

MEDIA

Your news intake

- Are you interested in domestic and/or international news?
- What are your most frequent sources?
- How do you decide whether you can trust a source?
- Do you double-check any information? How?

World Press Freedom Index



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Reporters Without Borders (RWB) is an international non-profit organisation which defends the right of every human being to have **access to free and reliable information.**

The purpose of the World Press Freedom Index is to compare the level of press freedom enjoyed by journalists and media in 180 countries and territories. This comparison is based on a definition of press freedom formulated by RSF and its panel experts:

Press Freedom (RSF):

“the ability of journalists ... to select, produce, and disseminate news in the public interest independent of political, economic, legal, and social interference and in the absence of threats to their physical and mental safety.”

Press Freedom Map

<https://rsf.org/en/index>

The situation is:

- green - good
- yellow - satisfactory
- ...
- dark red - very serious

Evaluation criteria

- political context (political pressure)
- legal framework (censorship, impunity)
- economic context (difficulty of creating a news media outlet, restrictions on advertisement)
- sociocultural context (pressure to cover certain topics)
- safety (bodily harm, emotional, also confiscation of equipment)

More on methodology: https://rsf.org/en/index-methodologie-2022?year=2022&data_type=general

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<https://www.rferl.org/>

Daily brief on the war in Ukraine

<https://www.understandingwar.org/>

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Our guest

Vojtěch Boháč - journalist, editor-in-chief, and co-founder of the online magazine VOXPOT

Reflection

How do you deal with negative news such as reports from a war zone? How do you protect yourself from getting overwhelmed?

Reflection

Why do you think it is important for independent media and independent news coverage to exist?

Why do you think it is important to follow independent media?