

Snowden No Hero
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For anybody still naive enough to think that Edward Snowden is a classic whistle-blower, please note his choice of refuge: Russia ("Russia appears unwilling to help Snowden exit nation," July 7.

He now seeks asylum in a country where scores of journalists have been murdered or jailed for practicing their trade. That country's leader, Vladimir Putin, has told Snowden that he will be welcome if he agrees to keep his mouth shut.

Rather than demonstrate his principles by facing prosecution for not only stealing but leaking his country's secrets, he has fled into the arms of a country that operates entirely in secret. He is not a whistle-blower; he is a rascal.

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