

# *CIA Director Says WikiLeaks Will Take Down America Any Way They Can*

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Washington, July 29 (RHC)-- The head of the Central Intelligence Agency, the CIA, says WikiLeaks is seeking to destroy America, adding he doesn't "love" the global whistleblowing service.

In an interview with conservative New York Times columnist Bret Stephens at the Aspen Institute's Security Forum, CIA Director Mike Pompeo said: "WikiLeaks will take down America any way they can." He added: "I don't love WikiLeaks." When asked about whether he believes Russia interfered in the 2016 election, Pompeo said: "Of course they did. And the one before that. And the one before that."

In an interview in April, Pompeo called WikiLeaks a "non-state hostile intelligence service." He said: "It's time to call out WikiLeaks for what it really is: A non-state hostile intelligence service often abetted by state actors like Russia." WikiLeaks has embarrassed the U.S. intelligence agency by leaking its confidential documents. The documents detail technological vulnerabilities the spy agency uses to hack into electronic devices.

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange has slammed the CIA for withholding the information about the vulnerabilities and preventing the tech industry and government officials from taking the necessary steps.

In May, Assange strongly criticized the CIA, describing it as “dangerously incompetent.” Assange said: “The CIA is the world’s most dangerously incompetent spy agency. It has armed terrorists, destroyed democracies and installed and maintained dictatorships the world over.”

The U.S. government has often described WikiLeaks as a tool of Russian intelligence agencies. In December, the CIA said it had concluded that Russian intelligence operatives provided materials to Wikileaks in an effort to help President Donald Trump’s defeat Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential election.

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