

World Press Freedom Index: questionnaire 2022

English version

Introduction

1. In your country, what factors constitute an obstacle to the exercise of free and independent journalism?*

- The political context
- The economic context
- The legal context
- The socio-cultural context
- Violence against journalists

Completely disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Completely agree
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(for each sub-question)

Political context

1. What influence does the government have in the editorial board of the following forms of media?*

- Media favorable to its activities
- Media critical of its activities
- Public media

No influence at all	Little influence	No opinion	A significant influence	A very strong influence
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2. Is the broadcast licensing process transparent?*

Yes, completely	Yes, somewhat	No opinion	Not very	No, not at all
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3. What degree of autonomy from political authorities do the following leaders have?*

- Heads of the broadcast regulatory body
- Public broadcast leaders

Full autonomy	Generally autonomous	No opinion	Little autonomy	Not at all autonomous
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4. Do government officials and other politicians act in a way that guarantees press freedom?*

Yes, completely	Yes, somewhat	No opinion	Rarely	No, not at all
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5. Do the news media outlets with the largest audiences provide news coverage that is independent of the government?*

- On public television and radio stations
- On private television and radio stations
- In newspapers and periodicals

Yes, completely	Yes, somewhat	No opinion	Not significantly	No, not at all
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6. Do public media outlets ever ignore sensitive information regarding the government or administration that is covered by private media?*

Never, all information is released	Rarely	No opinion	Regularly	Systematically
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7. During elections, is there a fair distribution of speaking time in broadcast media?*

Yes, completely	Yes, somewhat	No opinion	Not very	No, not at all
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8. Outside of election periods, does the government force the media to give it speaking time...*

- ...without time being given to the opposition?
- ...without being questioned by journalists?

Never	Rarely	No opinion	Regularly	Systematically
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9. How easily can the government achieve the dismissal of...*

- ...public broadcast journalists?
- ...private media journalists?
- ...public broadcast leaders?
- ...private media leaders?
- ...broadcast regulatory body leaders?

With great difficulty	With difficulty	No opinion	Easily	Very easily
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10. Does the government favor (access to press conferences, interviews, etc.) certain media outlets because of...*

- ...their political positioning (favorable editorial content)?
- ...closeness between politicians and media owners?

Never	Rarely	No opinion	Regularly	Systematically
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11. Has access to or journalistic coverage of one or more areas of the territory been restricted (administrative ban, strict governmental control, visa refusal, etc.) during the past 12 months?*

Never	Rarely	No opinion	Regularly	Systematically
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12. In the past 12 months, have political groups committed the following actions against journalists or the media?*

- Public discreditation
- Public insults
- Explicit or implicit threats
- Inciting hatred

Never	Rarely	No opinion	Regularly	Systematically
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13. Do public media outlets cover all political views?*

Yes, completely	Yes, somewhat	No opinion	Not really	No, not at all
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14. Can citizens interact directly with journalists, without state control or surveillance, particularly in order to provide them with information?*

Yes, completely	Yes, somewhat	No opinion	With difficulty	No, not at all
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15. Regarding the killings of journalists over the past 12 months, have the authorities done their best to ensure that the culprits are prosecuted and, if necessary, punished?*

To my knowledge, no journalists have been killed	The authorities responded satisfactorily in all cases	The authorities have made efforts to bring the culprits to justice in every case, but could have done more in some cases	Authorities have failed to seek justice in at least one case	Authorities have obstructed the application of justice in at least one case
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16. What level of control do the authorities exercise over journalistic content on the Internet?*

Journalistic content is not screened to my knowledge	It is sometimes screened, but this remains very rare	There is very targeted screening on a small number of topics	Screening is a widespread practice on a number of topics	Screening is very widespread and can be used on any topic
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17. Have any individuals had their account on a social network deleted or blocked at the request of the authorities for posting or sharing journalistic content in the past 12 months?*

Never	Rarely	No opinion	Regularly	Systematically
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18. Do the public authorities or main political actors organize and/or support large-scale misinformation or propaganda campaigns?*

Never	Rarely	No opinion	Regularly	Systematically
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19. In the past 12 months, has access to the Internet or to social networks been illegitimately interrupted by the authorities?

No	Yes
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Legal context

1. Has the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights been ratified?*

Yes	No	Do not know
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2. Is freedom of expression and press freedom guaranteed...*

- ...in the Constitution?
- ...in the law?

Yes	No
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3. Do the laws guaranteeing these rights impose restrictions that do not conform with international law on freedom of opinion and expression?*

No, not at all	Not significantly	No opinion	Yes, somewhat	Yes, completely
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4. Do the laws provide for custodial sentences for defamation?

No	Yes
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5. Does the law guarantee the secrecy of journalists' sources?*

Yes, completely	Yes, somewhat	No opinion	Not significantly	No, not at all
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6. Does the law guarantee the right of access to public information?*

Yes, completely	Yes, somewhat	No opinion	Not significantly	No, not at all
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7. Does the law guarantee journalists' right to unionize?*

Yes, completely	Yes, somewhat	No opinion	Not significantly	No, not at all
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8. Does the law provide mechanisms to guarantee pluralism and editorial independence?*

Yes, completely	Yes, somewhat	No opinion	Not significantly	No, not at all
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9. Does the law provide mechanisms to protect against abusive procedures against journalists or the media?*

Yes, completely	Yes, somewhat	No opinion	Not significantly	No, not at all
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10. Do these laws effectively guarantee the rights they proclaim?*

Yes, completely	Yes, somewhat	No opinion	Not significantly	No, not at all
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11. Are permissible restrictions of freedom of expression (protection of the rights of others, national security, public order, public health or morals) being abused to restrict press freedom?*

No, not at all	In exceptional circumstances	No opinion	Yes, occasionally	Yes, regularly
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12. Are laws against terrorism, separatism and/or extremism used against journalists?*

No, not at all	In exceptional circumstances	No opinion	Yes, occasionally	Yes, regularly
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13. Does the law set out restrictive conditions...*

- ...regarding the creation of a media outlet?
- ...to access the profession of journalism?

No, not at all	Not significantly	No opinion	Yes, somewhat	Yes, completely
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14. Does the law allow administrative sanctions against journalists/the media (withdrawal of a press card, suspension of the media outlet, etc.)?*

No, not at all	In exceptional circumstances	No opinion	Yes, occasionally	Yes, regularly
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15. Does the law allow authorities to censor content, especially on websites, without the approval of a judge?*

No, not at all	In exceptional circumstances	No opinion	Yes, occasionally	Yes, regularly
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16. Do digital platforms censor journalistic content in accordance with court or administrative orders, in a manner that contradicts international standards?*

Never	Rarely	No opinion	Regularly	Systematically
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17. Does the law establish crimes of opinion such as blasphemy or disrespect for authorities?

No	Yes
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18. Does the law allow widespread or targeted surveillance of journalists?*

No, not at all	In very rare cases	No opinion	Yes, it is fairly common	Yes, it allows generalized surveillance
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19. When journalists are prosecuted, do they benefit from the right to a fair trial (effective remedy before an independent court ruling after hearing both parties, publicly, subject to appeal)?*

Yes, systematically	Yes, in most cases	No opinion	Rarely	Never
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20. Are journalists frequently convicted because of their work, whether for press offenses or for common law crimes?*

Never	Rarely	No opinion	Regularly	Systematically
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21. Are investigations systematically opened when crimes against journalists are committed, and do these investigations analyze the connection between the crime and the victim's work as a journalist?*

Yes, systematically	They are systematically open, but sometimes do not analyze the connection to the victim's work as a journalist	No opinion	They are not systematically opened	They are never opened
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22. Do trials take place and do they lead to convictions or acquittals in accordance with international law on freedom of opinion and expression?*

Yes, systematically	Yes, in most cases	No opinion	Rarely	Never
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23. Do programs to protect journalists exist and are they effective?*

Yes, completely	Yes, and they are quite effective	No opinion	Yes, but they are not very effective	No, there are none
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Economic context

1. Are there independent media outlets, meaning media outlets where the editorial board is fully able to give opinions within the public space without any constraint exerted by the owners or political authorities?*

Yes, many	Yes, somewhat	No opinion	Very few	No, not at all
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2. Does the regulation or self-regulation applied in the country favor giving adequate priority to journalistic content on digital platforms?*

Yes, completely	Yes, somewhat	No opinion	Not significantly	No, not at all
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3. Do journalists wishing to disseminate information benefit from sufficient quality Internet access at an affordable price?*

Yes, completely	Yes, but some do have this access	No opinion	No, this access is not guaranteed	No, very few people have access
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4. Does the written press have adequate and affordable means of printing and distribution, equally available to everyone?*

Yes, completely	Yes, but they could be more developed	No opinion	No, there are limited means, but not to the extent that the press is prevented	These resources are very limited and threaten the functioning of the press
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5. Does the state distribute its advertising and media assistance fairly among different media outlets?*

Yes, completely	Yes, somewhat	No opinion	Not significantly	No, not at all
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6. Do private media outlets have to adapt their content in return for subsidies given by the state?

No	Yes
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7. Do any of the following constraints hinder the launch of independent private media outlets?*

- Administrative constraints
- Financial constraints

No, not at all	Not much	No opinion	Yes, somewhat	Yes, completely
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8. Do journalists receive luxury invitations, press trips or any other benefit in kind that could undermine the objectivity of their content?*

No, never	Very rarely	Sometimes, but not often	Fairly often	Systematically or almost systematically
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9. Do political authorities put pressure on advertisers to favor certain media outlets?

No	Yes
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10. Do journalists ever get paid by an entity other than their regular employer with the aim of influencing their content?*

No, never	Very rarely	Sometimes, but not often	Fairly often	Systematically or almost systematically
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11. Are media owners' conflicts of interest a frequent source of self-censorship for journalists?*

No, never	Very rarely	Sometimes, but not often	Fairly often	Systematically or almost systematically
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12. To what extent is media ownership concentrated?*

It is shared among many players, both public and private	It is shared among a reasonable number of actors	No opinion	It is shared among a few players	It is very concentrated
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13. What share of private generalist news media is owned by groups with interests in sectors other than media?*

Very little	A small share	Average	Fairly significant	Significant
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14. What influence does economic power have over the editorial board of the following types of media?*

- Public media
- Private media

Very little	Little	Average	Fairly significant	Significant
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15. Can advertisers collaborating with the media influence the editorial content of news media?*

No, not at all	Not much	No opinion	Yes, somewhat	Yes, completely
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16. Are journalists threatened or influenced by corruption?*

Never	Rarely	No opinion	Regularly	Systematically
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17. Is the news media able to achieve financial stability?*

Yes, completely	Yes, somewhat	No opinion	With difficulty	No, not at all
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18. Do the owners of news media outlets limit their editorial independence?*

Never	Rarely	No opinion	Regularly	Systematically
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19. Does competition between news media outlets allow for high-quality journalism?*

Yes, completely	Yes, somewhat	No opinion	With difficulty	No, not at all
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20. Is media ownership transparent?*

Yes, completely	Yes, somewhat	No opinion	Not very	No, not at all
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21. Is the beneficial owner, i.e. the person or entity controlling the media outlet, known?*

Always	In most cases	No opinion	Rarely	Never
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22. Are journalistic editorial content, sponsored content and advertising clearly differentiated?*

Yes, completely	Yes, somewhat	No opinion	Not significantly	No, not at all
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23. Are journalistic functions, on the one hand, and economic and commercial functions, on the other, clearly distinguished within the media?*

Yes, completely	Yes, somewhat	No opinion	Not significantly	No, not at all
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Socio-cultural context

1. Do citizens generally have a high level of confidence in the credibility of news media outlets and their content?*

Yes, completely	Yes, somewhat	No opinion	Not much	No, not at all
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2. Are cartoonists targeted by hate campaigns or incited to self-censor?*

Never	Rarely	No opinion	Regularly	Systematically
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3. Is the practice of journalism prohibited or prevented based on the following criteria:

- Nationality
- Ethnicity
- Social background
- Religion
- Gender or sex
- Sexual orientation
- Language

No	Yes
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4. Is the pluralism of opinions of people in the country reflected in the media?*

Yes, completely	Yes, somewhat	No opinion	Not significantly	No, not at all
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5. Do journalists practice self-censorship for fear of the following reprisals?

- Legal proceedings (fines, imprisonment)
- Damage to their career or reputation
- Physical attacks on the journalist or their loved ones, in the workplace or at home

No	Yes
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6. Overall, is the media free to disclose information on...

- ...political authorities?
- ...economic authorities?
- ...religious authorities?
- ...military authorities?
- ...the police/the justice system?
- ...organized crime?
- ...armed groups?

Yes	No
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7. Can the media address culturally sensitive subjects without provoking a strong popular opposition movement?*

Yes, completely	Yes, somewhat	No opinion	With difficulty	No, not at all
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8. Do socio-cultural groups call for censorship?*

Never	Rarely	No opinion	Regularly	Systematically
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Safety

1. Have any journalists been assaulted in the past 12 months?

No	Yes
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2. Have any journalists been tortured or suffered cruel and degrading treatment in the past 12 months?

No	Yes
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3. Have any journalists been murdered in the past 12 months?*

No	Yes
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4. Have any journalists been arbitrarily detained in the past 12 months, or are they currently detained?

No	Yes
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5. Have any journalists been kidnapped or have any disappeared in the past 12 months?

No	Yes
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6. Is there a psycho-emotional risk for journalists linked to their job (public discrediting of their work, targeted verbal threats, harassment campaigns)?*

Never	Rarely	No opinion	Regularly	Systematically
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7. Are journalists morally harassed in their workplace?*

Never	Rarely	No opinion	Regularly	Systematically
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8. Are journalists or news media outlets at risk of having their equipment or facilities seized or damaged?*

Never	Rarely	No opinion	Regularly	Systematically
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9. Are journalists or media outlets having their social media accounts or their websites hacked or blocked?*

Never	Rarely	No opinion	Regularly	Systematically
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10. Do journalists suffer other forms of professional harm (loss of employment or income, for example) as a result of their work?*

Never	Rarely	No opinion	Regularly	Systematically
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11. Are journalists monitored and/or spied on by the authorities?*

Never	Rarely	No opinion	Regularly	Systematically
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12. Are journalists' sources subjected to physical or moral pressure?*

Never	Rarely	No opinion	Regularly	Systematically
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13. Can you elaborate on any specific cases or do you have any other comments?