

Assassination TIME: Sr. Journalist ‘Can’t Wait’ to Justify Drone Strike That Will Kill Assange

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The unethical and legally questionable statement made by TIME magazine’s senior national correspondent has been met with a barrage of criticism. Although Michael Grunwald deleted the comment and apologized, WikiLeaks is still pushing for his resignation.

The scandal was sparked by a Twitter post on Grunwald’s account which stated that he is eager to write an article on Julian Assange’s execution by a drone.

WikiLeaks tweeted that they have sent a letter to the publication demanding Grunwald’s resignation. They have said that the magazine must show that journalists calling for the murder of other journalists is “*never acceptable.*”

We have written to TIME magazine to ask for Michael Grunwald’s resignation <https://t.co/X8Rf3TN5MY>

— WikiLeaks (@wikileaks) [August 18, 2013](#)

.@TIME must show that journalists calling for the murder of other journalists, or, indeed, anybody, is never acceptable. [@TheTinaBeast](#)

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The tweet, which has been deleted by the author, said, “*I can’t wait to write a defense of the drone strike that takes out Julian Assange.*”

Don’t worry, [@MikeGrunwald](#), deleter of history, your support for the assassination of [#Assange](#) has been archived: <http://t.co/Wek5dquJ0j>

— WikiLeaks (@wikileaks) [August 18, 2013](#)

[@MikeGrunwald](#) I am informed you tweeted to the world, that you cant wait to defend

the extra judicial murder of my son Julian [#Assange](#).

— Christine Assange
(@AssangeC) [August 18, 2013](#)

Following the post, Twitter exploded with harsh criticism of both Grunwald and TIME magazine.

[@wikileaks](#) [@TIME](#) This should, at the very least, disqualify [@MikeGrunwald](#) from writing about Wikileaks for Time.

— Julian Gonzalez
(@julianjg) [August 18, 2013](#)

[@wikileaks](#) [@TIME](#) Isn't TIME magazine part of the problem and not the solution. Perhaps sensible people should boycott them and not buy.

— peter yallouros
(@peteryallouros) [August 18, 2013](#)

Although Grunwald responded to the criticism by saying that the original post was a “*dumb tweet*” and deleting it, TIME has so far not offered any comment on the employee’s statement.

Fair point. I’ll delete. [@rober1236jua](#) my main problem with this is it gives Assange supporters a nice safe persecution complex to hide in

— Michael Grunwald (@MikeGrunwald) [August 17, 2013](#)

It was a dumb tweet. I’m sorry. I deserve the backlash. (Maybe not the anti-Semitic stuff but otherwise I asked for it.)

— Michael Grunwald (@MikeGrunwald) [August 18, 2013](#)

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