileaks' "Vault 7" release this morning of thousands of documents demonstrating the extent to which the CIA uses backdoors to hack smartphones, computer operating systems, messenger applications and internet-connected televisions, will be profound.

As evidence of this, the **WSJ cites** an intelligence source who said that "the revelations were far more significant than the leaks of Edward Snowden."

Mr. Snowden's leaks revealed names of programs, companies that assist the NSA in surveillance and in some cases the targets of American spying. But the recent leak purports to contain highly technical details about how surveillance is carried out. That would make them far more revealing and useful to an adversary, this person said. In one sense, Mr. Snowden provided a briefing book on U.S. surveillance, but the CIA leaks could provide the blueprints.

Speaking of Snowden, the former NSA contractor-turned-whistleblower, who now appears to have a "parallel whisteblower" deep inside the "Deep State", i.e., the source of the Wikileaks data - also had some thoughts on today's CIA dump.

In a series of tweets, Snowden notes that "what @Wikileaks has here is genuinely a big deal", and makes the following key observations "If you're writing about the CIA/@Wikileaks story, here's the big deal: first public evidence USG secretly paying to keep US software unsafe" and adds that "the CIA reports show the USG developing vulnerabilities in US products, then intentionally keeping the holes open. Reckless beyond words."

He then asks rhetorically "Why is this dangerous?" and explains "Because until closed, any hacker can use the security hole the CIA left open to break into any iPhone in the world."

His conclusion, one which many of the so-called conspiratorial bent would say was well-known long ago: "Evidence mounts showing CIA & FBI knew about catastrophic weaknesses in the most-used smartphones in America, but kept them open -- to spy."

To which the increasingly prevalent response has become: "obviously."

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PSA: This incorrectly implies CIA hacked these apps / encryption. But the docs show iOS/Android are what got hacked - a much bigger problem.

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Still working through the publication, but what @Wikileaks has here is genuinely a big deal. Looks authentic.

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What makes this look real?

Program & office names, such as the JQJ (IOC) crypt series, are real. Only a cleared insider could know them.



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iOS Exploits Data

Name	Type	Access Granted	Born Date & iOS Version	Modification Date	Death Date	Found by	Description
Archon	technique	Remote Architecture Detection				(came with purchase)	Critical vulnerability in U.S. devices given to foreign government know to spy on journalists and human rights groups
Dyonedo	macho-parsing	Codesign Defeat				JDW · GCHQ	
Earth/Eve		Remote Exploit				Purchased by NSA Shared with CIA Ported by GCHQ	
Elderpiggy		Sandbox Escape				Peppermint (NSA VR Contract) Implemented by GCHQ at JDW	

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