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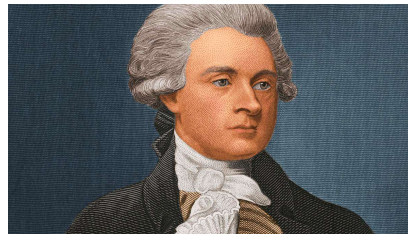
«Kriselnde Medien – gefährdete Demokratie»

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The Future of Journalism *is* The Future of Democracy

Progress Foundation
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Thomas Jefferson
1787



“The basis of our governments being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right. And were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter. But I should mean that every man should receive those papers and be capable of reading them.”

Jefferson
1807



“Nothing can now be believed which is seen in a newspaper. Truth itself becomes suspicious by being put into that polluted vehicle.”

John Kennedy
1962



"Even though we never like it, even though we wish they didn't write it, even though we disapprove, there isn't any doubt that we couldn't do the job at all in a free society without a very, very active press...Seems to me their obligation is to be as tough as they can on the administration but do it in a way which is directed at getting as close to the truth as they can get and not merely because of some political motivation."

Richard Nixon
1972



"Never forget, the press is the enemy, the press is the enemy, the press is the enemy . . . Write that on the blackboard 100 times."

President Nixon to Henry Kissinger

Donald Trump
2019



"The Fake News Media has NEVER been more Dishonest or Corrupt than it is right now. There has never been a time like this in American History. Very exciting but also, very sad! Fake News is the absolute Enemy of the People and our Country itself!"

Andrzej Duda
Poland
2018



"President Trump [@realDonaldTrump](#) just stressed again the power of fake news. Thank you. We must continue to fight that phenomenon. Poland experiences fake news power first hand. Many European and even US officials form their opinions of PL based on relentless flow of fake news."

Jair Bolsonaro
Brazil
2019



Bolsonaro: "Brazil and the United States stand side by side in their efforts to ensure liberties and respect to traditional family lifestyles, respect to God, our creator, against the gender ideology or the politically correct attitudes and against fake news."

Trump: "I'm very proud to hear the president use the term 'fake news.'"

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Committee to Protect Journalists 2018

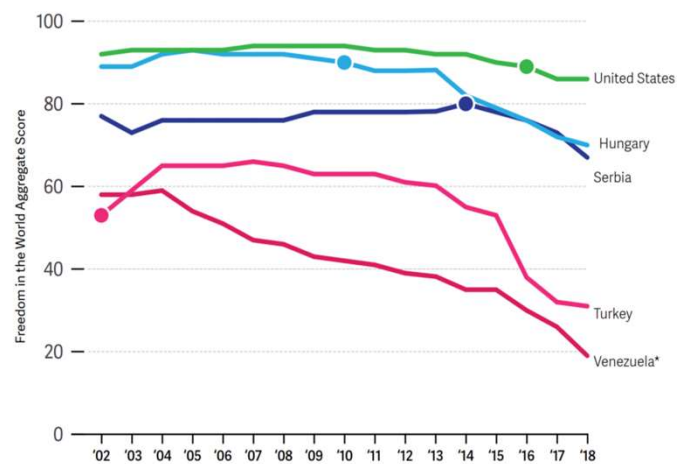


The number of journalists killed in reprisal for their work nearly doubled in 2018—even as the number of journalists killed in conflict fell to its lowest since 2011.

"Democracy in Retreat" Freedom House 2019

WEARING DOWN DEMOCRACY

The effects of a leader's attacks on democratic institutions, while not always apparent at first, can be devastating over time.



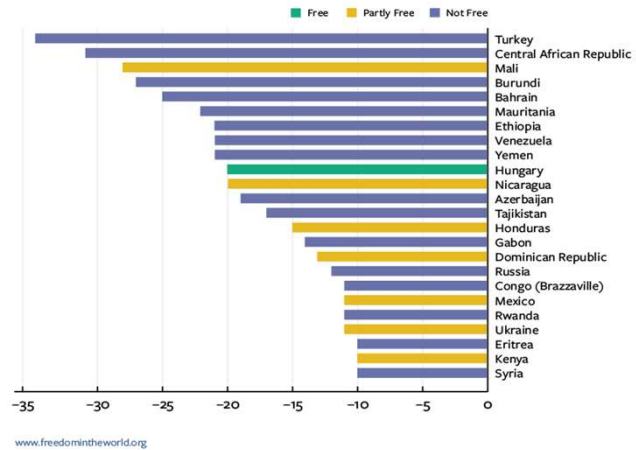
The circles indicate the year when the current ruling party or leader was initially elected.

*The predecessor of the current ruling party in Venezuela was initially elected in 1998.

A Decade of Declines in Freedom

A Decade of Declines

Dramatic declines in freedom have been observed in every region of the world.

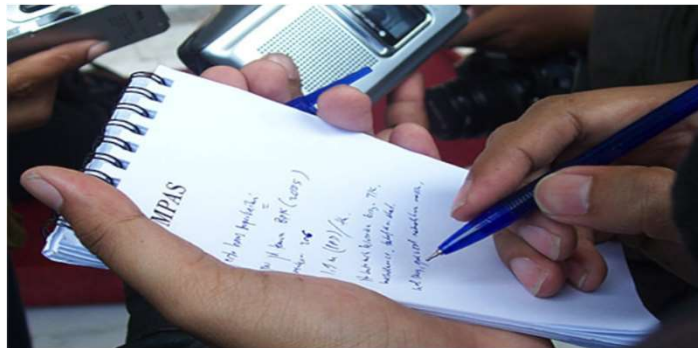


Hungary: From "free" to "partly free"



"The investigative website Atlatszo estimates that more than 500 Hungarian media titles are now controlled by (Prime Minister Viktor) Orban and his friends; in 2015, only 23 of them were."— The New York Times

Ron Chernow
Historian
2019



“When you chip away at the press,
you chip away at our democracy.”



Thank you
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Merci

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