

COMMUTATION TO TIME SERVED FOR ROSS ULBRICHT

In his twenties, Ross Ulbricht was idealistic and passionate about liberty, equality and entrepreneurship. He was 26 years old when he created Silk Road, an anonymous e-commerce website. Based on the non-aggression principle, users were allowed to buy and sell what they chose as long as no third party was harmed. Most people sold drugs.



- First-time offender
- All non-violent convictions
- Two life sentences + 40 years without parole

- Never prosecuted for causing harm or bodily injury. No victim named at trial
- Not prosecuted for selling drugs himself. [Held responsible](#) for what others sold on Silk Road
- Much of the media presents false or inaccurate information about the case

Widespread Support for Clemency

- Broad, diverse and bipartisan [support](#) from organizations and leaders
- His online petition has surpassed [600,000](#) signatures and is the largest clemency petition on Change.org for a federal prisoner

Accepts Responsibility & Makes Amends

- Has taken responsibility and expressed profound remorse for his mistakes
- Would never break the law again, if released.
- Yearns to positively contribute to society and start a family with his fiancée
- Committed to making amends: [published](#) his idea for a new technology using AI that would help fight sharing of harmful content online. (However, he lacks resources to develop this in prison.)
- Dedicated part of the sale of his art to helping others, including prisoners, through a charitable fund called [Art4Giving](#). Nearly \$700,000 has been donated to charity so far.
















Exemplary Behavior in Prison

- Oct 1, 2023 will mark the start of **11th** year in prison
- Has never received a disciplinary sanction
- Positive influence and [model prisoner](#): has tutored, taught classes and mentored fellow prisoners. Elected Chairman of the Mediation Committee to resolve conflicts in his unit. Volunteers as a Suicide-Watch Companion. Recognized as a “model” prisoner by prison staff.



Sentencing Disparity, Uncharged Conduct, and More

- Ross was smeared with unprosecuted, [false allegations](#) of planning murder-for-hire that never occurred and were later dismissed *with prejudice*. The only alleged victim ever identified in these allegations is a longtime, fervent supporter of Ross's clemency (and has written the President asking him to free Ross).
- Two [corrupt](#) federal agents (sent to prison) at the core of the investigation
- 4th and 6th Amendment violations: supported by 21 organizations in petition to the [Supreme Court](#)
- [Sentencing disparity](#): all other Silk Road defendants received sentences of six years on average, including the actual drug sellers and those behind Silk Road 2.0, a larger replica with more drug listings. Some had the same, or near the same, offense level as Ross. Nearly all are free today.

DISPARITY IN PUNISHMENT SILK ROAD DEFENDANTS					
 FREE	Jan Slomp #1 drug seller 7 years	 FREE	Steven Sadler Top 1% drug seller 3 ½ years	 FREE	Matthew Jones Top 5% drug seller 6 years
 FREE	Peter Nash Forum moderator 17 months	 FREE	Jason Hagen Large drug seller 3 years	 FREE	Gary Davis Administrator 5 ½ years
 FREE	Roger Clark Co-owner 13 ½ years	 FREE	Michael Weigand Adviser 8 months	 FREE	Carl Mark Force Corrupt federal agent 5 ½ years
 FREE	Shaun Bridges Corrupt federal agent 6 years	 FREE	Andrew Jones Administrator 3 ½ years	 FREE	Ross Ulbricht Founder Double LIFE + 40 years
 FREE	Brian Farrell Administator on Silk Road 2.0 6 ½ years	 FREE	Blake Benthall Co-owner of Silk Road 2.0 No sentence	 FREE	Thomas White Founder of Silk Road 2.0 3 years

Actual time served or projected to be in served in prison rounded up to nearest half year, including earned and good time credits

More information at FreeRoss.org