

PRESS FREEDOM

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.” (The First Amendment in the Constitution’s Bill of Rights)

https://www.senate.gov/civics/constitution_item/constitution.htm#amendments

From The Constitution Center, “The first and only institution in America established by Congress to “disseminate information about the United States Constitution on a non-partisan basis in order to increase the awareness and understanding of the Constitution among the American people.”

Freedom of The Press

“News about Freedom of The Press, including commentary and archival articles published in The New York Times.”

<https://www.nytimes.com/topic/subject/freedom-of-the-press>

Free the Press 2016 – “Journalism is not a Crime.” U.S. Department of State - Washington, D.C. 04-26-2016

“The U.S. Department of State launched its fifth annual “Free the Press” campaign today as part of its efforts to mark the importance of a free and independent media in the days leading up to World Press Freedom Day on May 3.” Read more...

<https://www.humanrights.gov/dyn/04/free-the-press-2016/>

Secretary Kerry Commemorating World Press Freedom Day

Secretary of State John Kerry, U.S. Department of State - Washington, D.C. 05-03-2013.

<https://www.humanrights.gov/dyn/secretary-kerry-commemorating-world-press-freedom-day.html>

“Today we mark World Press Freedom Day, an annual occasion to recognize, honor, and underscore the essential role of independent media in fostering and protecting freedom of expression and democratic principles.

We take this opportunity to express our solidarity with independent media in all corners of the world, recall journalists who have lost their lives and sacrificed their freedom or personal well-being, and recognize and honor those who fight against repressive regimes that target the press.

In the United States, we hold press freedom as a fundamental component of our democratic fabric, enshrined in the First Amendment to our Constitution. However, in many countries, those who try to exercise their freedom of expression face repression and harassment, from financially crippling lawsuits to imprisonment and death.

Journalists are increasingly confronted by the failure of governments to protect this freedom, and even as technology increases the possibilities for innovative expression online, the space for free media is shrinking. The United States remains firmly committed to promoting and protecting press freedom, and to supporting United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization’s (UNESCO) dedication to freedom of expression across the globe.

We call upon all governments to take the necessary steps to foster an environment where journalists can operate freely, independently, and without fear, and to release all imprisoned journalists wherever they are held.”

The White House- **Briefing Room:** From the News Room and From the Press Office.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/blog>

Media Freedom. <https://www.humanrights.gov/dyn/issues/media-freedom.html>

“Media freedom requires an independent press that is unrestrained in its ability to dispense truthful and meaningful news to a people, without fear of government retaliation or censorship. Based upon the right to free speech, freedom of the press is a key component of democratic governance and of long-term stability and prosperity, because it contributes to transparent, accountable governance, including anti-corruption efforts. The U.S. government continues to fund programs to provide media organizations and journalists with tools and resources to produce high-quality stories without fear of retribution.”

Freedom House

Freedom House is an independent watchdog organization dedicated to the expansion of freedom and democracy around the world. <https://freedomhouse.org/about-us>

Freedom of the Press Foundation protects and defends adversarial journalism in the 21st century. We use crowdfunding, digital security, and internet advocacy to support journalists and whistleblowers worldwide.

<https://freedom.press/>

Freedom of the Press (Time magazine for Kids) “Journalists and government officials are fighting new battles over this Constitutional right” by TFK Kid Reporter Bridget Bernardo. September 16, 2013.

<http://www.timeforkids.com/news/freedom-press/103681>

MUST READS

“Trump’s Lies vs. Your Brain”

“Unfortunately, it’s no contest. Here’s what psychology tells us about life under a leader totally indifferent to the truth.”

By Maria Konnikova | January/February 2017

www.politico.com/magazine/story/2017/01/donald-trump-lies-liar-effect-brain-214658

“Why Trump Can Lie and No One Seems to Care” - Moyers & Company.

“The GOP candidate gets away with outrageous, contradictory statements because the mainstream media and the public let him.”

By Neal Gabler | May 13, 2016

<http://billmoyers.com/story/donald-trump-and-the-walter-winchell-effect/>

How to resist Trump.

“The Trump Resistance Plan: Step One.” Moyers & Company.

“The first step to resisting President-elect Trump is understanding how he and Kellyanne Conway deploy their “Three Ds” strategy: deflect, divert and distract.”

By Steven Harper | January 18, 2017

<http://billmoyers.com/story/the-trump-resistance-plan-step-one/>

“Lyn' Donald: 101 Of Trump's Greatest Lies.” From the Daily Wire. By: Hank Berrien, April 11, 2016.

<http://www.dailywire.com/news/4834/trumps-101-lies-hank-berrien>

“...When Politico attempted to measure how many lies Trump told over the course of 4.6 hours of speeches, they found that he lied, on average, once every five minutes. When Huffington Post catalogued his lies over the course of just one town hall event, they came up with 71 lies....”

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