



How Do Individuals, Groups, and Communities Experience Freedom of Expression Through a Free Press?

Individuals, groups, and communities participate in the free press by sharing news through various media channels, expressing their opinions through letters to the editor, creating and distributing independent media content, and working with journalists to provide insights and perspectives on various issues.

Individuals, groups, and communities participate in a free press by sharing information and expressing their perspectives on various topics. They might also advocate for press freedom and support initiatives that promote transparency and accountability in media organizations. They might organize protests, petitions, and advocacy campaigns to defend journalists' rights and demand greater access to information. Advancements in technology have also created opportunities for people to engage with a free press. Smartphones and mobile applications have led to the rise of community-based media outlets and citizen journalism, or journalism that is conducted by people who are not professional journalists. These tools can empower marginalized voices and provide platforms for underrepresented communities to share their stories and perspectives, contributing to a more inclusive and democratic media landscape.

Activity: Reflecting on a Free Press

In your trio team, discuss the following questions:

1. What questions arise when you think about a free press and democracy?
2. Should journalists have to make sure their sources are reliable?
3. How does citizen journalism contribute to the diversity of perspectives and voices in the media landscape?
4. Have you or someone you know participated in citizen journalism using an electronic device? If so, what was the topic, and why was the topic important to you or your community?