The changing global domestic political conditions and the role of media organization Wiki Leaks to shape these conditions

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1 INTRODUCTION

The interesting topic of the thesis itself motivates the research work, to study the role of mass media organizations which are shaping the global domestic political atmosphere around the world.

These international media organizations can affect the global domestic politics in two different ways positive or negative. The recent fame of Wiki Leaks generates few questions, such as are these organizations bringing more justice to the global domestic political systems by releasing classified information on public platforms? Or in that case they are just breaching the domestic security protocols of alleged states. These questions of course require further research later on.

Wiki Leaks since the time of her birth broke many stories about war killings, torture, detention, intentions of states against other’s sovereignty, trade and corporate transparencies, suppression of free speech and a free press, spying and (counter-)intelligence, corruption, finance, taxes, trading, censorship technology and internet filtering, cults and about some religious organizations who are actually dealing in their own political intentions.1

The revealing story of Wiki Leaks shows the modern era conspiracies and manipulated chaos situations around the globe. To understand such created political situations and the positive or negative role of media organizations in shaping the whole political atmosphere, society must seek for further visionary education regarding the role of mass media organizations.

During the last couple of decade’s news channels around the world have been playing a key role in public opinion building measures. Nowadays whenever TV channels hit any breaking news, most of the common public around the world takes it in their brains as a true story without giving a single thought to its background, and with the passage of time everyone just forgets the story, leaving behind an image against alleged particular region, nationality or ethnicity generated in their minds by that manipulating news hit.

There is a saying by Mills, “No one really knows all the functions of the mass media, for in their entirety these functions are probably so pervasive and so subtle that they cannot be caught by the means of social research now available”.2

The essay is a research work on the role of Wiki Leaks a nonprofit media organization its way of working, revealed stories and the effects its released cables which shapes the global domestic political conditions of different countries and regions. Did it really manage to create any positive impact to help building in the global domestic democratic

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values by exposing people, organizations and countries or it is just like another common media organization, which has its own motives and goals to achieve by gripping our (general public) attention.

### 1.1 Outline of the Essay

The essay highlights the changing global conditions, newly developed power defining tools, such as the power definition in an interconnected world through which societies are managed now a days and finally in the end an answer to our research question, an analytical discussion on the role of media organizations in shaping the global domestic political conditions around the world e.g. the role of Wiki Leaks.

The earlier part of essay discusses the recently occurred changes in the global conditions since last two decades. This particular part may provide the understanding of the rapidly changing modern era conditions, growing international relations e.g. states are coming closer to work like single units and how much technological progress in modern era mass media tools, is affecting the daily routines of human beings. The more world is coming closer more the probability of domino effect is increasing.

Then the discussion will continue on the authoritative measures of past and present world. How in recent times individuals, organizations and countries shuffled their attentions toward different sources of power to maintain their authority on others who are living in the societies. This part may highlight that how modern world of networking changed the whole idea of power definition. The growing era of internet, social networking sites are key tools of power to control public opinion on the global domestic politics e.g. revolution in Middle East through face book etc.

The description of Wiki Leaks a media organization. It’s working criteria’s, achievements and goals.

Then according to the case study of three different regions of the world, essay may outline the analysis on the leaked cables by Wiki leaks and the effects of these cables in shaping the political conditions in these regions.

In this analysis at first some of the highlights of Middle Eastern region will come, due to the current changing political grounds of this region which may shape their relationship with the West. On the other hand any possible change in the role of key power holders in the Middle East may shape Arab Israel relations and ongoing Peace process.

Then the analysis of an important issue recently rose in European Union. Because any eco political issue in EU may affect global eco political conditions and the probability of the domino effect lies in this region more than any part of the world.

At third research work outlines the most important region of the world as many argued, regarding the global war on terrorism, south East Asia the region of Pakistan and the effects of Afghan war on the domestic politics of Pakistan, its problem after being chosen as an ally of US in the war and its changing domestic politics due to the immense
international political pressure and on the other hand because of the facts released by the Wiki Leak cables.

The last and final part of essay concluding discussion, will summarize the whole issue and try to answer the basic research point or in other words the research question.

1.2 Aim of the Research

The basic aim of the research is to understand the role of mass media organizations, in shaping the global domestic political conditions.

1. How these leaked cables from Wiki leaks have affected the domestic political conditions of the world?
2 METHODOLOGY

This Particular part of thesis is the explanation of research method and the criteria, which is used to conduct analysis.

The method of research is based on the content analysis of collected information, in this way of doing thesis one can gather informative data through different sources for example; through published literature, by reading books on related topics, journals from newspapers, previous research articles regarding the thesis problems and most importantly by the use of internet sources.

The content or textual analysis is a term of social science methodology which deals in the studies of communication.

Earl Babbie defines it as "the study of recorded human communications, such as books, websites, paintings and laws".\(^3\)

Content analysis actually summarizes the quantitative analysis of produced literature that relies on the scientific method such as concentrating on objective; inter subjective and hypothetical examination of the qualitative data. In simple content analysis refers toward the interpretation of qualitative data.

According to Klaus Krippendorff “content analysis is a research technique for making replicable and valid inferences from texts (or data) to a context of their use".\(^4\)

His definition reflects about the methods through which understanding of the particularly chosen literature can be perceived, as it is done in the following research about the role of mass media organization and re-shaping global and domestic political conditions around the world.

Specially to understand the influence of global politics on the domestic conditions of the different regions, countries and states, and the role of wiki leaks as whistle blowing media organization to shape or de shape these international political measures for the near future of domestic political grounds of these regions of the world which are selected for the case study and research analysis.

The internet sources are the key informative tools to complete the research work; this refers toward the computerized usage of content analysis. The information comes from newspaper editorials, professional publications, and articles on mass media theories and mostly from the published views of the political scientists and columnists who belong to the particular regions, chosen for analyzing the global political effects on domestic politics and the role of mass media to enhance and lessen these international political pressures on domestic political conditions.

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3 RECENT CHANGES IN THE GLOBAL CONDITIONS

In this part thesis will discuss and explain the theories, modern era conditions and reasons which helped in pushing up the effectiveness of the “media organizations like Wiki Leaks” on those much higher peaks, which was not possible in the past era of less connected and unaware world. It is important to first realize the fragility and sensitivity of the interconnected global relationships of the modern era world and how much a small blow of wind in some part of world can affect the other interconnected regions.

3.1 Modern World of Whistleblowers

The word Whistleblower refers towards an individual or a group of people, who voluntarily receives the responsibility of cautioning the societies about the ongoing unfair businesses of their particular state governing bodies, public or private institutions and organizations, elected parliamentary members or by the political actors.

The modern era mass media and advance technological tools of journalism connect us with a global network of information and news sharing system. This system is undoubtedly playing a role of modern era Whistleblower.

However mass media can play a critical role to analyze the performance of state machineries, so it might not be so easy to get away from mistakes and flaws or frauds made by government agents now days. It is not impossible to use media both ways either to make a positive opinion or to get political means by putting private donations.

3.2 The World is a Fragile Living Place and it holds the tendency of Domino effect

The modern era world is so fragile and sensitive to sustain the domino effect, if something happens in some part of the world, it directly or sometime indirectly affects the other regions also, the reflections of these butterfly effects can be seen in global economics and also in variably changing international relation e.g. Iceland bank crash took over the economic world and no one in the economic world managed enough to resist its effects at that time, on the other hand one 9/11 changed the terminology of international relations and its effects are still expanding.
3.3 Modern Era Journalism 24 Hours Eyes on News

One of the basic definitions of journalism was described by Walter Lippmann. Walter Lippmann was one of the developers of propaganda techniques from the era of World War I.

According to Walter Lippmann, “Though a journalist himself, he held no assumption of news and truth being synonymous. For him the function of news is to signalize an event, the function of truth is to bring to light the hidden facts, A journalist’s version of the truth is subjective and limited to how he constructs his reality. The news, therefore, is imperfectly recorded and too fragile to bear the charge as an organ of direct democracy”.

In modern era world, Journalism has become highly advance tool of communication and it is connected with audience all around the globe. 24 hours eyes are on news from all over the world. However news channels share their gathered information in a real time or normally at the same time as they get it from the venue and then they spread it to other parts of world through live coverage facilities.

Over the years news channels has become essential part of daily routine activities, the news channels can change and rebuild public opinion on any particular political or international event, the analysis of the first Iraq war and then situation after 9/11 (Afghanistan and second Iraq wars) the role of news channels can’t be denied on sharing moment by moment news and crediting their own company’s benefits by griping more and more audience attention.

Professor Stig A. Nohrstedt described the term war journalism and raised question about the moral credibility of news channels, “How has war journalism changed since the end of the Cold War, fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991. However, the Balkan Wars of the 1990s gave rise to the concept of “new wars” that in the wake of the terror attacks of 9/11 have acquired an iconicity rivaling that of fiction films. The 1990-1991 Gulf War was the commercial breakthrough for the around-the-clock news channel CNN and the war in Afghanistan in 2001 for its competitor al-Jazeera network. The 2003 Iraq war saw Internet’s great breakthrough in war journalism with the, at first anonymous, icon Salam Pax belonging to the first generation of war bloggers”.

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3.4   Enhancing Global Co-operations

Another important factor is the changing behavior of global systems, these global systems or alliances are coming closer to each other in the form of co-operations and institutional mergers by the means of mutual laws and joint security measures. These co-operations are reflected in transnational relationships among countries and states.

The biggest example is the working criteria of European Union which is enhancing its co-operations with member states and one more thing is noticeable, the new additions in EU members, as more countries will come closer in co-operations and behave like single units, the probability of domino effect will also rise with it.
CHANGING SOURCES OF AUTHORITY

As many theories argued and proved about the development of the new sources of authority and power to control masses of societies. These newly developed sources of direct and indirect power and authority are becoming more and more effective day by day as the above discussed changes in global conditions are taking place.

4.1 Power Definition

The definition of power refer towards the tools or capabilities of an object to rule particular conditions in an atmosphere, including other objects which lie in the circle of influence of that particular ruling power.\(^7\)

However in modern era societies and states power sources of authorities have different forms which govern masses now days. These sources of authoritative power are re-shaped by the passage of time to become more effective in a connected fragile global society.

To control societies one may seek the sources of authoritative powers in democratic process, his or her social and wealth status.

Many theorists argued that the control on natural resources hold the tendency to control societies.

Expertise in certain domains also can hold the power to control others on the terms of their needs and demands e.g. the power of medicine to bring about health.

4.2 Power Definition in Modern World of Networking

Power definition in modern world of networking is bit different from the previous definitions of powerful authorities which are controlling global and domestic societies. Modern era technology and interconnected relations between nations and states motivated the new era of power tools to control/influence the global domestic economics and politics, though it also helped in shaping the public pole.

It is good to highlight a couple of quotes from Edwards Bernays theory to explain these interconnected factors of power, which actually control world now days.

According to Bernays "Those who manipulate this unseen mechanism of society constitute an invisible government which is the true ruling power of our country... our invisible governors are, in many cases unaware of the identity of their fellow members in the political society."

inner cabinet. ( ) Whatever attitude one chooses towards this condition, it remains a fact that in almost every act of our daily lives, whether in the sphere of politics or business, in our social conduct or our ethical thinking, we are dominated by the relatively small number of persons – a trifling fraction – who understand the mental processes and social patterns of the masses. It is they who pull the wires which control the mind, who harness old social forces and contrive new ways to bind and guide the world.”.8

Both quotes from Edwards Bernays indicate about the coming years of modern era technology and how it will control our societies, our mind sets and opinion building factors.

The economic liberalization of the globe is reshaping the ways to influence global domestic politics e.g. 24 hours stock market operations connects the world into a economic chain, people or institutions who control the stock market fluctuations are actually retains the tendencies to control economic world, and this control over economic power tools indirectly influencing political decision making around the global domestic atmospheres. Role of multinational companies around the world is an example. It may need further research some other time.

Other very important factors which control public opinions and affect their political thoughts are social networking methods of communications, these tools of modern era networking are generated by the help of internet technology, this internet technology transformed the world into a hub where societies are interconnected with each other by the means of social networking websites and blogs e.g. face book, twitter etc.

There is a very famous saying that “We people are the products of other people’s interaction with each other through networking or by the means of social network tools”.

The current political revolution in Middle East reflects the productivity of public interactions and signifies the role of social networking tools (Face book, Twitter) around the globe.

It is very important to understand the changing global and domestic conditions and circumstances of the world, as discussed in chapter three and the authoritative power tools of modern world of networking as discussed in chapter four, the study of these both chapters may allow the better understanding of the successful reveals of Wiki leaks cables.

The Wiki leaks media organization has become operational in 2007 and somehow successfully managed to prove its identity as a biggest whistleblower of our times. Since that time it revealed many of the hidden secrets of international relationships among nations, roots and causes of wars, conspiracies, war crimes and the hidden political intentions of big empires against other states.

In his interview with Reuters (England), the co-founder of Wiki leaks Julian Assange accepted the role of the leaked cables in the political uprising of the African and Middle Eastern regions. According to him these leaks made it difficult for the West to continue its support of the long-standing regimes of Africa and Middle East.

According to Assange, facts released by Tunisian cables showed clearly that in the fight between the military and (President Zine al-Abidine) Ben Ali’s political regime, the US would probably support the military. The uprising made Tunisian president to leave his space right after a month of movement. Same happened with Egyptian politics when President Hosni Mubarak gave up within the few weeks of protests.

These are Assange words on the role of publications, “The cables were published, not just so that the people in those countries (Africa and Middle East) would know what was going on, because many of them already knew what was going on in great and grotesque detail, but rather so that it would not be possible for the West to stand up and support the (authoritarian leaders)”.

Wiki Leaks is a not-for-profit media organization. It started working with a prime objective to provide important news and secret hidden information to the global societies. It provides an innovative, secure and anonymous technique to its secret supportive sources of information to leak information for organization’s team of journalist e.g. Wiki leaks organization’s electronic drop box facility. Organization attaches the original source documents within the publications of news stories to show the evidence of event to the readers.

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The organization holds the services of dedicated volunteers all around the globe, who are keen to develop and adopt new scientific techniques to reveal and publish secret information and news stories.

It is a project of Sunshine press. It is hard to say that whether Wiki Leaks is working for any intelligence agency or government any of these reports yet to prove these rumors.

According to the organization “Wiki Leaks is an independent global group of people with a long standing dedication to the idea of a free press and the improved transparency in society that comes from this. The group includes accredited journalists, software programmers, network engineers, mathematicians and others”.  

Since its birth Wiki Leaks has faced legal and political attacks planned by several agencies and governments, to stop it from publications, threats also received to the team of journalists to adopt policy of silence.

The basic principles on which organization’s work is based are the defense of freedom of speech and media publishing. Wiki leaks derive on the principles of the universal declaration of human rights Article 19, which states that everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

Wiki Leaks as a media organization released secret documents more than any other media or mass media organization in the world. It holds the record for not revealing its source. Though the organization faced many of the direct and indirect consequences by releasing such classified documents, but it managed to go through the legal allegations alleged by other organizations, multinational corporations and countries such as Pentagon, Chinese Public Security Bureau, former president of Kenya, Premier of Bermuda, Scientology, the Catholic & Mormon Church, largest Swiss private bank, and from the Russian corporations etc.

Wiki Leaks won awards twice since its birth, the Economist Index on censorship freedom of expression award in 2008 and then from Amnesty International human rights reporting award in 2009.

5.1 Organization’s operational methods

The combination of highly secured journalism technology and an anonymous drop box fortified by cutting-edge cryptographic information technologies provides secured ways to protect organization’s secret news sources. However leaked material and documents are accepted personally and as well as via postal services.


A team of journalists’ analysis the received information with the facts and thorough study, later they transform this received information into a social message (news story). Wiki Leaks publishes its stories with original received documents attached to it; the reason behind it is to make sure that audience can also see the original documents as a proof. Wiki Leaks avoid censoring its news and unlike Wikipedia it is not allowed for any reader to edit the original (published news) publications.

The Wiki Leaks organization is fully backed by capable legal advisers around the globe to protect organization’s legal rights according to the international journalism law.

5.2 Verification process for received documents

According to the criteria set by the board of organization (Wiki Leaks), the authenticity of the received document is assessed very carefully before transforming it into a news story. There is a detailed process of examining the reality of any received secret information. At first think tanks analysis it in the lights of certain questions:

i) What is the probability of its reality?
ii) What are the elements of evidence involved in its reality?
iii) What is the possibility of obvious motives to fake such information?
iv) Who can have benefit more from such Leak information and why?

These are the fundamental protocols which are used by Wiki Leaks with the combination of methods based on modern technology. After analyzing these questions research teams steps into the next level of verification, where they build a detailed forensic report to finalize the reality revealing documents. During this forensic investigation research team of journalists’ analysis the truth by investigating the events told in the received documents, by visiting venues, interviewing affected people and as well as they hunt for any of the external investigative reports.13

E.g. “Before releasing out the Collateral Murder video Wiki Leaks sent a team of journalists to Iraq to interview the victims and observers of the helicopter attack. The team obtained copies of hospital records, death certificates, eye witness statements and other corroborating evidence supporting the truth of the story”.14

5.3 Secrecy of sources

The security of precious sources is one of the prime objectives of the organization. To do so organization operates through number of servers across the world in this case it

manages to keep itself operational and disguise the drop box where it collects the secret data.

Anonymization (a process which make any of the submitter information anonymous) process take place way earlier in the Wiki Leaks network, when any new information comes into the main server. Without having specialized global internet traffic analysis, still various units of the organization work together in order to strip submitters from their secrecy.

As it is concern various instructions also been advised for submitter about using internet cafes and usage of internet facilities far from their workplaces and homes.

Wiki Leaks sometimes use different domain addresses in order to avoid any of the access blockage to its web addresses by other organizations.\(^{15}\)

### 5.4 List of Stories Broken by the organization

Since its birth the organization has broken almost all dimensional stories regarding human right issues, economic corruptions and violation of the international democratic values. The following topics describe the orientation of the stories broken by the Wiki Leaks.\(^ {16}\)

1. War, killings, torture and detention.
2. Trade and corporate transparency.
3. Suppression of free speech and a free press.
4. Diplomacy, spying and (counter-) intelligence.
7. Censorship technology and internet filtering.
8. Cults and other religious organizations.


6 CASE STUDY AND ITS ANALYSIS

The analysis of the collected information and of the case studies reflects the role of leaked cables by Wiki leaks in shaping the domestic political conditions of three different regions around the world.

The analysis may discuss some of the domestic political issue in Middle Eastern region and the effects of leaked cables. As many argued in the case studies the Middle Eastern domestic politics is important because of the current changing political grounds of this region which may shape their relationship with the West. On the other hand any possible change in the role of key power holders in the Middle East may shape the Arab Israel relationship and ongoing Peace process.

Then the analysis of an important issue recently rose in European Union. Because any eco political issue in EU may affect global eco political conditions and the probability of the domino effect lies in this region more than any part of the world. The issue of EU domestic politics is pretty much connected with the leaked cables by Wiki leaks.

At third the analysis of the domestic political conditions of the most important region of the world as many argued, regarding the global war on terrorism, South East Asia the region of Pakistan and the effects of Afghan war on the domestic politics of Pakistan, its problem after being chosen as an ally of US in the war and its changing domestic politics due to the immense international political pressure and on the other hand most because of the facts released by the Wiki Leak cables.

6.1 Middle Eastern Politics

The cables by Wiki Leaks about Middle Eastern region may put meaningful effects on the domestic political relationship between Middle Eastern countries, especially countries like Saudi Arab, Iran, Syria and Turkey.

The focus point in the analysis of the political conditions of Middle East seeks, if these leaked cables by Wiki leaks refer towards any real political situations among these countries or through these releases, internal political crisis among these countries will take place some new turn. Because according to Iranian columnists these leaks refer towards the western propaganda to declare Iran as a global threat and by this declaration they are trying to get favors of other Middle Eastern key political player,

Turkey is a candidate for the membership of European Union. She has her own political and diplomatic concerns regarding her relationship with Western countries and Muslim countries. According to the fresh leaks several Arab countries do not want Iran’s hold on the main stream power sources in the Middle Eastern region, that’s why they always want US to strike on Iran, which is in favor of Israel as well. There’s always been an indirect political tussle between Iran and Saudi Arab maybe because of Shia Sunni distinctive thoughts among them over the years.
Ismail Duman highlights his thoughts, in World Bulletin, “As we know that Turkey which has good relations with Israel and the US tries to enter EU and is a member of NATO. So, we should read Wiki Leaks cables from a different perspective. Maybe it can be for the Middle East policies of America and of course Turkey has an important role in this region. But I think, if these documents are against someone, it is not against to Turkey, but to the Middle East”.  

In order to understand the effects of Wiki Leaks on better grounds one must understand the importance of Turkey’s role in whole Middle Eastern relationship building process with the west, and on the other hand maybe these leaks are helping some US political cause in newly reforming democratic Middle East, because in some way these leaks indicates the intentions of Arab countries against Iranian regime and how these countries think of Iran as a threat to them and to the rest of the world’s security because of her nuclear assets.

This view taken from a couple of Arab countries as defined by Leaks distinct them from Iran’s political concerns for the Middle Eastern region. These differences are affecting their joint Arab standpoint on the Palestinian issue with Israel. The tussle between Arab countries and Iran is somehow helping Israeli political concerns.

The conditions between Iran and Turkey still question mark because of the US backed missile shield program, and Turkey’s favor towards US is directly harming Iran’s security as everyone knows that the installation of missile shield is simply for the security of Israel against Iran’s missile technology.

There are still many questions in one’s mind, is Iran really a threat for other Middle Easter countries or these leaks have some motives some global political motives to control the domestic politics of the Middle Eastern region.

The examination of the following extract from the World Bulletin indicates some hidden political intentions behind these leaked cables, “Anyone with an IQ superior to 75 might have suspected by now that US diplomats spy on their United Nations colleagues (under Clinton's orders); that Washington conducted a bazaar to force small countries to accept Guantanamo inmates; that the Pakistani military/intelligence establishment is intertwined with the Taliban; or that paragon of democracy and human rights Saudi King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz urged the US to attack Iran. ( ) Fear of Shi’ite Iran after all is the rule among that gaggle of unpopular Sunni Arab autocrats/dictators constantly harping and begging for the US to sell them the weapons that keep them in power”.

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So, in the general opinion of many of the journalists who have quite a good knowledge of Middle Eastern political conditions, Wiki Leaks latest leaks must have some connections with Israeli political interest who has dreams to target Iran for her own national existence and in the whole process, Arab countries somehow becoming a political part of it, since they have started giving more importance to the Iranian Crisis, pointed out by Victor Kotsev in Atimes.

The overall leaked documents by Wiki Leaks consist 11000 of those in which US policies talked about Iran, by letting these documents go on air so easily it smells something like an indirect propaganda scheme by the parties involved in it because there is no other specified thing released regarding other Middle Eastern issues. E.g. Leaks didn’t show any secret documents which were against Zionist regime for instance but many of those were about Iran.\(^\text{19}\)

Jason Rezaian specifies in his statement, "unsurprisingly, Iran surfaces time and time again among the tens of thousands of classified State Department documents released by Wiki Leaks on Sunday. In more than 11,000 of them, in fact, Iran is discussed — everything from how to thwart its nuclear program to personal attacks on Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad".\(^\text{20}\)

The basic focus point in these documents is Iranian regime, though it talked about some other issues as well but not in pretty detailed discussion. These documents released some of the secret meeting minutes and points presented by Israeli secret agency Mossad’s chief to his US counterpart where according to leaks he presented different ways to bring revolution in Iran.

According to the leaks a five step agenda has been discussed between US and Israeli officials to counter and put away Iranian regime:

1. Agreement to use joint diplomatic efforts for the implementation of new sanctions through Security Council of United Nations on Iran to put further political pressure.

2. Agreement of secrecy on the issue. Dagan and Burns agreed not to discuss this approach in the wider forum of the discussion.

3. Agreement on initiatives to prevent transfer of academic knowledge and facilities in the field of technology and science to Iran.

4. Economic sanctions to effect Iranian national banking system, according to them three of the banks were dealing with difficulties.


5. The recruitment of rebellious political students to upraise a movement to change the regime is also considered as an option.

According to the Iranian political think tanks the publications of these above discussed point to counter Iranian regime, reflects the secret planning of US and Israeli agencies to use the fame of Wiki leaks to manipulate the global and domestic opinion of public about Iran. Furthermore according to their thoughts these leaked cables are indirectly conveying intentional threats of US Israeli alliance towards Iran’s sovereignty.

The further allegations on Iran followed by the purchase of the missile (BM-25) facile from North Korea, within the same time frame Jordanian, Egyptian and Bahraini officials asking US for the military action against Iran also notified in the leaks, where there were no such request to put pressure on Tel Aviv to respect United Nations peace Resolution reported by Wiki Leaks.

The point is that whether these leaks refer towards any real political situations among these countries or through these releases, internal political crisis among these countries will take place some new turn. Because according to Iranian columnists these leaks refer towards the western propaganda to declare Iran as a global threat and by this declaration they are trying to get favors from other Middle Eastern key political player.

According to Masih Ghorbani, “This apartheid selection by the Wiki Leaks website casts doubt on the authenticity of the documents and reeks of a conspiracy only to be sought in the rotten policies of the US government which has long launched a mudslinging campaign against the Islamic Republic in order to destabilize the Iranian system and fan the flame of Iranophobia in the world.” And he adds: The idea of demonizing Iran is not a new one and the release of the new documents should be viewed as “a fresh attempt well suited to the interests of the US government”.  

However Turkey is playing a sensitive role in the whole crisis situation; keeping her own political concerns in mind she urges a diplomatic solution for the particular crisis situation. If we look at the meeting point between US and Turkish officials, William Burns (on behalf of United States) urged Turkish government to support them on the matter of Iran, Turkey agrees on US point of view on the Iranian nuclear crisis, however she has her own concerns about the use of force against Iran, neither do she agrees with the idea of economic sanction on Iran, because it will only provide domestic political strength to the current Iranian regime.

On the other hand according to these leaked cables Turkey is trying to split the team up of Iran and Syria, the main point which combine both states were the hatred against

Saddam Husain’s regime and now for them no point left to be ally. According to this point of view Syria must get rid of Tehran’s influence and get better ties with Israel for the sake of peace. This story line is an indication towards a change of alliance in the region or it is just moving towards it as reported by leaks.22

The important point here to mention is the neutral role of Turkey. Turkey plays a straight and no issue with others foreign policy. To do so she is maintaining her friendly ties towards each of the strong contender in the region. In these regards for the coming elections Turkey’s AK party is planning to take hold of Islamic vote bank by supporting Iran on several domestic issues. Here turkey is on a sensitive turn regarding its relationship with west and Middle Eastern countries because she cannot afford to lose any of these key players, on one side she has membership for EU and on the other ties with Iran as an assurance of Turkish domestic security.23

The Leaks about Syria refers the Israeli and American suggestion to choose between permanent peace and Syrian ties with Iran, this is came by Jerusalem Post Newspaper,

“Syria would end its alliance with Iran in exchange for peace with Israel”.24

According to the leaks about Syria, Turkey and Syria both preferring Israeli option rather than selecting Iranian offers to achieve political stability in the region.

It is discussed in the earlier part of the research that the role of mass media organizations over the years shaped many global and domestic political crisis. Here in this scenario of Middle Eastern domestic political tension, it is necessary to understand all possible aspects of these leaked cables about Middle East.

These leaked cables by Wiki leaks refer toward some untold questions. What could be the target of these leaks? Are these leaks indicating some regime change signals in the region, or these leaks are playing the role of a messenger for some global political influence to shape the domestic politics of the Middle Eastern region by openly publishing the offers which are cooking inside the international arena. These new questions may need further research later on, but on the other side these questions are somehow connected to the reflected open offers for Syria to choose between peace and her ally Iran. However on the other side these leaks are refueling the tension between Saudi Arab and Iranian relationships by publishing Saudi intentions for Iranian sovereignty.
6.2 Effects on EU politics

The discussion on EU politics may add some efforts by the Wiki Leaks concerning health and hygiene issues by releasing documents showing that the Bush administration schemed to find ways to react against Europe for refusing to use genetically modified (GMOs) seeds, mainly by engaging in aggressive trade wars against reluctant European nations e.g. Austria, France, and Italy etc.

Many argued that the world is facing a problem in meeting the agricultural targets and sufficient food supplies for the world. In these regards newly developed scientific ways are in use by many of the developed countries. Especially in EU many countries are using Seeds (for more production) provided by US base company Monsanto.

According to some researchers these seeds are genetically harmful for humans because of their production methods, but concerned US officials are keep on ignoring these indications from researcher, maybe due to their own higher priorities and benefits affiliated with Monsanto. But the adaptation of new scientific ways of producing food products does not means that we should adopt the ways which are going to be harmful for our future generations.

According to Jeffry Smith, “Monsanto (U.S.-based multinational agricultural biotechnology corporation) has a long and sordid history of manipulation and questionable business practices, so this latest development doesn’t really surprise me. It’s quite clear that the US government has been aiding and abetting Monsanto’s quest to control the world’s food crops, and as Jeffrey Smith says in the interview, these leaked documents “lays bare the mechanics of that effort”.

At this point many EU countries differentiated themselves from the US agenda on GMOs and these leaks revealed the conflicts between US and many of the EU member countries.

According to Wiki Leaks cable from 2009, US embassy in Spain asked for further help from their home government to get the support of Spanish politicians on the issue of GMOs and during this process embassy asked for the strategy through which embassy officials can help these politicians in getting some major political roles. This was a clear example of global politics affecting any country’s domestic political process for their own particular benefits.

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The Guardian publishes the reports leaked by these cables about the jointly planned stances by US and Spanish officials to get the support for GMOs on EU level and how to convince other EU member to accept these biotechnologies.

According to The Guardian, “the cables show US diplomats working directly for GM companies such as Monsanto. In response to recent urgent requests by [Spanish rural affairs ministry] state secretary Josep Puxeu and Monsanto, post requests renewed US government support of Spain’s science-based agricultural biotechnology position through high-level US government intervention. (   ) It also emerges that Spain and the US have worked closely together to persuade the EU not to strengthen biotechnology laws. In one cable, the embassy in Madrid writes: “If Spain falls, the rest of Europe will follow. (   ) The cables show that not only did the Spanish government ask the US to keep pressure on Brussels but that the US knew in advance how Spain would vote, even before the Spanish biotech commission had reported”.

These cables not only shown the differences between EU and US but it also revealed some of these issues between member EU countries as described by the above quoted Spanish official’s Statements.

Actually all this started way back when a leaked cable in 2007 quoted US ambassador’s statement on French government decision regarding the ban of (GMO) food product, in his statement ambassador indicated the EU is choosing the path towards past and it will cost their long term benefits.

In reply French authorities along with their allies Austria and Italy decided to face the retaliation and reveal the other member countries who are not taking responsibilities regarding the benefits of European Union.

In this course of politics US tried to take benefit of the Vatican City to influence EU population reported by The Guardian (sourcing Wiki Leaks cable from 2008).

This particular report studies show the usage of manipulating global strategy to make other countries to adopt the modified food products in the name of biotechnology which only benefits the particular production house Monsanto and for this how these manipulating strategies affected the domestic politics of EU. On the other hand leaked cables by Wiki leaks played a key role in shaping the domestic political opinion of European public to defend their health priorities.

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6.3 Domestic Politics of South East Asia

Many argued about the regional importance of the south East Asia region regarding global war on terrorism. Most of the people around the world do not know how much collateral damage came to this region during the recent decade of US Afghan war.

According to these arguments and figures provided by them war on terrorism has not only affected Afghanistan but it affected her sister country Pakistan and an ally to US in this global war. These effects came to all fields of life especially economically, socially and most of it came to domestic politics.

The international politics over these years put immense pressure on the domestic politics of Pakistan to achieve globally targeted goals from this war. The basic problem Pakistani politics is facing at the moment is the maintenance of balance between international and domestic political pressures, to do so key political actor trying their best to keep things hidden from civil society, media and general public. During last few months the role of Wiki Leaks has really changed the mood of people regarding their political thoughts on the current ruling regime and military establishment behind them.

Possible Political change in Pakistan seeks its way out; common people are fed up with the situation of security, false promises of politicians, economic instability all because of external pressures and specially the issue of collateral damage done by US drones (searching for possible terrorists in the Northern areas of Pakistan) is fueling the domestic political tensions between political rivals.

The recent cables released by Wiki Leaks leaking the secret agreements between US and Pakistani officials on the allowance of drone attacks in the northern areas of Pakistan, hyped the domestic political tension and revealed the hidden faces of ruling class and the international connections of elites, who have very less concerns about the issues of common people or too much international pressure won’t let them think about these domestic issues.

This following headlines published in the leading newspaper (Dawn News) for the first time openly saying something about internal official agreements between US and Pakistan “Secret internal American government cables, accessed by Dawn through Wiki Leaks, provide confirmation that the US military’s drone strikes programmed within Pakistan had more than just tacit acceptance of the country’s top military brass, despite public posturing to the contrary. In fact, as long ago as January 2008, the country’s military was requesting the US for greater drone back-up for its own military operations. ( ) Previously exposed diplomatic cables have already shown that Pakistan’s civilian leaders are strongly supportive – in private – of the drone strikes on alleged militant targets in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), even as they condemn them for general consumption. But it is not just the civilian leadership that has been following a duplicitous policy on the robotic vehicles. ( ) In a meeting on January 22, 2008 with US CENTCOM Commander Admiral William J. Fallon, Army Chief General Ashfaq Kayani requested the Americans to provide “continuous Predator coverage of the conflict area” in South Waziristan where the army was conducting operations against militants. The request is detailed in a ‘Secret’ cable sent by then US Am-
Ambassador Anne Patterson on February 11, 2008. Pakistan’s military has consistently denied any involvement in the covert programmed run mainly by the CIA.”

This above news sourced by the wiki leaks cables affected the ongoing political process in the country. These leaks raised the popularity of the political party Pakistan Tehreek -e- Insaf (PTI), a political party who condemn these attacks and raise their voice against the unconstitutional stances of the government.

The another important reason behind this popularity of PTI is linked to the earlier cables released by wiki leaks saying that PTI is the only political party in Pakistan which is not influenced by US pressure. Such news leaks actually are turning public pole in favor of particular political party and result can be earlier political change in the fields of Pakistani domestic politics.

These cables revealed the face of domestic politics in the lights of US Pak relationship. Which is now on the verge of a pretty sensitive stage all depending on the domestic pressure by the public who have developed a disliking between them regarding US policies for the region, they certainly want their government to take a positive stance to regain their lost sovereignty.

The current conditions are referring government and the military establishment to reconsider their relationship with US and the current foreign policy which is revealed through the publication of the wiki leaks cable in a local news paper. After these publications and because of the public reaction, in response the message conveyed by the military establishment to their US counter parts to stop these drone attacks which approximately killed 60 of the Pakistani soldier also who were taking part in the hunt for possible militants in the drone attack site.

“As it was highlighted in the earlier cables in which Ms. Patterson’s said in a Nov. 24, 2008 cable, that the gap between the private agreement of the Pakistani government and the public condemnation of American action would grow, a gap that has now become a major stumbling block in the United States-Pakistan relationship. Pakistani leaders who feel they look increasingly weak to their constituents could begin considering stronger action against the U.S., even though the response to date has focused largely on ritual denunciation”.

The refusal from C.I.A.to halt the strikes and the raid by US navy seal to kill Osama Bin Laden on 2 May 2011 raised the argument on the sovereignty of Pakistan. These unallowed stances are now burdened the relationship between two countries, because now by the release of leaks government can’t control the public reaction and they may face the consequences of public anger in the form of less favorable results in the upcoming elections.


On the other hand reports on the political intentions of opposition are also not very promising, accordingly reported by these cables, the chief minister of Punjab Mian Shahbaz Sharif brother of opposition leader Mian Nawaz Sharif, desires to get rid of the chief justice of the supreme court of Pakistan Ch. Iftikhar, who regained his position through the movement in which current opposition party (Pakistan Muslim League N) took part and now they have intentions to remove the chief justice. This actually refers toward the political usage of the lawyer movement for the restoration of Chief Justice, by the Sharif brothers.

It shows the popularity of the free judicial system among the elites of politics and raises question on their sincerity with public.

All these publications affected the relationship between US and Pakistan, domestic politics and popularity of the ruling class the revelation of the documents that cover behind-the-scenes dialogue between top leaders provided a credence rarely seen in Pakistan.
The research analysis in the essay outlined some of the effecting global political measures on the regional domestic politics in the world. The basic core of study explained and discussed the role of media organization WikiLeaks in shaping these global influences on the domestic political fields of Middle East, European Union and South East Asia. In fact this modern era whistle blowing media organization WikiLeaks is shaping the political processes around many important regions around the globe. Among these regions some of the states are reflecting the significant role of leaked cables by WikiLeaks by showing changes their domestic political systems. However some regions are moving towards these changes.

Before moving into the discussion of these regions let’s first discuss the about the earlier theories and changing global conditions which made this opinion shaping role of WikiLeaks easier way easier then ones thoughts.

The initial frame of the essay discussed about the variability of the global conditions and how much world has changed over the years. The interconnected relationship between nations and states made them so fragile that a small wave from butterfly wings in some particular region affects other connected parts of the world. These changing conditions of the world in fact helped in enhancing the role of media organizations like WikiLeaks to shape the political opinions of public.

The modern era mass media and advance technological tools of journalism connect the world with a global network of information and news sharing system. This system is undoubtedly playing a role of modern era Whistleblower.

Over the years news channels has become essential part of daily routine activities, the news channels can change and rebuild public opinion on any particular political or international event. The study of the first Iraqi war and then situation after 9/11 Afghanistan and second Iraq wars, signified the role of news channels. It can’t be denied that these news channels shared moment by moment news and credited benefits by gripping more and more audience attention.

These interconnected global relations between states and raising probabilities of the domino effects actually transformed the new power definitions in the world. Power definition refers towards governance or authority to govern the societies. There are two important domains through which societies are use to controlled now days, first relates to the economic world such as stock markets and multinational companies through which political decisions can be influenced. This first domain may require further explanation some other time.

On the other side societies can be dominated through social networking methods of communication, these methods changed the world into a hub where societies are interconnected with each other by the means of social networking websites and blogs. The current political revolution in Middle East reflects the significant role of social networking tools (Facebook, Twitter etc) around the globe. These tools helped spreading the leaked cables regarding Middle East revolution.

The social networking methods in fact made the job of the media organizations easier then past times, as these tools helped in the case of leaked cables from WikiLeaks which
spread all around the world and shaped the uprising in Africa and Middle East. In his interview with Reuters (England), the co-founder of Wiki leaks Julian Assange accepted the role of the leaked cables in the political uprising of the African and Middle Eastern regions. According to him these leaks made it difficult for the West to continue its support of the long-standing regimes of Africa and Middle East.  

Since then Wiki leaks with the help of modern era social networking methods revealed many of the hidden secrets of international relationships among nations and states, roots and causes of wars, conspiracies, war crimes and the hidden political intentions of big empires against other states.

The case studies and analysis of the changing political conditions after the publication of the leaked cables by the Wiki leaks about some of the important regions of the world, revealed the influential global political factors on the regions of Middle East, European Union and South East Asia. On the other hand these cables played a key role in shaping the whole political situation around these regions.

The importance of the Middle Eastern region is connected with its recently changing political atmosphere because any significant change in key power of the region may affect the balance of power and the ties of Arab relationship with the western world. The leaked documents about Middle East revealed the diplomatic tussles between Arab and Iran on the balance of power in the region.

According to the fresh leaks several Arab countries do not want Iran’s hold on the main stream power sources in the Middle Eastern region, that’s why they always want US to strike on Iran, which is in favor of Israel as well. There’s always been an indirect political tussle between Iran and Saudi Arab maybe because of Shia Sunni distinctive thoughts among them over the years.

There are still many questions in one’s mind, is Iran really a threat for other Middle Eastern countries or these leaks have some motives some global political motives to control the domestic politics of the Middle Eastern region.

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The point is that whether these leaks refer towards any real political situations among
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However it is not an easy task to judge on the bases of initial events, that these leaked cables played a positive role in shaping the domestic politics around the globe or not. But on the other hand at the moment these cables opened a new window for the world to achieve global and domestic democratic values around the world. In this regards it is necessary to have further more research on the reliability of the Wiki leaks.
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